

I would like my statement to be put into the public record and recorded in the minutes.

I strongly disagree with the Town Supervisor's 2011 Town Budget that he has submitted.... here is why

Reducing taxes does not have to mean reducing services, as some would have you believe.

Dave Cobb and I recommended a conservative, but generous pay increase package for all non union employees of 3%.

With the understanding that our school district limited pay increases to 2%.

The Village payroll increases were capped at 2.5%

COLA increases for social security and SSI are 0% for this year and next.

Unemployment ranges from 10 to 18%

The economy is in a recession.

Yet the other 3 members of this board (Tim, Steve and Todd) RAISED this increase by 33% to give all non union employees a 4% increase.

This is irresponsible.

The other reason for my NO vote on this budget is because the same 3 board members have agreed to purchase a \$125,000 truck for the highway dept and have approved increasing the hwy dept expenses by 17%.

David and I voted against these outrageous increases with a savings plan over the next few years to pay for the truck without adding taxes and a plan to "rent" from nearby towns and villages the said truck on a weekly basis for significant savings and part of an overall plan to share services and equipment. The days of every town and village owning all their own (Duplicate equipment) are gone.

Our plan would have reduced taxes and helped every taxpayer.

Vincent Battista