

Public Hearing
November 2, 2016

A public hearing on the proposed 2017 Town budget held in the board room of the Town Hall building on Wednesday, November 2, 2017, was called to order by Supervisor Frederick J. Forbes, Sr., at 6:15 p.m.

PRESENT

Frederick J. Forbes, Sr., Supervisor
Larry R. Jones, Councilman
Michael R. Park, Councilman
Barry E. Warren, Councilman
Kevin M. Williams, Councilman
Patrick M. Snyder, Attorney for the Town
Anita W. Jebbett, Town Clerk

OTHERS PRESENT

Martin Sweeney, Town Historian
Donald Ferris, reporter, The Homer News
Nick Graziano, reporter, Cortland Standard

Supervisor Forbes read the legal notice on the budget hearing (attached). He said that the major highlights of the proposed 2017 budget were a zero tax increase, a 3% reduction in the amount of sales tax budgeted, and an almost 1% reduction in the Town's assessed value. He explained that he had offset any increases with fund balance reserves.

Forbes explained that the only change he had made from the preliminary budget was to account for the actual amount that the Town applied for in its housing rehabilitation grant application. In response to a question from Nick Graziano, Forbes explained that in order to meet the requirements of the grant, the application was lowered from \$500,000 to \$400,000, and therefore he lowered both revenues and appropriations by \$100,000.

There were no further questions or comments. The public hearing was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Anita W. Jebbett
Town Clerk