The Annual Budget Hearing of the Valley Central School District was convened at 5:32 p.m. in the Administration Building by President Sheila Schwartz.

PRESENT: Mrs. Schwartz, Mrs. Messing, Mr. Bond, Mr. Byrne, Mr. Conklin, Ms. Lewis and Mr. Wesenberg

ABSENT: None

Also Present: Mr. Xanthis, Mrs. Raymond, Mr. Bellarosa

Also Absent: Media (WVT/THR)

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Mrs. Schwartz welcomed the Board to the required Annual Budget Hearing and made the regular announcements regarding emergency egress, no smoking, public participation, and audiotaping of meeting.

Mrs. Schwartz introduced the Board members present this evening. She then introduced administrators: Mr. John Xanthis, Superintendent of Schools; Mrs. Lisa Raymond, Assistant Superintendent for Business; and Mr. Mike Bellarosa, Assistant Superintendent. Mrs. Schwartz then turned it over to Mrs. Raymond.

Mrs. Raymond referenced and reviewed the three components of the Proposed Budget 2018-2019 and noted the budget represents a 3.11% tax levy increase, which does not exceed the tax cap. She also noted this year’s budget in the amount of $104,023,293.00 is actually a 2.74% increase over last year’s budget.

Mrs. Raymond offered a brief review of the three-part proposed: administrative, program and capital components. Revenues were then reviewed.

Mrs. Raymond reviewed the next Agenda item, Compliance Information, for the Board and members of the public. She noted that the Budget Newsletter, which includes the Six-Day Budget Notice, will be mailed to all District taxpayers following this evening’s Annual Special Meeting and Budget Re-Vote and will be posted on the District website. All of the required additional compliance information is available to the public per State requirement in the document entitled, “Valley Central School District Proposed Budget 2018-2019” (copy attached). This information is available at the Administration Building, all District schools and the Alternative Learning Center. There were no questions from the Board or those in the audience.

Mrs. Raymond then referenced the Board Election Procedure (copy attached) contained in the Proposed Budget and offered a brief review.

Mrs. Raymond offered a reminder of important upcoming dates. Voter registration will take place tomorrow, June 12th in the Administration Offices. Voting will be held on June 19th in the High School.

Mrs. Raymond then reviewed Voter Qualifications & Information (copy attached).

Mrs. Raymond reviewed the process for Absentee Ballots. This information is also available on the District website.

Mrs. Raymond asked if there were any additional questions. There were none.
OTHER

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Berger, Mr. Lown and Mr. Galloway all spoke regarding their concerns with the budget.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Bond moved, Mrs. Messing seconded that the Special Meeting and Public Hearing for Budget Re-Vote be adjourned.

Voting YES: Unanimous [7:0]

Mrs. Schwartz adjourned the Hearing at 6:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Reneé Simerson
Clerk of the Board