

SPECIAL MEETING
OCTOBER 7, 2013

A Special Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Somerset, County of Niagara and the State of New York was held at the Town Hall, 8700 Haight Road, Barker, New York on the 7TH day of October 2013.

Present: Daniel M. Engert ----- Supervisor
Randall J. Wayner ----- Councilman
Gary R. Alt ----- Councilman
Jeffrey M. Dewart ----- Councilman
Rebecca A. Connolly ----- Clerk
Kenneth J. Bigelow ----- Supt. of Highways
Melvin H. Denny ----- Supt. of Water/Sewer/Grounds
Melinda Austin ----- Confidential Secretary
Tracy Carmer ----- Deputy Clerk

Absent: Robin R. Jansen ----- Councilman

Attended by: Judge Donald Martineck, Code Enforcement Officer Remington and 3 residents

Notice of said meeting was sent to the Lockport Union-Sun & Journal on October 1, 2013 with same being posted on the same date at the Town Hall and on the website.

Supervisor Engert called the meeting to order at 5:00PM with the Pledge to the Flag.

2014 BUDGET

Clerk Connolly provided the 2014 tentative budget that was received from Supervisor Engert on September 30, 2013 to the Town Board on October 1, 2013.

Supervisor Engert said that he has submitted a budget for the Board's consideration and gave a thorough overview of the process and highlighted a few items including:

1. Budget requests were received from department heads and sat down with some department heads for further discussion
2. 2% salary increases are reflected in the personnel lines across the board
3. Reduced appropriations by 11 ½%
4. Revenues were held flat in most areas
5. Amount from the PILOT is significantly decreased from last year
6. Amount to be raised by tax levy reduced by 10%
 - a. General Fund reduced 9% to \$.80/thousand
 - b. Light District is consistent
 - c. Fire District was increased to \$.51/thousand
 - d. Refuse District offset with sales tax with a change from \$111.87/last year to \$23.32/unit
7. We need to plan for zero revenue from the power plant
8. Union contract has been settled
9. Department heads need to look at different ways to deliver services

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Extensive discussion was held regarding department requests for 2014, going over the entire budget line by line. Some adjustments were identified and will be made.

There being no further business, on the motion of Councilman Dewart, seconded by Councilman Alt, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM subject to the Call of the Clerk.

Rebecca A. Connolly, MMC
Town Clerk