

NOVEMBER 5, 2008

The Town Board of the Town Of Corinth held a public hearing on the Preliminary Budget for 2009 on November 5, 2008 at 4:00 PM at the Town Hall.

Present: Richard Lucia, Supervisor  
Charles Brown, Councilman  
John Major, Councilman  
Edward Byrnes, Councilman  
Mitchell Saunders, Councilman, excused  
Joan Smead, Deputy Town Clerk

The public hearing on the preliminary budget for 2009 was opened and the Deputy Town Clerk read the legal ad published in the Post Star on October 28, 2008.

Supervisor Lucia read the following:

TOWN OF CORINTH  
BUDGET HEARING  
NOVEMBER 5, 2008  
4:00 PM

WELCOME TO THE 2009 PUBLIC HEARING

Clerk, please read the public notice

I will tell you a bit about the budget before we open it up to specific questions.

The budget process begins in August, when all of the department heads and boards get a worksheet to give back to us, as they anticipate what each budget line, will spend the next year.

Right off the top I asked each budget to come back to me with a 5% reduction in the .2 and .4 accounts, which are equipment and contractual expenses. .1 is salaries.

Because of the increased Reval numbers, we were able to reduce the amount per thousand for next years budget by \$.32 per thousand, while we do have increased spending by \$180,000.

These are the areas causing increased spending this year:

Health Insurance is up 23%

Social Security is up 3.5%

\$10,000 for utility vehicle for the Town Hall, as the present one is in bad shape

\$18,000 for a new Youth Program Vehicle

\$51,000 for a new Highway Roller

Escalating increases in fuel, asphalt and energy costs

Ambulance contract is up \$3,150.00

Paramedics budget is up \$51,881.00

Employee's salaries up 3.5%

Capital Reserves of \$5,000 for youth

Capital Reserves of \$10,000 for Senior Housing  
Capital Reserves of \$19,000 for Ambulance

There is no tax raised in the B account as we have enough revenue and reserve to cancel it.

There is no longer any tax in DA account.

With this all said, comparing the same 3 tax rates from last year,

2008	2009
A. 2.109728	A. 1.493549
DB. 1.082344	DB. 1.541620
Fire .852332	Fire. .685532
<u>Total</u> 4.044404 per thousand	3.72070
.32 less per thousand	

I thank everyone for their cooperation and efforts into the budget

Councilman Major made a motion and seconded by Councilman Brown to close the public hearing.

**RESOLUTION # 227**  
**ADOPTION OF BUDGET**

A motion made by Councilman Brown and seconded by Councilman Byrnes and the following resolution was

ADOPTED: Richard Lucia        yes  
              Charles Brown        yes  
              John Major            yes  
              Edward Byrnes        yes

Resolved that the preliminary budget as presented be adopted as the budget for 2009.

At 4:15 PM a motion was made by Councilman Byrnes and seconded by Councilman Major to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Smead  
Deputy Town Clerk