NEWS FROM THE TOWN OF PENFIELD

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Penfield 2011 Preliminary Budget Public Hearing October 6
Opportunity for public comment of Proposed 2011 Budget

PENFIELD, N.Y., SEPTEMBER 21, 2010 – Penfield Town Supervisor Tony LaFountain and the Town Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed Preliminary Budget on Wednesday, October 6 at 7:30 PM at the Town Hall, 3100 Atlantic Avenue.

The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comments on the proposed budget for Town Board consideration prior to adoption of the Final Budget scheduled for October 20. This public hearing follows Supervisor LaFountain’s public presentation of the Tentative Budget to the Town Board and community held on September 15.

“Government at all levels must cut costs and reduce spending,” said Supervisor Tony LaFountain. “Our taxpayers demand all elected officials be fiscally responsible and Penfield has been a leader over the years. This budget holds the tax rate flat while continuing the services our residents value.”

2011 Budget Highlights include:

• The Town tax rate will remain flat at the 2010 level of $2.64 per $1,000 of assessed property value. Penfield’s property tax rate remains among the lowest in Monroe County and is one of only seven towns in the County with a tax rate below $3.00 per $1,000 of assessed property value. The Town of Penfield receives roughly eight cents ($0.08) of each tax dollar. The balance is shared between Monroe County and School Districts.

• The proposed budget of $15.2 M is about .60% above the current 2010 Budget. This is due to a 33% increase in retirement benefits, which resulted in an increase of $280,000 in retirement cost for 2011 and an estimated increase of 13% in medical cost for 2011.

• Revenue projections for 2011 reflect a lower revenue balance for the fiscal year. There is a decrease of $100,000 from mortgage tax and a decrease of $30,000 in income from local revenues.
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Supervisor LaFountain achieved the flat tax rate with a range of actions including attrition, following through on NYSERDA audit recommendations to reduce energy consumption and costs, reducing use of contractors and doing more projects in-house, and adjusting Recreation programs to better cover costs. A trial four-day/ten-hour workweek with public works employees yielded better efficiency (for example, four set-up/take downs a week for projects instead of five) and reduced energy consumption. Also, elected officials, appointed officials, and department heads will receive no pay increase in 2011; making this the second year with no increase for officials and the first year for staff. A grant for facility improvements at the Penfield Community center will also help to offset costs to the Town.

Print copies of the 2011 Tentative Budget have been available since September 16 at the Penfield Public Library, 1985 Baird Road or by contacting the Office of the Comptroller in the Penfield Town Hall, 3100 Atlantic Avenue, in Penfield. Beginning September 25, 2010, the Preliminary Budget will be available online at www.penfield.org for public review prior to the October 6 public hearing.

PENFIELD 2011 BUDGET TIMELINE

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