PENFIELD, N.Y., OCTOBER 20, 2010 – Penfield Town Supervisor Tony LaFountain and the Penfield Town Board adopted the town’s 2012 Final Budget at the October 19 legislative meeting. The adopted $15.27 million budget keeps the town tax rate flat at the 2011 budget level of $2.64 per $1,000 of assessed property value.

The adopted 2012 budget of $15.27 M is 1.63% below the 2011 budget. A major impact on 2012 expenses is the full funding of retirement cost at 18.9% of salary, which is a 16% increase in retirement benefits from 2011; a 12% increase in workers compensation cost; an increase in medical cost; and use of $80,000 to fund the general reserve fund for future upkeep and maintenance of town buildings.

The town tax rate remains one of the lowest in Monroe County. The Town of Penfield receives approximately $0.08 of each tax dollar (8 cents).

Supervisor LaFountain achieved the flat tax rate with a range of actions including not replacing retiring employees, completing NYSERDA audit recommendations to reduce energy consumption and costs, reducing use of contractors and doing more projects in-house, intermunicipal cooperation, and adjusting recreation programs to better cover costs. A four-day/ten-hour workweek for public works employees yielded better efficiency (for example, four set-up/take downs a week for projects instead of
Cutting costs and reducing governmental spending is a mandate from our customers, the taxpayers, that I continue to hear and take very seriously, said Supervisor Tony LaFountain. "We cannot control the dysfunctional state and federal government; locally we can help our residents in a small way by running an effective and efficient town."

The Penfield Town Board reviews a multi-year budget, with projections and expected changes for the next three years. The board bases its outlook on conservative estimates for revenues and a review of the Town of Penfield’s long-term plans and projects. This multi-year outlook is unique among municipalities in Monroe County.

The 2012 Final Budget is currently available online at www.penfield.org. As of October 20, print copies of the 2012 Final Budget will be available 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.

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