

Town of Greenport
Town Board Meeting
November 4, 2015

Continuation of Public Hearing to establish the Refuse District.

The Public Hearing was opened at 5:30pm by Supervisor John Porreca. Town Clerk Sharon Zempko read the Notice of Public Hearing. The purpose of the hearing is to create the district Refuse District.

The Board will establish a New Refuse District with the mapping. We have a detailed map with boundaries.

Paul D'Onofrio asked if businesses were excluded from the refuse district?

Supervisor Porreca explained that businesses were excluded.

Supervisor John Porreca reiterated that after December 31st there will be no garbage pick up. If enough people sign the petition at which time it will have to go to a vote in a special election. Which won't be until sometime in 2016.

Resident Tom Fleming suggested that all seniors 65 and older would be exempt from the refuse tax. The reason being they generate very little garbage.

Supervisor Porreca said they would take it under consideration.

Resident Sandra Kipp asked about her empty lots in the mobile home park if they would be exempt?

Ray Jurkowski answered after the Refuse District is adopted there can be modifications made.

Councilman Robert Pendergast made a motion to close the Public Hearing and Councilwoman Michelle Ublacker seconded. All in Favor and so moved.

PUBLIC HEARING

The Public Hearing for the 2016 Budget opened at 5:50pm. Town Clerk Sharon Zempko read the Notice of Hearing upon the Preliminary Budget.

Lisa Gill from Patterson & Koskey office went over the Budget.

Copy of the 2016 Budget is on file in the Clerk's office.

Tom Fleming would like to see the 2016 Town Budget posted on the Web Site. He also questioned the Benefit Assessment Tax will that be considered a tax or will that be calculated in the 2% increase of taxes.

Mr Fleming also asked about the fish farm water/sewer tax if it would be charged by bulk rate? On a revenue perspective his question is what the tax will be and how much you anticipate raising it as a result of the negotiation's that will be going on. He is somewhat disappointed because mobile homes pay commercial rate for water/sewer and a major commercial enterprise is going to be getting a break on water & sewer.

Supervisor Porreca answered no rate has been established yet.

John Mokszycki added nothing is finalized. The Fish Farm would provide a new pump line from the South Wells to the road in exchange for getting the bulk rate for unchlorinated water from the dedicated line.

Mr Fleming asked are they going to be using wells there?

Mr Mokszycki answered that's still in negotiation.

Michael Bucholsky asked about the fire district budget. The town has to contribute a certain percent of assessed value and that goes over to the fire district. That amount has to be generated from taxes. What is the amount for 2016 that will be turned over to the fire district?

Councilman Clayton Clark answered that there was a public hearing November 2nd for the fire commission over at Station #1's firehouse from 6 to 8pm. He also said Commissioner Donald MacDonald should have a copy of the budget.

Councilwoman Michelle Ublacker requested that the fire district and the Town budget for 2016 be posted on web site.

Councilman Robert Pendergast made a motion to close the Public Hearing and Councilman Keith Mortefolio seconded it. All in Favor and so moved.