

part-timers doing it – why can't we have part-timers. Mr. Lazzaro replied we don't have part-timers and we are not going to hire anymore Police Officers. Discussion followed.

Judge Laquidari stated he is letting everyone know that there will be no Court if there is not law enforcement here to protect him, the public and Staff. Mr. Lazzaro said he will be provided the same security coverage that he has now. Judge Laquidari said he just wants everyone aware that there will be no Court if there is no security; then the State will come down. He added Law Enforcement we have now is short-staffed. Security is his top priority for Court; if you tell me I will have coverage, I believe you. He is just letting the Board know that if there is not Officers here like it's suppose to be, he will adjourn Court because he will not risk the safety of himself or his Staff or anyone in Court.

Mr. Porretta asked Mr. Lazzaro if he has talked to the Chief about this; Mr. Lazzaro replied yes, he has. Mr. Porretta said from a feasibility standpoint, he doesn't think it's going to work making the Chief, Lieutenant or Investigator do this. You're going to run into a problem - it's not feasible to pull an Investigator if he is working on a case to come in and cover for Court. He added State Police and Sheriff's Department have always been accommodating on special events; unless Mr. Lazzaro talked to the Sheriff or State Police Major, he doubts they will send two people here. He said you are talking about pulling Police Officers off Road Patrol to save \$22,000.00 – there has to be somewhere else in the Budget to save. After further discussion, Judge Lafler stated they need their line item for security; 1% of the total Budget is not going to make or break the Town. He talked to the Chief and he has not committed to anything; that is his concern.

The Board reviewed other line items in the Budget. Judge Laquidari suggested reducing Equipment (A1110.200) from \$4,500.00 to \$2,000.00. Judge Lafler referred to Education Expense (A1110.405) and said that should remain the same as it is mandatory that Judges have training every year. He added a law was just passed which states it's mandatory for all Court Clerks to have training every year. The Judge said Mrs. VanDoren has moved into a full time spot but is still being paid at the part-time rate. She is doing full time work now with more responsibilities; at some point, this needs to be addressed. Mr. Lazzaro stated he will talk to Mrs. Warfel about that and get back to him.

Mr. DeLelys referred to Court Security (A1110.107) and said the Chief is asking for part-timers. Mr. Lazzaro replied he is not in favor of part-timers – we have a big enough Police force in Seneca Falls. Judge Lafler asked if the tax levy will be raised in the proposed Budget; Mrs. Warfel replied the tax rate is \$3.61, and it will go to \$6.09 as it stands now. Judge Lafler stated if things have to stay as they are, he hopes Mr. Lazzaro's plan works. He added it sounds like the Chief is not on board yet. All he can say is things have to stay as they are with qualified uniformed Police Officers when they hold Court. The Judge said if things don't work out with the Chief, he is requesting that the Board consider leaving things as they are. Lengthy discussion followed relative to Court and the drug problem.

Being there was no further business, the Budget Workshop was adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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