

PRESENT Chairman John W. Sheehan, Cheryl Larder, George Peteros, Rosalyn Dupuis,  
Ronald Fedor, Alan Wilensky

ABSENT Kenneth Brown

OFFICIALS First Selectman Daniel Steward

RTM Andrea Kanfer, Thomas Dembek

ALSO Bernard Pisacich, Town Treasurer

MEDIA Stephen Chupaska, The Day

STAFF Ruth Beers, Finance Director; Yvette M. Pier, Secretary

Chairman Sheehan called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

He generally described the budget process and asked if any members of the public had comments regarding the budget process. Joseph Bowes addressed the Board with his concerns regarding Police performance, Board of Education costs, Recreation and Parks budget compared to New London's, Senior lunch program, charging O'Neill Theater rent, costs of playgrounds, dog park, and the number of Senior buses. He expressed appreciation for excellent fire service.

Town Treasurer Bernard Pisacich addressed the Board with suggestions for cost control, wage freeze for 2010 at 2009 rates, hiring freeze both Town Government and the Board of Education, and an employee team approach to budget savings.

**ITEM 1 Fire Commission**

MOTION To tentatively approve the Fire Commission budget in the amount of \$1,841,606 as designated by the series sub-totals.  
Fedor, Dupuis

Fire Administrator Bruce Miller and Robert Darrow were present. Lengthy discussion was held regarding sick incentive, education incentive, education expenses, clothing allowance, fire fighting clothing. Recognition was made of the fact that these items related to the full time firefighters have been moved out of the individual company budgets and into the Commission budget.

Lengthy discussion continued regarding a volunteer incentive program for non-property owners as well as the tax abatement program. \$30,000 is requested for the volunteer incentive program. There was concern for introducing such a program at this time. There was some support for an incentive program but it was felt the draft policy needed some work before funding could be approved. Additionally, an incentive would be equivalent to an incentive and it must be included in the Commission's 51000 series. It can not be approved under services as proposed.

MOTION To tentatively reduce Volunteer Incentive Program from \$30,000 to \$0.  
Sheehan, Peteros Unanimous

Mr. Fedor inquired about the job delineation of the Fire Administrator and the Fire Marshall.

Discussion was held regarding Service Contracts and Repairs including non-contract items, Traffic light pre-emption system and Knox Box Supplies.

Discussion continued regarding Dues, Conferences and Education including attendance at conferences, some of which have not all been used.

MOTION To tentatively reduce LI 52050 Dues, Conferences and Education by \$1,700 to \$16,500  
Peteros, Larder Unanimous

MOTION To tentatively reduce LI 52290 Public Safety Awareness to \$1,000.  
Peteros, Dupuis Unanimous

MOTION To tentatively reduce LI 52310 Examinations to \$8,000.  
Wilensky, no second Motion failed

Sub-total: \$362,501 Unanimous

Discussion was held regarding Carpet Cleaning, Telephone, Electricity, fuel usage, advertising.

MOTION To tentatively reduce LI 53070 Automotive Repairs to \$17,000.  
Wilensky, no second Motion failed

Discussion was held regarding Mutual Aid Given Report Summary, thermal imaging cameras, SCBA replacement bottles and sealing of the parking lots at Cohanzie and Oswegatchie.

It was noted that the price for repaving has come down and the funds encumbered for these projects should be enough if the projects are rebid.

MOTION To tentatively reduce LI 54204 Sealing Parking Lot – Cohanzie from \$2,500 to \$0.  
Fedor, Wilensky Unanimous

MOTION To tentatively reduce LI 54205 Sealing Parking Lot – Oswegatchie from \$2,500 to \$0.  
Fedor, Wilensky Unanimous

Sub-total: \$52,650 Unanimous

**Final Total: \$1,803,906 Unanimous**

The meeting recessed at 9:16 pm.  
The meeting reconvened at 9:22 pm.

**ITEM 2 Waterford Fire Company**

MOTION To tentatively approve the Waterford Fire Company budget in the amount of \$137,300 as designated by the sub-total.  
Fedor, Dupuis

Chief Timothy Sullivan was present. Discussion was held regarding the items removed from the individual company budgets to the Commission budget. Further discussion regarding awards for volunteers, food after fires and at meetings and training, fire fighting supplies, telephone, apparatus maintenance, subscriptions, radios and fire police. Question regarding the Jordan 501(c)(3) corporation.

**Final Total: \$137,300 Unanimous**



Discussion was held regarding electric charges for the new town radio equipment in the outbuilding on the Cohanzie site, gasoline usage, disclosure of private funds, electricity, heat, apparatus maintenance, fire training, bottle gas protective clothing and the proposed laptop computer..

MOTION To tentatively reduce the budget by \$500 for heat.  
Wilensky, Fedor Yes: Wilensky, Fedor, Peteros, Dupuis, Sheehan  
No: Larder

**Final Total: \$137,582** Yes: Wilensky, Fedor, Peteros, Dupuis, Sheehan  
No: Larder

MOTION To adjourn at 10:25 pm.  
Fedor, Wilensky Unanimous

Submitted by, Prepared by,

Cheryl Larder, Clerk Yvette M. Pier, Secretary