

VILLAGE OF CAMBRIDGE
56 NORTH PARK STREET
CAMBRIDGE, NEW YORK 12816

Budget Public Hearing – April 15, 2014

1. Open meeting at 7:02 PM
2. Mayor and Board present with exception of Sara Kelly
3. Four members of the public present – Richard Sweeney, Jim Sweeney, Keri Brown, and Peggy McLenithan. Also Ashleigh from the Eagle.
4. Mayor gave overview of tax cap - see budget message
5. Mayor then walked through budget page by page
 - a. Eliminated \$500 for misc in the Board budget
 - b. Justice should go up \$28 for 1.5% increase
 - c. First line of clerk should be \$31,348 after removing insurance stipend which is already in the budget elsewhere
 - d. Need to add in \$500 for deputy registrar
 - e. Mayor believes that the \$2,000 for professional fees isn't adequate for audit, believes it should be \$7,000 and extra money would have to come out of fund balance
 - f. Village contribution to Library budget needs to go up \$1,000
 - g. Need to increase CHIPs \$6100 for new allocation, will also be increase in revenue
6. Public Comments:
 - a. Rich Sweeney - concern that the village will dissolve at some point, maybe not in his lifetime, but we need to do something drastic to keep it from happening sooner rather than later.
 - b. The mayor reviewed NYCOM summary of the tax "freeze"
 - c. Rich Sweeney – stated police is where we need to cut, Trustee Lederer-Barnes pointed out that a previous business owner had stated the positive value of police to property values and business value, and keeping drugs at bay. Trustee Robertson related the lack of adequate response time from other departments and therefore the value of having a fully staffed local department. Ashleigh pointed out there used to be a large heroin problem 10 years ago in the village and that the village police brought it under control. Trustee Bogle inquired whether Mr. Sweeney was comfortable with the Clerk/Treasurer's budget since he was proposing cutting the police budget. Mr. Sweeney responded that everything should probably be looked at.
7. Motion to adjourn by Trustee Robertson, second by Trustee Bogle @ 8:50 PM