

A regular Meeting of the Town Board of Guilderland was held at the Town Hall, Route 20 McCormick's Corners, Guilderland, NY, on the above date at 7:30 pm. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Roll call by Rosemary Centi, Town Clerk, showed the following to be present:

- Councilwoman Slavick
- Councilman Pastore
- Councilman Grimm
- Supervisor Runion

**ALSO PRESENT:** Richard Sherwood, Town Attorney

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Supervisor Runion welcomed everyone to the evening's meeting and asked for a motion accepting the minutes of the October 18th, 2011 Town Board meeting.

**MOTION #172** Councilwoman Slavick moved to **APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 18TH, 2011 TOWN BOARD MEETING.** Councilman Pastore seconded the motion and it was carried by the following roll call vote:

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| Councilwoman Slavick | Aye |
| Councilman Pastore   | Aye |
| Councilman Grimm     | Aye |
| Supervisor Runion    | Aye |

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: No public comment**

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

**7:30 PM - 2012 TOWN BUDGET** – Town Clerk, Rosemary Centi read the legal notice.

Supervisor Runion stated that over the past several months the Town Board has been reviewing the Tentative Budget that he had submitted.

A couple of modifications had been made, principally the agreement with CSEA Unit B. Part of their agreement was to change some of the deductibles in their health insurance; they will forego raises for 2012, among other things.

This allowed for no layoffs in the CSEA Unit B, which had been contained in the original budget.

The Town fell well under the 2% tax cap with this budget. It required some streamlining such as changing full time Park positions to seasonal. The Zoning Board of Appeals would go from seven members to five, reduction in the number of members on the Planning Board, the elimination of an Assistant Town Attorney, and cuts have been made to capital projects. Many of the departments have been asked to cut back in the maintenance items in this budget. With that, the tax rate will remain the same at .26 per thousand.

Town Clerk, Rosemary Centi, stated that she would be losing a Deputy Clerk.

**MOTION #173** Councilwoman Slavick moved to **CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2012 TOWN BUDGET**. Councilman Pastore seconded the motion and it was carried by the following roll call vote:

Councilwoman Slavick	Aye
Councilman Pastore	Aye
Councilman Grimm	Aye
Supervisor Runion	Aye

Councilman Grimm stated that the Town’s pension contribution is \$500,000.00 higher than last year. It is the ultimate State mandate. The Town was able to come up with the money. He stated that the pension causes a significant impact on public sector employees. They saw no raises last year and they would see no raises for next year.

Supervisor Runion stated that in 2000 when he first became Supervisor, the pension bill contribution was \$20,000.00. It has risen to a contribution of \$2.1 million.

The pension costs have increased dramatically, particularly in the last two years.

The Town’s budget has had to absorb \$1 million in additional pension costs for employees during that time.

At the same time, through cuts in spending, they have been able to keep the tax rate at .26 per thousand. Revenues have been very flat and the Town collects very little in property tax.

The bulk of the General Fund budget comes from sales tax, mortgage tax, and some franchise taxes.

Councilman Grimm asked that the Town reduce the rate by a fraction in order to reduce the increase in the tax levy.

Supervisor Runion stated that the increase in the tax levy was the result of new construction in the Town. He further stated that while it is not a significant amount, it is money that could offset costs that may arise.

Further discussion was held regarding tax levy and an explanation of the 2% tax cap.

**MOTION #174** Councilwoman Slavick moved to **ADOPT THE FINAL 2012 TOWN OF GUILDERLAND BUDGET AS SUBMITTED**. Councilman Pastore seconded the motion and it was carried by the following roll call vote:

Councilwoman Slavick	Aye – She thanked
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Supervisor Runion and all of the departments for the hard work that they did in presenting the Board with a balanced budget given these hard economic times. She hoped that whoever was laid off could come back to work for the Town of Guilderland when times are better.

Councilman Pastore	Aye
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Councilman Grimm	Opposed –He stated, “I
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am torn. We have made a lot of progress. The Board had a collaborative process this year, the most collaborative that we have had in the four years that I have been here. There were things in the budget that I really liked. The idea that we are consolidating. We are reducing the number of members on our Zoning and Planning Boards. We are also eliminating a Town Attorney position. These were Mr. Runion’s ideas and I really applaud them. But I feel like we are raising the tax levy and we don’t have to. It is really important that if we have an opportunity to keep the tax levy where it is, than we should do that. For these reasons I cannot support this budget.

Supervisor Runion	Aye
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**AGENDA ITEMS:**

Consider accepting Conservation Easements for Mat Farms Subdivision, Depot Road.

Councilwoman Slavick asked about the status of the project. Supervisor Runion stated that the filing of this easement was apart of the subdivision approval.

**MOTION #175** Councilwoman Slavick moved to **ACCEPT THE CONSERVATION EASEMENTS FOR MAT FARM SUBDIVISION, DEPOT ROAD** Councilman Pastore seconded the motion and it was carried by the following roll call vote:

Councilwoman Slavick	Aye
Councilman Pastore	Aye
Councilman Grimm	Aye
Supervisor Runion	Aye

Item #2 on the agenda concerned the approval of a tax certiorari settlement proceeding brought by 20 Mall at Guilderland, LLC against the Town of Guilderland. This would be for Town/Highway taxes.

Supervisor Runion stated that this had been reviewed by the School District Attorney appointed jointly by the Town and the School District and the Town’s Assessor. The School Board had previously approved the settlement.

The adjustments would include the years 2009 for \$2,604.97, for 2010, \$2,506.56 and for 2011, \$2,952.20. The School District pays 70% of the legal fees and the bulk of the refund.

**MOTION #176** Councilman Pastore moved to **ADOPT THE RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE SETTLEMENT OF A TAX CERIORARI PROCEEDING BROUGHT BY 20 MALL AT GUILDERLAND, LLC AGAINST THE TOWN OF GUILDERLAND.** Councilwoman Slavick seconded the motion and it was carried by the following roll call vote:

Councilwoman Slavick	Aye
Councilman Pastore	Aye
Councilman Grimm	Aye
Supervisor Runion	Aye

**MOTION #177** Councilwoman Slavick moved to **APPROVE AUTHORIZING THE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN A COLLECTOR’S WARRANT FOR GUILDERLAND WATER DISTRICT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$526,355.63.** Councilman Pastore seconded the motion and it was carried by the following roll call vote:

Councilwoman Slavick	Aye
Councilman Pastore	Aye
Councilman Grimm	Aye
Supervisor Runion	Aye

**MOTION #178** Councilman Pastore moved to **APPROVE TRANSFERS AS REQUESTED BY TOWN COMPTRROLLER, JEAN STERLING.** Councilwoman Slavick seconded the motion and it was carried by the following roll call vote:

Councilwoman Slavick	Aye
Councilman Pastore	Aye
Councilman Grimm	Aye
Supervisor Runion	Aye

**MOTION #179** Councilwoman Slavick moved to **ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:00 PM TO DISCUSS:**

- a. Contract proposals for billing of paramedic services
- b. Litigation matter

**c. Tentative collective bargaining agreement with CSEA Unit B****d. Interviews for ZBA alternate position**

Councilman Pastore seconded the motion and it was carried by the following roll call vote:

Councilwoman Slavick	Aye
Councilman Pastore	Aye
Councilman Grimm	Aye
Supervisor Runion	Aye

**MOTION #180** Councilman Pastore moved to **ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL OF Certified Ambulance Group (CAG) FOR BILLING FOR PARAMEDIC SERVICES AND AUTHORIZED THE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN A ONE YEAR CONTRACT IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE PROPOSAL.** Councilwoman Slavick seconded the motion and it was carried by the following roll call vote:

Councilwoman Slavick	Aye
Councilman Pastore	Aye
Councilman Grimm	Aye
Supervisor Runion	Aye

**MOTION #181** Councilman Pastore moved to **ACCEPT CSEA UNIT B TENTATIVE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT.** Councilwoman Slavick seconded the motion and it was carried by the following roll call vote:

Councilwoman Slavick	Aye
Councilman Pastore	Aye
Councilman Grimm	Aye
Supervisor Runion	Aye

**MOTION #182** Councilwoman Slavick moved to **EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 10:15 PM.** Councilman Pastore seconded the motion and it was carried by the following roll call vote:

Councilwoman Slavick	Aye
Councilman Pastore	Aye
Councilman Grimm	Aye
Supervisor Runion	Aye

**MOTION #183** Councilman Pastore moved to **ADJOURN THE NOVEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2011 TOWN BOARD MEETING AT 10:16 PM.** Councilwoman Slavick seconded the motion and it was carried by the following roll call vote:

Councilwoman Slavick	Aye
Councilman Pastore	Aye
Councilman Grimm	Aye
Supervisor Runion	Aye

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Rosemary Centi  
Town Clerk**