

Public Hearing Preliminary Budget/Workshop/Meeting November 6, 2014

Resolution #409 - Open Meeting & Adjourn to Executive Session

On a motion by Supervisor Fleming
Seconded by Councilwoman Osborn

Resolved: The meeting of November 6, 2014 opened at 6:30 p.m. and the board adjourned to executive session to discuss matters relating to collective negotiations under the Taylor Law, and matters relating to the appointment of a particular person or corporation.
Motion carried unanimously

Resolution #410 - Compensation for Dog Control Officer

Discussion was had regarding reimbursing the Dog Control Officer for emergency sheltering at the rate paid to the Carmel Animal Hospital of \$35/day.

On a motion by Supervisor Fleming
Seconded by Councilman Huestis

Resolved: Dog Control Officer, Jill Gianfrancisco may be compensated for emergency sheltering of dogs at a rate of \$35/day under Agriculture and Markets.
Motion carried unanimously

Resolution #411 - Adjourn Executive Session

On a motion by Supervisor Fleming
Seconded by Councilwoman Osborn

Resolved: Executive session adjourned at 7:00 p.m.
Motion carried unanimously

Public Hearing on the 2015 Preliminary Budget

At 7:00 p.m. the Town Board of Kent held a public hearing at the Kent Town Hall, 25 Sybil's Crossing, Kent Lakes, New York on the 2015 Preliminary Budget. Supervisor Fleming stated the 2015 Preliminary Budget was posted yesterday and better news than the Tentative Budget, still not suggesting an increase of taxes and suggesting using less of the Fund Balance. Michele Summers Director of Finance reviewed the highlights of the 2015 Budget with a power point presentation. (see attached) Resident, Jean Noel asked the amount remaining in the Fund Balance. Finance Director Summers replied just below 4 million in the General Fund, 1.58 million in the Highway Fund. Mrs. Noel applauded the board and anyone who worked on this to present a 0 increase, she is surprised to see so much in the Fund Balance and represents she is being overtaxed, and would like to see something given back she would like to see a tax decrease.

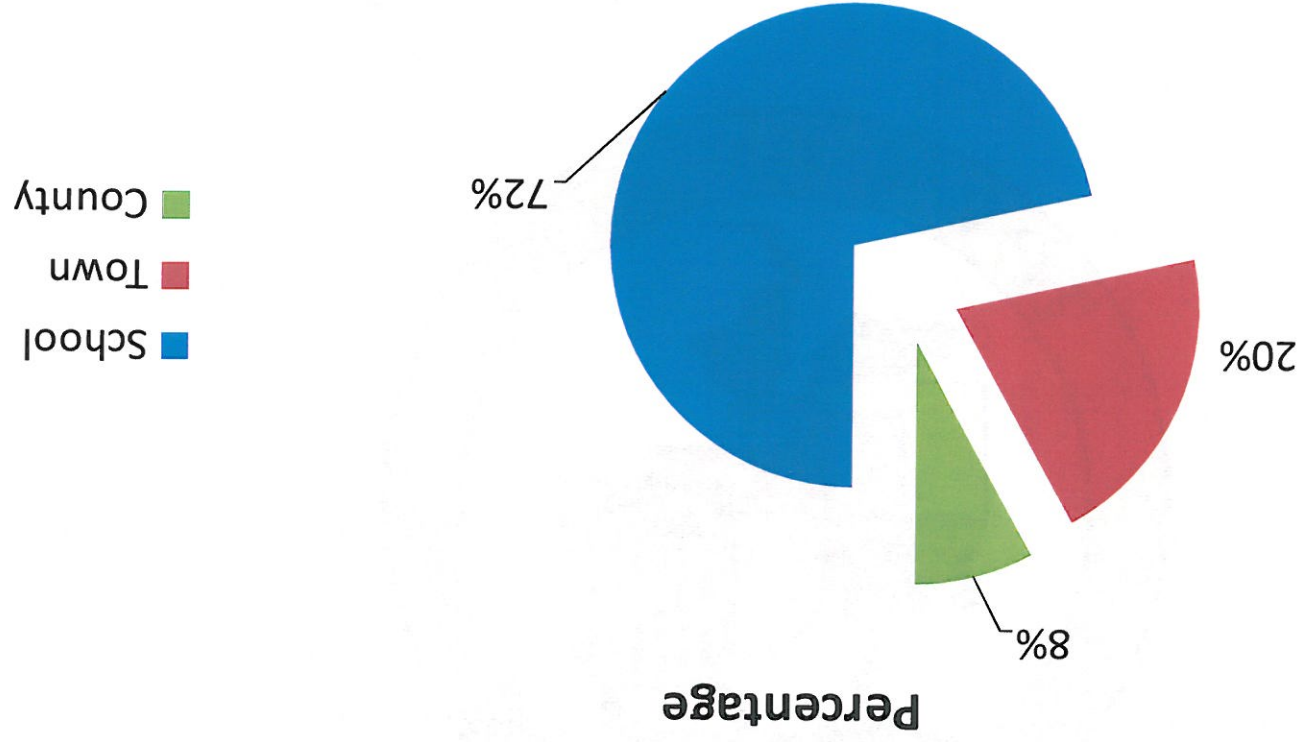
Past Supervisor, Annmarie Baisley is glad to see a fund balance in highway, because of unexpected storms. She raised concerns about the Kent Library and a comment made about the volunteers doing more fundraising. She took offense about the volunteers doing more. They have not asked for an increase in years, the extras seen at the library were not paid by taxpayer dollars but by the fundraising done by the volunteers every week. She raised concerns about charging residents for library services, and feels the additional \$4,000 is nothing compared to a multi-million dollar budget. Supervisor Fleming appreciates her volunteer work, and she does not mean to discredit our volunteers. She said the issue is the Town provides the Library with \$524,000 a year, the biggest source of funding, a great deal of money. To characterize it that we are not doing our share is unfair. Mrs. Baisley clarified her comments were directed to the statement made that the volunteers should be doing more than what they are already doing; \$524,00 is correct, the library is the only program that services all ages, everyone.

Highway Superintendent Othmer said the budget the board gave him is good it is basically the same as last year. He will make it work. He said he does not have control over the repair bill and weather. He will be sending the board a quarterly report, but something could happen that needs to be fixed. He said the board will be impressed with the salt shed and what was done with the mitigation money. He asked the board to reinstate summer help, last year he had 4, he asked for 6 and received 3, he asked for what he had last year. He asked for \$10,000 in the training line and given \$5,000, he asked it be reinstated, his employees have been promoted in seniority and need proper training for the expensive equipment. He initially asked for two Crew Chiefs and a Supervisor Crew Chief, he does not have a Deputy and knows we cannot afford it but really needs a number two person a Supervisor Crew Chief. He made some adjustments and will enforce the suggestions made. Councilman Huestis stated last year you did your training out of a .4 account. On your recommendation a training line was created of \$5,000 and you still have money in the .4 account that can be used for training. Highway Superintendent Othmer replied in the past for example the repair line was underfunded and other lines not used to its fullest extent. He would like the lines to reflect what is being spent. Councilman Huestis commended him for the job he has been doing his first year. There is a change in morale, everything is positive, but how much can we afford. He said many departments have many needs, he is trying to obtain grant money but there are no guarantees. Highway Superintendent Othmer replied the roads are a nightmare, he does have a priority list for

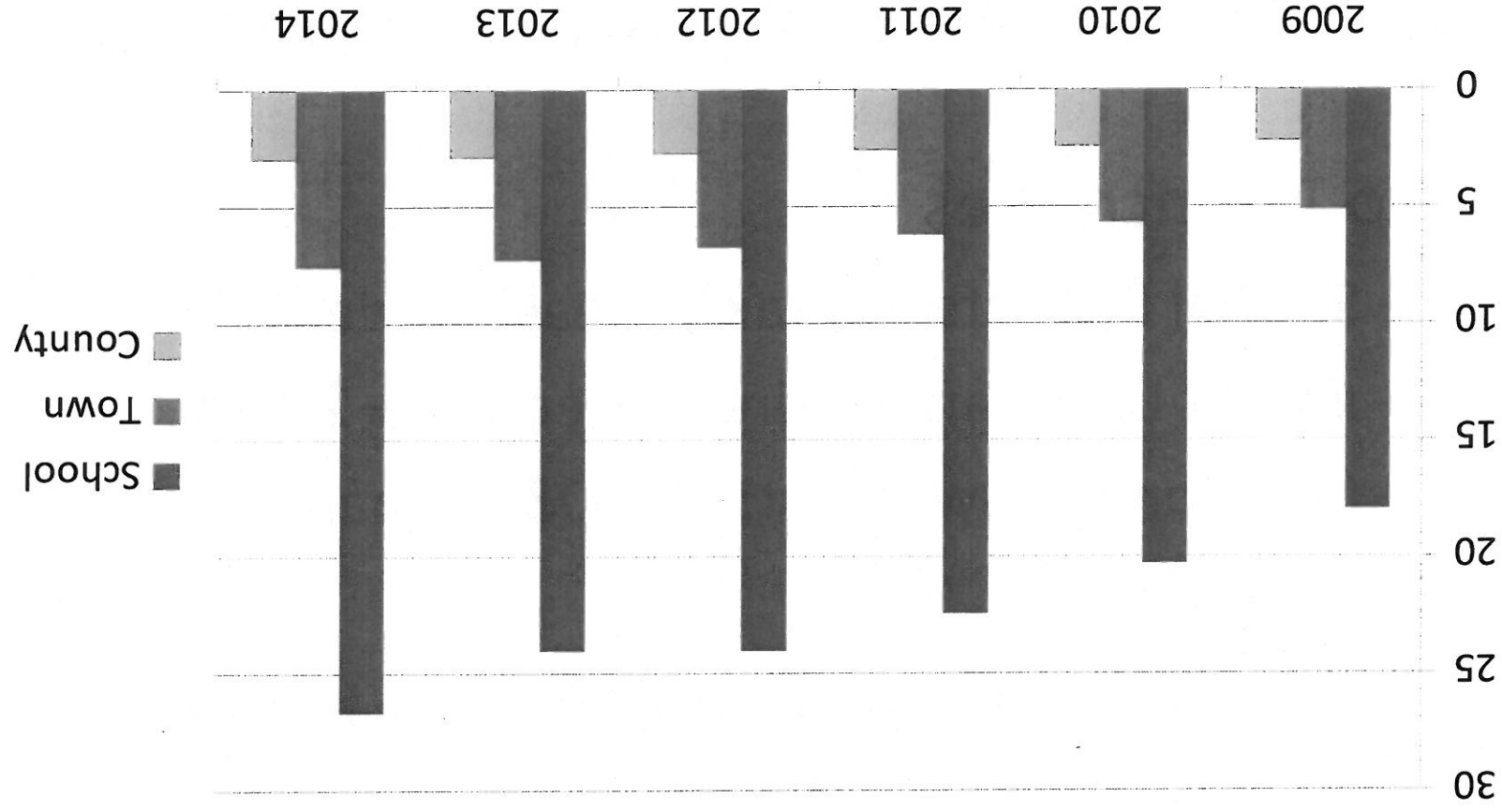
Town of Kent 2015 Preliminary Budget



Tax Dollars Distribution



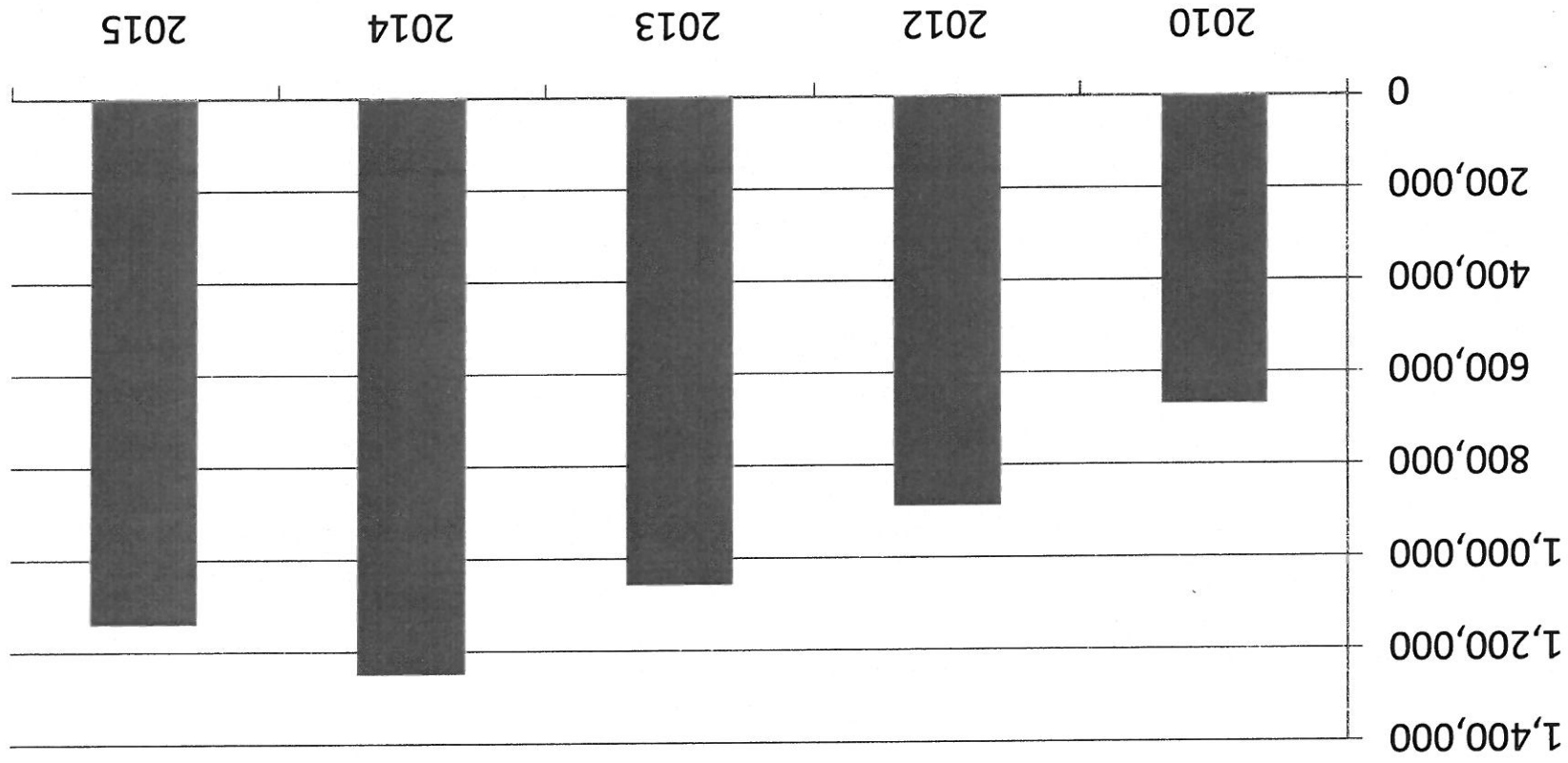
Changes in Tax Rates



2015 Preliminary Budget Overview

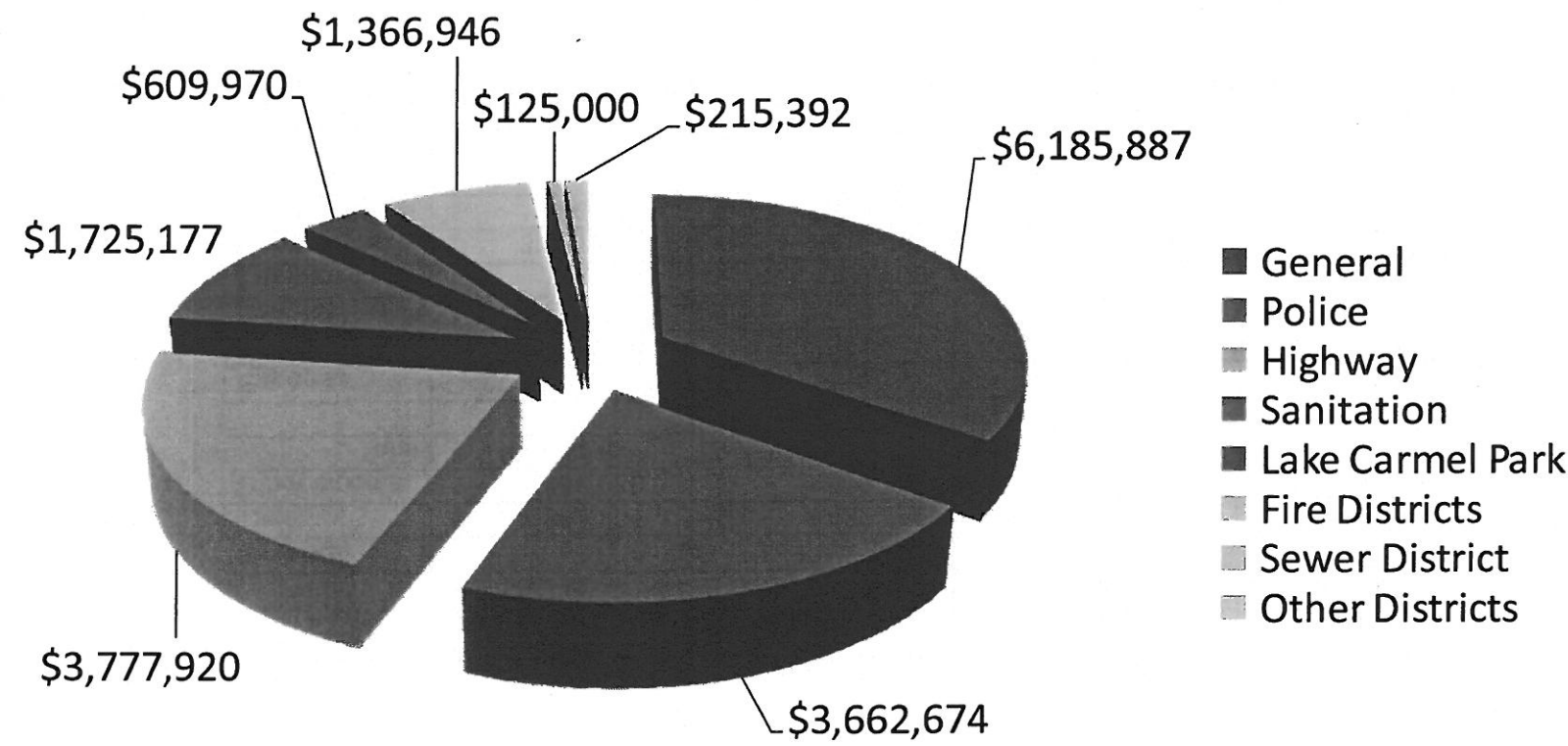
- No Tax increases
 - Special Districts: No tax increase or decrease
 - except Lake Carmel Fire Protection + 2.96%
 - Creation of Sewer District—O&M Charges
- Fund Balance
 - Decreased reliance on Fund Balance to balance budget; Used for Capital Projects
- Retirement Expense
 - 2015 Decrease \$112,000

Retirement Contributions



FUND	APPROPRIATIONS AND PROVISIONS FOR OTHER USES	LESS ESTIMATED REVENUES	LESS UNEXPENDED BALANCE	2015 AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION	INCREASE (DECREASE) PERCENTAGE
GENERAL	9,848,561	1,926,300	40,000	7,882,261	0.00%
HIGHWAY	3,927,920	7,500	350,000	3,570,420	0.00%
Subtotal	13,776,481	1,933,800	390,000	11,452,681	0.00%
SPECIAL DISTRICTS					
LAKE CARMEL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #1	912,296	-	-	912,296	2.96%
KENT FIRE DISTRICT #1 (*)	454,650	-	-	454,650	-0.44%
LAKE CARMEL PARK DISTRICT	582,067	12,470	-	569,597	-4.67%
LAKE TIBET PARK DISTRICT	10,215	215	-	10,000	-68.65%
KENT SEWER DISTRICT	125,000			125,000	
LAKE CARMEL SANITATION	1,725,177	9,400	165,000	1,550,777	0.00%
Subtotal Special Districts	3,809,405	22,085	165,000	3,622,320	2.82%
WATER DISTRICTS					
WATER DISTRICT #1	53,562	190	-	53,372	0.00%
WATER DISTRICT #2	26,615	202	-	26,413	-8.17%
Subtotal Water Districts	80,177	392	-	79,785	-2.86%
TOTALS	17,666,063	1,956,277	555,000	15,154,786	0.64%

2015 Preliminary Budget by Fund



General Fund

	ORIGINAL BUDGET 2014	TENTATIVE STAGE 2015	PRELIMINARY STAGE 2015	VARIANCE to 2014
Revenue				
Taxes	\$ 7,882,261	\$ 7,882,261	\$ 7,882,261	\$ -
Other Income	\$ 1,762,260	\$ 1,876,300	\$ 1,926,300	\$ 164,040
Total	\$ 9,644,521	\$ 9,758,561	\$ 9,808,561	\$ 164,040
Expense				
Personnel	\$ 3,893,379	\$ 3,891,387	\$ 3,905,950	\$ 12,571
Benefits	\$ 2,688,483	\$ 2,679,129	\$ 2,680,348	\$ (8,135)
Equipment	\$ 134,900	\$ 126,400	\$ 126,400	\$ (8,500)
Contractual	\$ 3,021,596	\$ 2,812,282	\$ 2,790,500	\$ (231,096)
Bonds/Interest	\$ 350,163	\$ 339,363	\$ 339,363	\$ (10,800)
Transfer to Capital	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000
Total	\$ 10,088,521	\$ 9,848,561	\$ 9,848,561	\$ (239,960)
Fund Balance	\$ 444,000	\$ 90,000	\$ 40,000	\$ (404,000)

Highway Fund

	ORIGINAL BUDGET 2014	TENTATIVE STAGE 2015	PRELIMINARY STAGE 2015	VARIANCE to 2014
Revenue				
Taxes	\$ 3,570,420	\$ 3,570,420	\$ 3,570,420	\$ -
Other Income	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	\$ -
Total	\$ 3,577,920	\$ 3,577,920	\$ 3,577,920	\$ -
Expense				
Personnel	\$ 1,232,000	\$ 1,323,358	\$ 1,327,539	\$ 95,539
Benefits	\$ 1,209,501	\$ 1,145,221	\$ 1,143,040	\$ (66,461)
Equipment	\$ 111,500	\$ 312,500	\$ 237,500	\$ 126,000
Contractual	\$ 964,600	\$ 936,721	\$ 941,721	\$ (22,879)
Bonds/Interest	\$ 60,319	\$ 60,120	\$ 60,120	\$ (199)
Transfer Capital	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 218,000	\$ 218,000
Total	\$ 3,577,920	\$ 3,777,920	\$ 3,927,920	\$ 350,000
Fund Balance	\$ -	\$ 200,000	\$ 350,000	\$ 350,000

Capital Projects

- 311 Garage Salt Shed
 - \$230,000
- Renovation of Municipal Repairs Building
 - \$30,000

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paving. He has outworked the inventory of pipe this summer and completed a lot of drainage work. He can work with the numbers given this year, he will be more thrifty and look how things are purchased. He said in treating certain roads with brine, Carmel has agreed to allow us to use their mixing tanks, we are going to put a mini sander on one of our trucks that can be switched with a brine tank to be used during certain storms. Councilman Tierney said he cannot give him the Supervisor position until he reads the job description. Highway Supervisor had a copy for him.

Cliff Narbey, a resident of Nimham Road and a member of Kent Fiscal Watch attended the budget workshops and observed a good working relationship amongst the board. There was good compromise and spirit and saluted their public service as they were long sessions and not very well paid, probably the lowest in Putnam County. He said it is a good budget and builds on the good work done by previous administration by cutting expenditures trying to get the tax increases down. It is good budget because you have increased revenues, decreased expenses and not reached into the reserve so much. He liked the summary even though it's hurtful to see the expense of the labor force because of the benefits. He does not think this budget will alter the difference in the Mill rate for Kent compared to Patterson and Putnam Valley, two towns having the same assessment process. The 2013 tax rates for Kent was \$7.28 per thousand, Putnam Valley \$4.45, Patterson \$4.13. He would save a significant \$800- \$900 dollars if his home were there on Town Tax. He did not see a significant effort for shared services or consolidation, why don't we ask the County to take care of our roads. The county roads are in better condition than towns. He does not see the use of technology to reduce or eliminate department overhead, we do not use online forms, filing or payments. He said on page 35 of the budget the cash cost of retirees health premium is up 15% it is \$500,000 cash pay as you go. For 2013 the audited Financial Statement, the real cost to record was 28 million more than the cash cost. That goes on the balance sheet as a liability, as a deficit, this item will bite you. Finally the garage, it's nice to collect the cost of the garage in one place, we see \$963,000. In the revenue it will bill back \$300,000 it is just presentation, it is understating the real cost of the Highway and Police Department and other departments except special districts who use their services. Just like the library is getting a free building so is the Police Department.

Mrs. Baisley stated repairs done to vehicles are charged back to the department, not just special districts. She said the medical insurance on page 35 is for all town employee's not just retirees.

Mrs. Ehnebuske thanked the board for the opportunity to speak about Library Funding. (Please see attached statement)

Florence Ratti, a resident and member of the Kent Public Library Board of Trustees, thanked Mrs. Ehnebuske for her wonderful remarks, and thanked the board for to increase their budget \$2,000 and the opportunity to speak. (Please see attached statement)

Mrs. Baisley said for 12 years the Library has been hosting the AARP Income Tax Program for free, they provide a room, computers, printers and paper. There is a need for this program, people depend upon them. Supervisor Fleming appreciates the passion shown by the Library volunteers, she wants the public to understand the town is contributing \$526,300, no small sum and appreciates your want of an additional \$3,700. The board will take the comments into consideration before a final budget is released. The budget of \$526,300 is no small sum, it does not show a disrespect or demeaning of what the library does but an appreciation in a budget honed to the bone in many areas.

Mrs. Noel said the Highway Superintendent is bringing in revenue on page 36 for the sale of scrap which wasn't there prior. She was also critical to a grant administrator position and happy to see it cut. She asked the cost for Workers Compensation Insurance. Finance Director Summers replied it is suppose to be flat but did not know the cost. Mrs. Noel asked the town to seek proposals for the flat costs. Councilwoman Osborn commented on the grant administrator line stating the past Supervisor brought in over \$8 million dollars in grants and spent a lot of time writing them, if the current Supervisor decides to write grants and bring in the money she would not be opposed to her being compensated.

Councilman Huestis thought they voted on the Library receiving 50% of their request. The board was in agreement it was \$2,000.00. Councilman Denbaum said as one being critical of the increase in library spending, he appreciates the support and comments his point as stated it is the library is not only about books, it becomes about things that are recreation in many ways. The increase in the budget is for the type of organization that offers recreational type programs. Just because libraries are lobbying for doing things they should anymore does not mean we automatically increase their funding. That is not how it goes. The additional money can be found in the nonessential recreation programs, like mind craft, Xmen action figure movies, that is not educational, it is in the realm of recreation. As an organization that is fine, he is not in charge of the daily processes. He stated the

Town of Kent Supervisor Maureen Fleming
Councilman Paul Denbaum
Councilman William Huestis
Councilman Penny Ann Osborn
Councilman Michael Tierney

Re: Funding for the Kent Public Library

I'm a resident of the Town of Kent, and I'd like to thank you, Supervisor Fleming and Town Board members, for giving me the opportunity at this public hearing to share a few comments on the funding proposed for the Kent Public Library in the preliminary budget.

First, I would like to acknowledge the importance of the Kent Public Library to this community. Kent residents of all ages and all demographics value and depend on the free, equitable, open access to the services our library provides.

With no stand-alone institution of higher learning in the entire county, the eight Putnam County libraries, including ours, are truly the "universities of the streets"—offering opportunities for education by providing access to print materials, online resources, programs and tutoring. As you're no doubt aware, public libraries are chartered by the same Board of Regents that oversees schools, colleges, BOCES and other educational institutions, and are viewed by the state, the courts and the public as educational institutions.

Libraries have long been a resource for pre-school aged children. With the Carmel schools offering no pre-K programs and only half-day Kindergarten, our library's role in introducing small children to the joy of books and fostering literacy is even more critical. When schools close at the end of every day, week and school year, our library remains open and provides educational services, resources and study rooms for older children and teens. Statistics show that the Kent Public Library checks out more children's books than any other item.

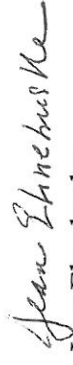
I've observed that our library is not only providing the usual services—loaning books, eBooks, DVDs, and CDs as well as offering a variety of programs for all ages—but has added more services in response to the increasing needs of the Kent community. Clearly, the role of libraries is changing. Every day, our residents turn to library staff for help in using the Internet and other resources to look for employment, apply for jobs, file for unemployment, investigate new careers, seek networking opportunities, practice employment tests, and research job training. High school students use the library's computers to research colleges, write resumes, submit college applications, and apply for financial aid. In a recent survey of Kent library users, 87% of respondents said that it is important for our library to make such technological resources available. Following superstorms Irene and Sandy, our library became a refuge that provided emergency information, warmth, water, restrooms, recharging stations and, perhaps most important, a sense of belonging. Although these are new and evolving roles for our library, Library Director Carol Donick and the staff have stepped up to help as usual.

I'm aware that there has been discussion among you regarding the idea of reducing the library's expenses by asking residents to pay to attend certain library programs. After polling the directors of the seven other libraries in Putnam County, I can report that not one of them charges residents to attend their programs. As one of the library directors put it, "It would be antithetical to our mission of giving everyone in the community equal opportunity and equal access to our services." From another director, "Charging would make the program exclusive. Some people would be able to come, but some would be excluded because of cost." Checking with the staff member at the Mid-Hudson Library System who works with our library and the 65 other member libraries in the five-county region the System encompasses, I learned that "Charging for programs would create a barrier that keeps citizens who could most benefit from the community's investment in its library from doing so." She said it is simply not done. I don't think our community would want the dubious distinction of having its library be the first to put in place a two-tiered system by charging its residents a fee for attending programs.

As to finding funding in other ways, my impression is that Library Director Carol Donick and the Kent Library Board work very hard at this. They are grateful to the Friends of the Kent Library who raise money for the library every year, but the library's day-to-day operating expenses cannot—and should not—depend on donations. Each spring, Carol goes to Albany on Library Advocacy Day to meet with our elected representatives and make the case for increased state library aid. Currently, for each dollar the state invests in library aid, local communities receive seven dollars worth of library services. State library funding is 20% below where it should be according to the state's own education law, and Carol keeps advocating for the State to meet its obligations. Also, Carol was proactive in applying for a grant from Assemblywoman Sandy Galef to fund the new program room currently under construction on the lower level. As to how the library uses the Town's funding, it's clear that Carol and the library board continue to be responsible stewards who use that funding effectively and efficiently to directly benefit the community.

For all of the reasons I've stated, I hope you will consider increasing the library's budget by the additional \$3,700 that was requested. I don't envy you the tough decisions you have to make to responsibly spend our tax dollars in the coming year. As you make these decisions, I hope you decide to invest further in the library. Doing so will contribute to the quality of life for all of the Town's residents. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Jean Ehnebuske

KENT TOWN BOARD MEETING – NOVEMBER 6TH, 2014

My name is Florence Ratti and I am a Member of the Kent Public Library Board of Trustees. First we want to thank the Kent Town Board for agreeing to increase our budget by \$2,000. You can rest assured that the money will be well spent as are all the funds we receive.

As the saying goes – Libraries are not just about books any longer. In this technology age, libraries must be prepared to meet the community's need for instruction, use and execution of ALL the newest technology on the market (DVD's, eBooks, etc.) and be a community gathering place. It must also be FUN because if it's not fun, who wants to be there? Our children's, teen and adult programs are all geared to learning while enjoying a chosen activity be it story time homework help, mine craft, Wii bowling etc. Museum passes are also a library service in today's library world.

Due to a recent survey 39% of our technology users are pursuing employment (job searches, on-line applications, 31% used our technology for education purposes and research and 35% used them for health and wellness topics. 71% used the help of a librarian to navigate the often confusing websites.

We had an exceptional participation year this 2014 due to the many extra activities promoted by the 50th anniversary of the KPL which was financed almost TOTALLY through fund raising by the Board of Trustees and the Friends of KPL and the outstanding summer programs.

We are happy to say that we are the “go to” place for our community and hope that never changes. When our new program room which was funded by a grant from the office of Assemblywoman Sandy Galef, is completed, we would like to invite the KTB in for a tour of the facility to familiarize you on how our budget is being spent.

Thank you again for your continued support of the KPL.

Florence Ratti
Kent Public Library
Board of Trustees

Town Supervisor Maureen Fleming
Town Board Members
25 Sybil's Crossing
Kent Lakes, New York 10512

Dear Maureen and Town Board Members:

I had occasion to review the proposed budget following our meeting of October 27, 2014 and I wish to express my dismay and dissatisfaction with the position taken by the Town Board with respect to the Court Clerks, Michelle Sciafani and Beth McKinney. While any raise is appreciated by the Clerks, I feel that the \$1000 raise allotted by the Town Board is entirely inadequate and represents a slap in the face to these professional women who over many years now have been deserving of a significant increase in their salaries. Granting this request in its entirety would not have brought these women in line with comparable Court Clerks' salaries in other jurisdictions with this County.

While I understand that finances are always a concern, these women are well deserving of a significant increase in their present salaries. It was recently reported in one of the local newspapers that the Town has underestimated funds received from the Court to the tune of \$30,000. Clearly, these additional funds can be utilized to bring the Court Clerks' salaries up to par. Accordingly, I request that the Town Board Members reconsider the position taken with respect to the Court Clerks and adjust their salaries upward more in line with what Clerks receive in comparable jurisdictions.

I cannot emphasize enough the professionalism of these women. They are the backbone of the Court and they are the ones that make it work. They are not just Clerks.

Respectfully,



J. PETER COLLINS

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Cc: Lana
Subject: 2015 Kent Town Budget Public Hearing

Dear Kent Town Board Members,

I'm unable to attend tonight's public hearing on the proposed 2015 budget, so if possible I'd like to provide my comments via email.

First, thank you for your past support of the Kent Public Library. The library continues to grow in importance to our community. Based on an Impact Study conducted last spring, 39% of our technology users indicated that they had used library technology for employment needs. 24% searched for a job online, and 10% applied for a job online. 31% of the people who responded used the computers for educational purposes, such as doing research, and 35% used them to get information on health and wellness topics. 71% of the technology users got help from a librarian. Of the respondents, 87% said that it is important to have these resources available in the community.

During these continuing difficult times for so many, access to these resources is a critical need in our community. The library has also become a refuge during power outages, allowing our residents to communicate with the outside world and recharge their electronic devices.

The library has not received an increase in funding from the town in over 7 years. We have managed as best we can, but over time inflation and other factors have forced us to request a 1% funding increase. I hope you will give this serious consideration, as the library benefits all of our residents, young and old.

Thank you.

Tom Maxson
Trustee
Kent Public Library

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additional money being requested is for recreational purpose, much of these recreational activities encroach on what the Recreational Department may already provide. It would seem to him that most who are requesting the increase are either from the Library or volunteers from the Library. He noted the grant Assemblywoman Galef authorized is from Kent taxpayers again, and, is for the use of downstairs. And, because of the grant it would cost Kent taxpayers more money or cost a tax increase. It was not a full grant and now the taxpayers have to pay more. He keeps hearing the programs are free, nothing is free. We cannot take away monies for filling-in potholes so we can play video games. He stated that if everyone who showed volunteered the salary they would have been paid for the time they spent by attending tonight they would have probably made up the entire amount of \$3,000.00. He stated that there have been a lot of comments about him not volunteering enough and such. He defends it by not accepting healthcare which ultimately cost the Town a lot of money. Everything is not free, nothing is free, he said. He pays for his taxes to get done and he pays for other people to get their taxes done at the Library. He stated that the Library receives a fair amount of government money of \$550,000.00 every year. He said there are no citizens storming the gates, everyone present is the government volunteers.

Councilman Huestis, stated in terms of grants, mentioned public safety, security cameras, traffic safety is what are on his wish list as well as the Library, lead paint at the old school house; he has possible funding sources (NYS and HUD) he is working on; crossway on Nichols, recreation center, senior citizen center, Highway Dept., the Ludingtonville old mill and the historic cemeteries are need of repair and Kent Revitalization.

Supervisor Fleming mentioned in regards to technology, the board is in the process of a new website. It will have unlimited page capacity, the various departments will manage their own pages so it can be updated on a regular basis. It will have fill-able forms on the website, it will have community events and advertising. She hopes the website will be up and running by the end of the year and make life easier for the residents of Kent.

Supervisor Fleming read a letter from Judge Collins.(see attached statement)

Mr. Narbey wanted clarification of the cash costs of hospital and medical insurance, Page 35, referring to Item 9060, Line A.9060.802 for \$499,930.00, he wanted to know why it's not allocated back to the departments. Michelle Summers explained it is for the retiree insurance but the increase reflected which is 17.63%. She also stated that there was an increase in the general fund of \$68,000 and that is an auditing adjustment, there was an increase in income and expense for medicare so the line this year is higher so there will be budget transfer.

Superintendent Othmer said the Ludingtonville Mill was mentioned, in 2001, former Supervisor Baisley and he purchased the old Carmel camper for \$56,000. and is owned by the Town which is conveyed in the site plan and the mill is owned by the Historical Society. He noted be rebuilt the foundation free of charge. They have approved blueprints, for the museum and the building of the Mill, an approved site plan from the Planning Board it is ready for construction. We were to receive \$400,000 for a T21 grant (NYS DOT) which was taken away after 9/11. A new septic system was put in as well as a foundation.

Councilman Denbaum noted the Lake Carmel Fire Department was over looked, they have a budget increase but did not come to the board to explain. Supervisor Fleming stated they have until the 20th and a budget meeting can be set up.

Resolution #412 – Close Public Hearing on 2015 Preliminary Budget

On a motion by Supervisor Fleming

Seconded by Councilman Huestis

Resolved: The public hearing on the 2015 Preliminary Budget was closed.

Motion carried unanimously

Workshop Meeting

At 8:35 p.m. the board discussed and reviewed all the items on the Workshop Agenda.

Pledge of Allegiance - Supervisor Fleming called the meeting to order at 9:10 p.m. with the Salute to the Flag.

Roll Call

Supervisor Maureen Fleming – present

Councilwoman Penny Osborn – present

Councilman Mike Tierney – present

Councilman Paul Denbaum – present

Councilman Bill Huestis – present

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Also Present: Town Counsel Curtiss, Director of Finance Summers, Police Chief DiVernieri, Highway Superintendent Othmer, Recreation Director Fernandez, Co-Chairperson Recycling Sue Kotzur.

Resolution #413 - Authorize Budget Transfers

On a motion by Councilman Denbaum
Seconded by Supervisor Fleming

WHEREAS, the Recycling has requested a budgetary amendment to cover the expenses for Auto Repair, and now therefore be it RESOLVED that the following budgetary amendment be made:

Increase appropriation	
A.7410.407	Recycling.Auto Repair \$300
Decrease appropriation	
A.7410.400	Recycling. Contractual -\$300
2014 Fiscal impact \$0	

WHEREAS, Police has requested a budgetary amendment to cover the contractual expense and now therefore be it RESOLVED that the following budgetary amendment be made:

Increase appropriation		
Revenue		
A.2680	Insurance Recoveries	\$5,824.93
A.4320	Federal Aid-ERT/Bullet Proof	\$6,000.00
		\$11,824.93
Expense		
A.3120.200	Police.Equipment	\$1,800.00
A.3120.404	Police. Auto Repair	\$5,824.93
A.3120.411	Police.First Aid	\$500
A.3120.404	Police.New Issue Uniforms	\$2,700
A.3120.415	Police. Schools	\$1,000
		\$11,824.93
2014 Fiscal impact \$0		

WHEREAS, the Finance Department has requested a budgetary amendment to cover under budgeted expenses, and now therefore be it RESOLVED that the following budgetary amendment be made:

Increase appropriation		
A.3620.404	Safety Inspection.Auto Repair	\$150
A.7110.404	Parks.Auto Repair	\$1,000
A.8664.403	Code Enforcer.Gas	\$200
SP1.1980.400	Payment of MTA Payroll Tax	\$680
		\$2,030
Decrease appropriation		
A.3620.400	Safety Inspection contractual	-\$150
A.7110.400	Parks.Contractual	-\$1,000
A.8664.400	Code Enforcer.Contractual	-\$200
SP1.7110.400	Parks.Contractual	-\$680
2014 Fiscal impact \$0		

WHEREAS, the Highway Department has requested a budgetary amendment to realign the Highway Budget with actual expenses, and now therefore be it RESOLVED that the following budgetary amendment be made:

General Fund		
Increase appropriation		
DA.5110.100	Maintenance of Roads.Personnel	\$6,603
DA.5110.400	Maintenance of Roads.Contractual	\$5,000
DA.5110.803	Maintenance of Roads.FICA	\$1,298
DA.5130.200	Machinery.Equipment	\$6,024
DA.5130.404	Machinery.Auto Repair	\$13,976
DA.5142.140	Snow Removal.Overtime	\$2,726
DA.5142.400	Snow Removal Contractual	\$7,000
		\$42,627
Decrease appropriation		
DA.5110.140	Maintenance of Roads.Overtime	-\$2,726
DA.5130.400	Machinery.Contractual	-\$32,000

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DA.5142.100	Snow Removal.Personnel	- \$6,603
DA.5142.803	Snow Removal.FICA	- \$1,298
		\$42,627

2014 Fiscal impact \$0

WHEREAS, the Highway Department has requested funds to complete the Salt Shed at the 301 garage. This expense includes a cover and material bins. And now therefore be it RESOLVED that the following budgetary amendment be made:

General Fund	
Increase appropriation	
Revenue	
DA.2771	Fund Balance
	\$25,000

Expense	
DA.9950.900	Transfer to Capital Projects
	\$25,000

2014 Fiscal impact \$25,000
Motion carried unanimously

Resolution #414 - Award Contract for Ressique Street Landfill

On a motion by Councilman Denbaum

Seconded by Councilman Huestis

Resolved: The bid for Ressique Street Landfill testing was awarded to Phoenix Environmental Laboratories Inc. in the amount of \$5,150.00.

Motion carried unanimously

Resolution #415 - Authorize Town Clerk to Advertise for No Parking

On a motion by Councilwoman Osborn

Seconded by Councilman Denbaum

Resolved: The Town Clerk may advertise for no parking on Town roads from November 15, 2014 to April 15, 2015 for snow removal.

Motion carried unanimously

Resolution #416 - Authorize permit for Lakeview Church to Sell Christmas Trees

On a motion Councilwoman Osborn

Seconded by Councilman Huestis

Resolved: The Lakeview Church is authorized to sell Christmas trees contingent upon the approval of the Town of Kent Fire Inspector.

Motion carried unanimously

Resolution #417 – Add Rescind Resolution #394 to the agenda

On a motion by Councilman Tierney

Seconded by Councilman Huestis

Resolved: Rescind Resolution #394 was added to the agenda.

Motion carried unanimously

Resolution #418 - Rescind Resolution #394

On a motion by Councilman Tierney

Seconded by Councilwoman Osborn

Resolved:

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Kent previously awarded a bid to the Wooley Corporation to take down and remove a dead elm tree and prune a willow tree on Town property in the amount of \$1,000.00 by Resolution No. 394 at the October 7, 2014 meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Wooley Corporation has not provided to the Town the necessary insurance documents as required by the bid specifications; and

WHEREAS, the Highway Department has reviewed the scope of work and has advised the Town Board that the Highway Department can perform the work to take down the dead elm tree and prune the willow tree on Town property; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board now wishes to rescind the bid previously awarded on October 7, 2014.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Kent hereby rescinds Resolution No. 394 awarding the bid to Wooley Corporation in the amount of \$1,000.00 and authorizes the Supervisor to arrange with the Highway Superintendent to perform the necessary work.

The Board took a poll vote as follows:

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Councilman Denbaum – nay Councilwoman Osborn – aye
Councilman Huestis – aye Councilman Tierney – aye
Supervisor Fleming – aye
Motion carried

Resolution #419- Authorize Water District #1 to Replace Door

On a motion by Councilman Tierney
Seconded by Councilman Huestis
Resolved: After contacting three contractors and receiving a proposal from only one contractor, A-Class Builders is authorized to replace the door to the Will Way Pump House for Water District #1 not to exceed \$1,580.00.
Motion carried unanimously

Resolution #420- Appoint Part Maintenance Worker

On a motion by Supervisor Fleming
Seconded by Councilman Huestis
Resolved: Robert Webb was appointed as Park Maintenance worker effective November 10, 2014.
Motion carried unanimously

Resolution #421 - Approve Vouchers and Claims

On a motion by Councilman Huestis
Seconded by Supervisor Fleming
Resolved: All vouchers #200130792 - #200130964 and claims submitted by:

1. Carmel Central School District	\$3,833.50	Use of Gym
2. City Carting & Recycling	\$4,059.00	Lake Carmel Garbage
3. County of Putnam Dept of Finance	\$4,189.23	Tax Rolls and Bills
4. Timothy J. Curtiss, P.C.	\$5,061.86	September: General
5. Danbury Auto Spring	\$3,506.50	Hwy Truck #31
6. Global Montello Group	\$8,168.50	Diesel
7. Goosetown Communications	\$2,161.06	Gas
8. Kent Seniors	\$5,453.80	GPS
9. NYCOMCO	\$5,081.86	Senior Trips
10. NYSEG	\$20,130.00	2 Way Radios
11. Purchase Power	\$21,109.00	Electric: Police Dept.
12. Royal Carting	\$2,891.00	Postage
	\$2,908.80	Recycling Garbage
	\$3,876.40	
	\$2,000.00	
	\$3,173.34	

In the amount of \$134,298.78 may be paid.

Motion carried unanimously

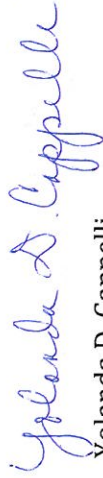
Public Comment

Councilman Huestis announced that there will be Veteran's Day Service at 9:30 a.m. at Veterans Monument on Terry Hill Road. Mrs. Noel looked through the budget and found worker's compensation expenses that total 397,000 there could be more, budgeted for 2015. She asked the board to get costs down, insurance is a huge expense

Resolution #422 - Adjournment

On a motion by Councilman Huestis
Seconded by Councilman Tierney
Resolved: The Town Board meeting of November 6, 2014 adjourned at 9:25 p.m.
Motion carried unanimously

Respectfully submitted,



Yolanda D. Cappelli
Town Clerk