

Minutes of San Anselmo Town Council adjourned meeting 8 P.M. June 9, 1976  
(including annual joint meeting with Board of Commissioners Sleepy Hollow Fire Protection District)

Mayor Capurro convened the meeting with Councilmen Colteaux, Reed and Signorelli present. Councilman Toal present at 8:30 P.M.

Commissioners Gould, Gibbs and Ingels present.

Reopening - Non-Departmental Budget No. 421

Following earlier determination to explore purchase rather than rental of an office copying machine M/S Reed, Signorelli to acquire a Toshiba 702a copier with budget adjustments as follows: Acct. 15 increase to \$1,000, Account 19 reduce to -0-, Acct. 30 increase to \$4,293, Acct. 40 (added Acct.) \$3,947, Total budget - no change. Ayes: all present (Councilman Toal absent).

Hearing on Fire Department Budget No. 432

Thomas G. Hendricks, attorney for the Sleepy Hollow Fire Protection District, in an opening statement indicated that the District's participation in the budget session will be limited to questions of specific concern to the District.

The Administrator recommended deletion of \$4,500 Acct. 24 Hydrant Service due to expected one-year moratorium and renegotiation of this program county-wide.

M/S Reed, Signorelli to delete \$4,500 in Acct. 24. Ayes: all present (Absent Councilman Toal).

As to the Administrator's proposal for consolidated dispatching, the Fire Chief commented that he is not opposed, but needs more information which has not been forthcoming from the County Communications Department. It was agreed that the matter would be pursued further by visits to other areas using consolidated dispatching and by requesting precise operating information from the County Director of Communications.

Discussion next moved to capital outlay items. Commissioner Ingels questioned the inclusion of generator and compressor for new Station 1 as a shared cost, and Commissioner Gibbs questioned inclusion of the hose dryer for Station 1. Following explanation that these are portable items which will not be integral to the building, Mr. Hendricks indicated that sharing in the cost thereof was acceptable to the District. Commissioner Ingels stated that in general the District would prefer next year that rather than a column headed Sleepy Hollow "shared budget" that there be substituted a column showing non-shared items only, on an exception basis.

Mr. Ingels called attention to an error in Acct. 19a Rent of property. In the shared budget column, the figure should be \$2,900 rather than \$1,900, since the principal sum for 1976-77 is \$4,000, rather than \$5,000 as in the preceding year. The Administrator agreed that this correction is in order.

Discussion next moved to salaries and benefits, in particular to the Administrator's recommendation for deletion of three authorized but vacant firefighter positions, and conversion of the Clerk Dispatcher position from full-time to half-time effective January 1, 1977. After extensive discussion, M/S Reed, Signorelli, subject to review at the final budget session on June 15th, to give tentative approval to salary and benefit Accounts 01-52 as recommended by the Administrator, except as to the Clerk Dispatcher position, with the understanding that the Administrator and Fire Chief will meet to seek an acceptable compromise prior to June 15th. Passed unanimously.

M/S Toal, Capurro to reinstate the Clerk-Dispatcher position as full time January 1, 1977. Passed unanimously.

Mr. Hendricks stated that the proviso in Section 7a in the new agreement between the parties may come into effect this year in the computation of the charge to Sleepy Hollow. Mr. Hendricks further stated that the District desired two amendments to the new agreement. 1. providing that tax exempt property be counted into assessed value in the Town as well as in Sleepy Hollow, and 2. provision for crediting the District with certain revenues coming into the Fire Department, such as revenue from sale of surplus property in which the District had shared in the original purchase. Town response as to the requested contract was deferred pending study.

Commissioner Ingels then reviewed assessed value figures from the County Assessor for 1975-76 as to the District, San Domenico School and the Town, confirming that the assessed value ratio applicable to 1976-77 billing of the District by the Town is 21.4%, as indicated in the proposed budget.

Adjourned at 11:30 P.M. to 8 P.M. June 10th for further budget hearings.