

MINUTES OF THE 2013 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

October 16, 2012

The Danby Fire District 2013 Budget Hearing was called to order by Commissioner Pat Caveney at 7 pm October 16, 2012 at the West Danby Fire Station.

ATTENDANCE:

Commissioners: Gene Beavers
Ralph Bowles
Pat Caveney
Wayne Westmiller

Absent: Commissioner Oltz

Officers : Deanna Bowles, Secretary Treasurer
Mel Westmiller, W. Danby Asst. Chief
Simon Wyatt, Danby Asst. Chief
Tod Sukontarak, W. Danby Firefighter

Public: Eugene Beavers, Jr.

Pat reviewed the requirements of the Public Hearing. The Proposed Budget was adopted by the Board of Fire Commissioners on September 11, 2012. The Budget Hearing notice was posted on the Town of Danby website, the bulletin board, and published in the Danby Area News. The legal notice was also published in the Ithaca Journal with an Affidavit of Publication.

The Property Tax Cap Form was filed with the OSC as required.

Copies of the Proposed 2013 Budget (\$381,998) vs the 2012 Budget (\$372,375) were available to the public, prior to and at this Public Hearing. Secretary Treasurer Bowles reviewed the differences between the 2 budgets. It was noted that the tax levy will increase 1.7%, and the rate will be \$1.42803 per thousand of assessed value, which is a rate change of 0.535%

The public was asked for comments.

Simon Wyatt questioned the difference between Account A3410.4 in 2012 and 2013. Secretary Treasurer Bowles explained the Contingency amount of \$20,000 was included in A3410.4 in 2012 and now is in a separate account A3410.9 for NYS reporting purposes. He also questioned funds for a new truck. Commissioner Caveney stated that a new truck would be covered by a Reserve Account for New Equipment in addition to bonding. Any change in tax rate due to bonding for a new truck is expected to be minimal with the bond for West Danby Fire Station completed in 2013.

Commissioner Beavers made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bowles, to adopt the budget as proposed at tonight's regular meeting. Motion carried with all in favor.

The Budget Hearing adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Deanna L. Bowles
Secretary Treasurer

Note: Mel Westmiller and Tod Sukontarak intended to be present at the Brooktondale Contract Public Hearing and voiced opposition to the Brooktondale Contract and expense.