

CLERMONT TOWN BOARD
PUBLIC HEARING
2008 BUDGET
NOVEMBER 5, 2007

The Clermont Town Board held a public hearing on the 2008 Preliminary Budget on this date at 6:30 P.M. Those board members in attendance were Deputy Supervisor Harry Harned, Councilwoman Lent, Councilman Staats and Councilman Nolan. Others present were Robert Desmond, Charles Larsen, Raymond Staats and Dianne O'Neal.

Deputy Supervisor Harned opened the public hearing to the floor for questions.

Dianne O'Neal asked about the figure on sales tax. It has been reported that we will be receiving less and we should know what was received. Deputy Harned said that this has been taken into consideration.

Charlie Larsen asked what the contractual expense in the zoning account is used for. This is for postage, conferences, travel, etc.

Councilman Nolan noted that there is a surplus in the General fund according to the bank statements. The preliminary budget for 2008 shows a zero amount to be raised by taxes in the General fund. This is correct and Deputy Harned would recommend that some of that surplus be transferred or moved. We have to add the fire budget to our budget after the public hearing.

Robert Desmond asked if attorney fees are included in the zoning contractual expenses. Attorney fees are included in contractual expenses.

Bob also suggests moving the surplus into a capital account and building the garage out of money we have rather than bonding it at a high interest. Encourage to continue to do lower estimates on revenues rather than over estimate.

Dagmar Payne asked how much has been spent this year on the Brownfields and where does the money come from? To date we have spent \$113,000.00 and we receive 90% back from DEC of whatever we spend. The budget shows \$330,000.00 as an expense and \$299,700.00 in the revenues.

With no further questions, the public hearing was closed on a motion made by Councilman Nolan, seconded by Councilman Staats at 7:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Helen Shannon, RMC
Town Clerk

