

PUBLIC HEARING

Tuesday, December 2, 2008

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2009 TENTATIVE OTSEGO COUNTY BUDGET

The Chairman called the public hearing to order.

The Clerk of the Board read the Notice of Hearing as follows:

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2009 TENTATIVE OTSEGO COUNTY BUDGET

NOTICE is hereby given that the Board of Representatives of the County of Otsego will meet at the Otsego County Courthouse, second floor Courtroom, located in the Village of Cooperstown, New York, on Tuesday, December 2, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of holding a public hearing on the Tentative Budget of the County of Otsego for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2009. All interested persons will be heard. The location is accessible to persons with a mobility impairment.

FURTHER NOTICE is hereby given that copies of the Tentative Budget and the county's Exemption Report will be available at the offices of the Clerk of the Board of Representatives and the County Treasurer located in the County Office Building in the Village of Cooperstown, New York, where they may be inspected or procured by any interested persons during regular business hours.

Pursuant to Section 359 of the County Law the maximum salary that may be fixed and payable during the fiscal year to members of the Board of Representatives and to the Chairman thereof respectively are hereby specified as follows:

Members of the Board of Representatives	\$10,500
Chairman of the Board of Representatives	\$19,829

Dated: November 14, 2008

Laura A. Child, Clerk
Board of Representatives
Otsego County, New York

The Chairman asked if anyone wished to speak on the Tentative Budget for 2009.

Dorothy Rathbun of Cornell Cooperative Extension commended the County Board for its work on the county budget. She pointed out that the Cooperative Extension Board also works very hard on its budget and requested that no additional county funds for Cooperative Extension be deleted from the county budget.

Cindy Macomber from Oneonta asked several questions in regards to the Mental Health budget, the Social Services budget and employee raises.

Representative Powers thanked the County Board, Myrna Thayne, Carol McGovern

and Ed Keator for their efforts in developing a very good county budget.

Myrna Thayne, County Treasurer, thanked the County Board members for all their help. She stated that the Administration Committee put in a lot of hours in reviewing the budget. The experience was stressful, but also positive.

Since no other persons present wish to be heard, the Chairman declared the public hearing on the 2009 Otsego County Budget closed.