

11/20/95

The Special Board Meeting was called to order by Deputy Supervisor Stark at 11:36 A.M.

PRESENT:

Deputy Supervisor-James Stark
 Councilman-Victor Prusinowski
 Councilman-Francis Creighton
 Councilwoman-Harriet Gilliam

Town Clerk-Barbara Grattan
 Town Attorney-Robert Kozakiewicz

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR STARK: "Let the record show that the time of 11:36 a.m. has arrived, I call for one of the Special Board Meeting in this great Town of Riverhead; for the purpose of discussing the adoption of the 1996 budget."

Would you like to make a resolution, Mr. Prusinowski?"

COUNCILMAN PRUSINOWSKI: "I make a resolution to adopt the tentative budget, preliminary budget with the following changes;
 Delete \$10,000.00 from Account #511500-Supervisor's Personal Services.

\$7700.00 to be spread through the budget for merit raises and
 \$2300.00 to be applied for contractual expenses

JACK HANSEN: "Question, he's eliminating only the general fund, and we're attempting, in the process of adopting the entire budget.

COUNCILMAN PRUSINOWSKI: "And the other numbers, merit raises to be applied to the other jurisdictions."

COUNCILWOMAN GILLIAM: "Your resolution, or question on the (Inaudible)

COUNCILMAN PRUSINOWSKI: "For that, we have to readjust the budget for merit increases (inaudible) \$7700.00 has to be applied to the general fund, and I took the \$2300.00 difference and applied it towards the reduction in copier expense and apply it to services or postage or whatever Jack wants it to be distributed as a contractual expenses, shared services contractual expenses and then rest of the merit raises would be sent to each individual budget, the other ones, Highway, Water, Sewer, to be readjust in their budget.

COUNCILWOMAN GILLIAM: "And the motion you just made does not address the adoption of the final budget, you are talking about specific items and applying them to the merit raises.

COUNCILMAN PRUSINOWSKI: " I made a motion to adopt the budget with those changes."

COUNCILWOMAN GILLIAM: "With those changes, okay."

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR STARK: "You got them in your head." "Is there a second to that motion?"

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR STARK SECONDED THE MOTION

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR STARK: "Any discussion?"

COUNCILMAN CREIGHTON: "Yea, I would make a motion to amend to include that and the balances of the reductions reelected on this, which you all have a copy of, so moved."

COUNCILWOMAN GILLIAM: "Seconded the motion."

THE VOTE, GILLIAM, YES, CREIGHTON, YES, PRUSINOWSKI, I think the budget is going to be too tight, I vote NO, STARK, NO.

THE VOTE ON THE AMENDMENT WAS NOT DECLARED ADOPTED.

THE VOTE ON THE FIRST MOTION, GILLIAM, I have to vote no, on the motion proposed, I think its unfortunate that the merit increases are linked then with the adoption of the final budget in this way, and I do believe it's a shell game in terms of central purchasing, we have the same number of employees but yet the budget is being increased by \$30,000.00; with respect to Recreation Administration, we have an individual there who's capable in doing the job and to budget for an additional position which in essence just be coming in to possibility oversee a monitor work that's being handled now in as appropriate professional level, I think its unnecessary; and Buildings and Grounds , I believe that we could make some more prudent steps in terms of either insurance coverage or programs with graffiti to address the increase in the budget with regards to vandalism in graffiti problems and problems with litigation I don't think the answer is just to pour more money into a deep hole that already exists without there being some sort of stricter monitoring of spending especially with respect to the Calverton Grummen project seems like the commission has a free reign to engage counsel and to encourage them without the board becoming involved and I think whatever, regardless of whatever happens this practice has to be stopped, so I vote "NO."

COUNCILMAN CREIGHTON:, I support the changes that the Prusinowski amendment included to (Inaudible) however; I think it doesn't go far enough to show the taxpayer that we in fact seriously are concerned about the costs and we're going to make a determined effort to share the benefiting increasing tax base with them over the coming year and set a precedence for the future therefore; I vote NO.

COUNCILMAN PRUSINOWSKI: "I vote, YES, naturally I made the motion, I believe the budget is going to be real tight, we have so many things going on in town and I know from first hand experience vandalism and stuff all over the parks we going to have and I understand that we have to upgrade Bayberry Park and (Inaudible) Iron Pier. As far as Recreation Administration I'm not thrilled about making a new position, but I think we need the money to budget if we're going to have a flexibility, I'd like to see Jane appointed the Recreation Supervisor or whatever title and that yet has to be determined; central purchasing I don't see, I see the same amount of people working on the payroll, just be rearranged, but maybe that's just my interpretation, so I vote YES."

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR STARK: "YES"

COUNCILMAN CREIGHTON: "I'd like to make another motion. I make a motion that the merit raises as discussed be approved and that the budget for 1996 which appears to be the preliminary budget be amended to reflect those merit pay raises with the funds coming out of as described by the Prusinowski amendment."

COUNCILMAN PRUSINOWSKI: "I'll second that."

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR STARK: "It's been moved and seconded. If I understand you correctly that you making a motion to approve merit raises and also a 1996 budget."

COUNCILMAN CREIGHTON: "No---"

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR: "Preliminary Budget."

COUNCILMAN CREIGHTON: "No, I was saying having that having failed to pass the budget, its my understanding that the preliminary budget becomes the 1996 budget and assuming that's the case what I offered was a budget adjustment for 1996 budget subsequent to that happening which takes care of the merit raises increases."

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR STARK: "Anyone else."

COUNCILMAN PRUSINOWSKI: "We have to-----this is this year and according to the contract we have to let these people know-----"

There being no further business on motion and vote,
the meeting adjourned at 11:55 A.M.

Barbara Grattan
Town Clerk

