TOWN OF OAKFIELD BUDGET HEARING OCTOBER 6, 2009

Supervisor Dodd called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

PRESENT: Supervisor Dodd, Town Clerk Haacke, Barry Flansburg, Councilmen Cianfrini, Veazey, Day and Kabel, Justice Thomas Graham and Tom Baldwin of Baldwin Business Service.

Tom Baldwin of Baldwin Business Services spoke briefly regarding the 2010 budget. Mr. Baldwin gave an explanation as to why certain line items were changing this year.

Councilman Cianfrini asked if newly created line item A7110.1 Park Services was going to be a permanent position; Supervisor stated that since the park is now larger and requires more maintenance this position is important; however it can be revisited on a yearly basis.

This year will be the first year that the Town receives \$96,000.00 from the Gas Compressor Station. This payment is made in lieu of taxes. Mr. Baldwin stated that \$21,000.00 of this money will go to reduce taxes, \$30,000.00 used to maintain savings and \$4,000.00 to make up for lost revenue (interest).

Mr. Baldwin also stated that there were uncontrollable spending increases as follows:

BAN \$11,500.00

Health Care a 15-20% increase

Workers Comp State Retirement Cemetery Equipment Refuse & Garbage

The Town has no control over these items.

Councilman Cianfrini also stated that if line item A2610 Justice Fees Revenue were increased to \$18-19k it would create further tax relief. This was suggested because year over year this line item sees around \$20k per year.

The creation of line item A1110.4B Justice Security would be created in the amount of \$5000.00.

With no further information or questions being forthcoming, a <u>motion</u> was made by Councilman Kabel, seconded by Councilman Veazey and carried by unanimous vote to schedule a Public Hearing on Wednesday, November 4, 2009 at 7 pm regarding the 2010 Preliminary Budget for the Town of Oakfield.

At 8:47 pm a <u>motion</u> was made by Councilman Veazey, seconded by Councilman Cianfrini and carried by unanimous vote to adjourn.

Melissa M. Haacke, Town Clerk