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A Special Meeting to receive the Tentative Budget for 2009 was held at the Town Office Building, 2 Academy Street, Greenwich, New York on Thursday, October 1, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Supervisor Donald Wilbur
Councilman Robert Jeffords
Councilman Steven Patrick
Councilman George Perkins
Councilman Eric Whitehouse

Others Present: Elaine Kelly, Kellie Blake, Marge Wilbur, Rick Sullivan and Stanley Mattison.

Supervisor Wilbur led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and the Clerk called the roll.

Supervisor Wilbur turned the meeting over to Budget Officer Marge Wilbur. Marge distributed copies of the Tentative Budget and explained each line item. She also provided the Board with the following list of the 2009 tentative budget highlights.

2009 TENTATIVE BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

	<u>2008 TAX RATE</u>	<u>2009 PROPOSED TAX RATE</u>
TOWNWIDE	1.19	1.13**
TOWN GENERAL	.09	.15
HIGHWAY 1&3	1.34	1.10
FIRE PROTECTION	.68	.68

**Taxable value for computing the Townwide Tax in the 2009 budget has increased 45 million dollars which is 13% over 2008.

Townwide Tax Rate for the Tentative 2009 Budget shows a **5% decrease** from the 2008 Tax Rate.

Total Outside Village Tax Rate for the Tentative 2009 Budget shows a **7% decrease** over the 2008 Tax Rate.

Revenue highlights:

- Washington County Sales Tax distribution of \$60,000
- Decreased anticipated interest rates
- Decrease in anticipated State Aid

Expense highlights:

- 3% payroll increase where requested
- Medical Insurance up 10%
- Decreased Retirement costs (due to retirement of 3 employees)
- Library funding increased to \$40,000 per request
- Vital Records Preservation
- Fire Contracts increase of \$25,742
- Highway:

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- Snow Removal costs up \$22,400
- Sander purchase \$7,000
- Increase of \$5,000 for Machinery Repair
- \$26,000 to Capital Reserve for Highway Equipment

Debt Service:

- Town of Greenwich is **Debt Free**

Capital Fund Balances as of 9/30/2008:

- Capital Fund Beach \$62,628.42
 Landfill \$67,931.75
- Capital Reserve Fund Balances:

Reserve for Highway Equipment	\$ 110,744.42 (Ref. \$7000)
Reserve for Facility Improvement	\$120,337.90
Unemployment Ins. Reserve	\$ 4,125.74

During the review of the Tentative Budget the following discussions were held:

- Code Enforcement Officer Dan O'Connor had requested that the \$500 that had been in his contractual account for mileage reimbursement be included in his salary instead. The Board decided they would rather leave it as mileage reimbursement so no change was made.
- Fire Contracts: At the current rate of .68/1000 of assessed valuation the 2009 fire contract amounts would be as follows:

		<u>2008</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>2009</u>
Village of Greenwich	\$	77,112	5,895	83,007
Village of Schuylerville	\$	11,438	1,850	13,288
Middle Falls Fire Department	\$	60,151	8,119	68,270
Cossayuna Volunteer Fire Co.	\$	<u>48,515</u>	<u>9,878</u>	<u>58,393</u>
	\$	197,216	25,742	222,598

The Public Safety Committee will meet with the Fire Departments next week, present the numbers and report back at the October 14th board meeting.

Councilmen Jeffords and Patrick will meet with the Assessor to discuss the Assessor's Clerk salary request.

The November Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 5, 2008 at 7:00 PM.

Highway Superintendent Rick Sullivan discussed with the Board his request for a Used Tandem Axle Dump/Plow/Sander as well as replacement dump body for International Truck #1. Rick, Stanley Mattison and Jeff Delurey went to Jericho, Vermont to look at a Used 2002 International truck with 97,000 miles. The truck needs 3 tires, an oil cooler and a new chain. It was stated that if the Town purchases this truck directly from Clark Equipment in Vermont then the Town would be buying it "as is" and would be responsible for any costs associated with the truck passing NYS inspection. Rick stated that Jeff Delurey of Delurey Sales and Service is willing to purchase the truck, replace the tires, oil cooler, new chain and anything else needed to pass NYS inspection and then sell it to the Town. The Town still needs to draw up a

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specification sheet and advertise for bids. The Board also discussed the need of going to bid for a dump body for the 1995 International.

RESOLUTION NO. 108-08
Truck Bid

Resolution by Councilman Patrick
Seconded by Councilman Whitehouse

and passed unanimously by said Board,

RESOLVED, that the Town of Greenwich advertise for sealed proposals for One (1) 2002 or newer tandem axle truck with combination dump body/sander, plow, wing and all necessary hydraulics and attachments, and be it further

RESOLVED, that such sealed proposals shall be received until 4:00 PM on Monday, November 3, 2008 and will be opened at 7:45 PM on Wednesday, November 5, 2008.

RESOLUTION NO. 109-08
Truck Dump Body Bid

Resolution by Councilman Whitehouse
Seconded by Councilman Patrick

and passed unanimously by said Board,

RESOLVED, that the Town of Greenwich advertise for sealed proposals for One (1) cross memberless type dump body for a 1995 International plow truck, and be it further

RESOLVED, that such sealed proposals shall be received until 4:00 PM on Monday, November 3, 2008 and will be opened at 7:45 PM on Wednesday, November 5, 2008.

Rick invited the Board to visit the Highway Garage. The highway crew has been working hard and there are many new changes. The Board asked Highway Superintendent Rick Sullivan to congratulate Jonathan Perkins on his anniversary of one year of service and to thank him for doing a good job.

Motion by Councilman Jeffords
Seconded by Councilman Perkins

and passed unanimously by said Board,

that the meeting be adjourned at 9:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine A. Kelly, RMC, CMC,
Town Clerk