

A Public Hearing on the Budget was held on Monday, April 12, 2010 at the Municipal Building, Van Wyck Street, Croton-on-Hudson, NY 10520.

The following officials were present:

Mayor Wiegman	Trustee Murtaugh
Treasurer Bullock	Trustee Olver
Manager Zambrano	Trustee Gallelli
	Trustee Schmidt

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Wiegman called the meeting to order. Everyone joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011.

On motion of Trustee Gallelli, seconded by Trustee Murtaugh the Public hearing was opened unanimously by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, New York:

Village Manager Zambrano stated that the tentative budget was filed on March 19, 2010 according to New York State Law and that budget presented to the Village Board has a proposed 5.24 percent increase. He believes taking into account the state of our Country's economy, every effort has been made to decrease expenditures and in instances where cuts were not possible, expenditures were increased the least amount possible or were kept at the same level as prior fiscal years.

a) PRESENTATION OF THE BUDGET:

Treasurer Bullock gave a PowerPoint presentation of the proposed 2010-11 budget.

2. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION/PUBLIC COMMENT:

- a. Virginia Calcutti inquired about the Night Security that is provided at Senasqua Park- was it necessary or could the Police provide this service, what the \$60,000 under the Ambulance budget was for and what did the \$225,000 in Renovation for the Municipal Building involved.
- b. Mr. Robert Wintermeier, 43 Radnor, made suggestions to increase Water Rates, only purchase one police car that our rates at the Parking lot are not competitive to other communities in the area, the newsletter should be electronic and we should look into more cost effective health insurance.
- c. Joseph Streany, stated DPW should not be working the day after Thanksgiving, as it is a holiday and staff is being paid time and half, he questioned the need to have staff working from eight o'clock in the morning for Summerfest, suggested that there only be one crossing guard at the train station in the morning, there should be no "pet projects" as it takes away from staff performing important task pertain to their position,

he was happy there were no raises in the budget for staff and felt the Board should also forego their stipends.

- d. Susan Koning, 37 Elmore Ave., she stated she does not agree with Trustee Olver on holding the tax rate at zero percent. She feels last years lay-off of a key Supervisory position was a “panic move” to get the budget to zero and hopes she won’t be seeing that again this year. Perhaps we should not accept Grant money this if the match of funds is too high this year and the Katz property should be sold.
- e. Vito Divnere, 51 Farrington, he keeps hearing residents call for a cut in the budget expenses, but he feels we should be looking at the top line to increase revenues.

Discussion: Trustee Olver stated that the Board and Staff are looking at ways to increase revenues; the train station parking lot being one of them and that we are in a very slow economical recovery and we are going to have to learn reorganize our staff and learn to do more with less.

Trustee Schmidt commented that Croton has seen hard economical times before, and the Board needs to come up with strategies to provide the services to the residents in a cost effective way. At the end of the day we do not want to jeopardize the quality of life we all enjoy by living in Croton.

- f. John McBride, Old Post Road North, suggested that we have better representation in Albany by forming a lobbying committee to represent us. We have too many mandates with no funding.

Discussion: Mayor Wiegman stated that unfunded State mandates are a crushing load to school districts and municipalities. He agreed lobbying is an effective method but believes group lobbying comprised of several municipalities bring forth the same issues is more effective than individual lobbying. There is strength in numbers.

Trustee Olver made a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing. Trustee Schmidt seconded the motion; approved unanimously.

4. PROPOSED RESOLUTION:

On motion of TRUSTEE Gallelli, seconded by TRUSTEE Murtaugh, the following resolution was unanimously adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, New York:

**Authorizing the implementation, and funding in the first instance 100% of the federal-aid and State “Marchiselli” Program-aid eligible costs, of a transportation federal-aid project, and appropriating funds therefore.**

WHEREAS, a Project for Croton Harmon Parking Facility Pedestrian and Bicycle Enhancements, PIN 8780.41 (the “project”) is eligible for funding under Title 23 U.S. Code, as amended, that calls for the apportionment of the costs such program to be borne at the ratio of 80% Federal funds and 20% non-federal funds; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Croton-on-Hudson desires to advance the Project by making a commitment of 100% of the non-federal share of the costs of preliminary engineering, right of way and construction.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Croton-on-Hudson Village Board, duly convened does hereby

RESOLVE, that the Croton-on-Hudson Village Board hereby approves the above-subject project; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Croton-on-Hudson Village Board hereby authorizes the Village of Croton-on-Hudson to pay in the first instance 100% of the federal and non-federal share of the cost of preliminary engineering, right of way and construction work for the Project or portions thereof; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the sum of \$1,500,000 is hereby appropriated from the General Fund and made available to cover the cost of participation in the above phase of the Project; and it is further

RESOLVED, that in the event the full federal and non-federal share costs of the project exceeds the amount appropriated above, the Croton-on-Hudson Village Board shall convene as soon as possible to appropriate said excess amount immediately upon the notification by the Village Manager thereof, and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Village Manager of Croton-on-Hudson be and is hereby authorized to execute all necessary Agreements, certifications or reimbursement requests for Federal Aid and/or applicable Marchiselli Aid on behalf of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson with the New York State Department of Transportation in connection with the advancement or approval of the Project and providing for the administration of the Project and the municipality’s first instance funding of project costs and permanent funding of the local share of federal-aid and state-aid eligible Project costs and all Project costs within appropriations therefore that are not so eligible, and it is further

RESOLVED, that in addition to the Village Manager, the following municipal title: Assistant Village Manager, is also hereby authorized to execute any necessary Agreements or certifications on behalf of the Municipality, with NYSDOT in connection with the advancement or approval of the project identified in the State/Local Agreement;

RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be filed with the New York state Commissioner of Transportation by attaching it to any necessary Agreement in connection with the Project, and it is further

RESOLVED, this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Discussion: Mayor Wiegman stated that this grant was accomplished through a joint effort between the Bicycle Pedestrian Committee and the Village to identify potential safety tactics and redesign of the intersection between Croton Point Ave. and Route 9 to add additional signal lightening, sidewalk space and lane delineation.

Trustee Gallelli added that although the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee contributed a good deal of input to this grant but the grant is largely for improvements to traffic flow during peek times.

Trustee Olver stated the grant money will go along way in resolving problems at the train station.

Trustee Schmidt asked if the Village only had to contribute 1.5 million dollars, he was concerned that there may be hidden costs. He was assured there were not hidden costs that would be added this amount.

Trustee Gallelli made a motion to adjourn seconded by Trustee Murtaugh; approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted  
Pauline DiSanto

Village Clerk