



Organization: Fox Hill United Methodist Men
Meeting Date: March 18, 2013
in Attendance: 55

- On the list of cuts, it looks as if it costs a very small amount of money to run Bluebird Gap Farm. Is that really all it takes to run it? I'm not saying we should close it.
- Old Hampton Community Center, isn't it in such a state of disrepair that it would cost a lot more to repair it than to demolish and rebuild? Isn't that just the amount to keep it open without repairs?
- What about the two building projects, taking down Lincoln Park and the new Courthouse project? Where are the funds coming from for those projects? Will there need to be additional staffing or will the staff move?
- Let's cut some things on the list, but not all of it and raise taxes. Why would we give money to CNU and HU?
- What about a public/private partnership for taping the Holly Days Parade?
- On item 7, it says "certain organizations." Can you give some examples?
- Can you clarify 12 (Visitor Center) and 20 which both address the History Museum?
- Social Services needs to be revamped to save money. Do we make recommendations to the federal government for improvements?
- If we don't close the Early Childhood Center, will services for military personnel be put back in place? Services for my son were denied because they will not accept Tricare, so now we have to go to another locality for coverage.
- It does not make sense to raise taxes more than 16 cents at this time for protection or reinvestment. It appears that we're at the bottom of the real estate market or close to it. If that's the case and assessments increase, that will bring in additional revenue. It would be too great a burden on residents to raise taxes more than \$0.16. I'd also like to recommend we save the Hampton Tennis Center. It is a very strong asset for our youth and well used.
- Regarding volunteer fire companies (item 23), the City provides one professional firefighter per volunteer fire company. So volunteers save us a significant amount of regular personnel costs. It would cost more in the long run to cut volunteer funding.
- Is the property tax the only revenue source the City can tap into? Are there other taxes that can be raised?