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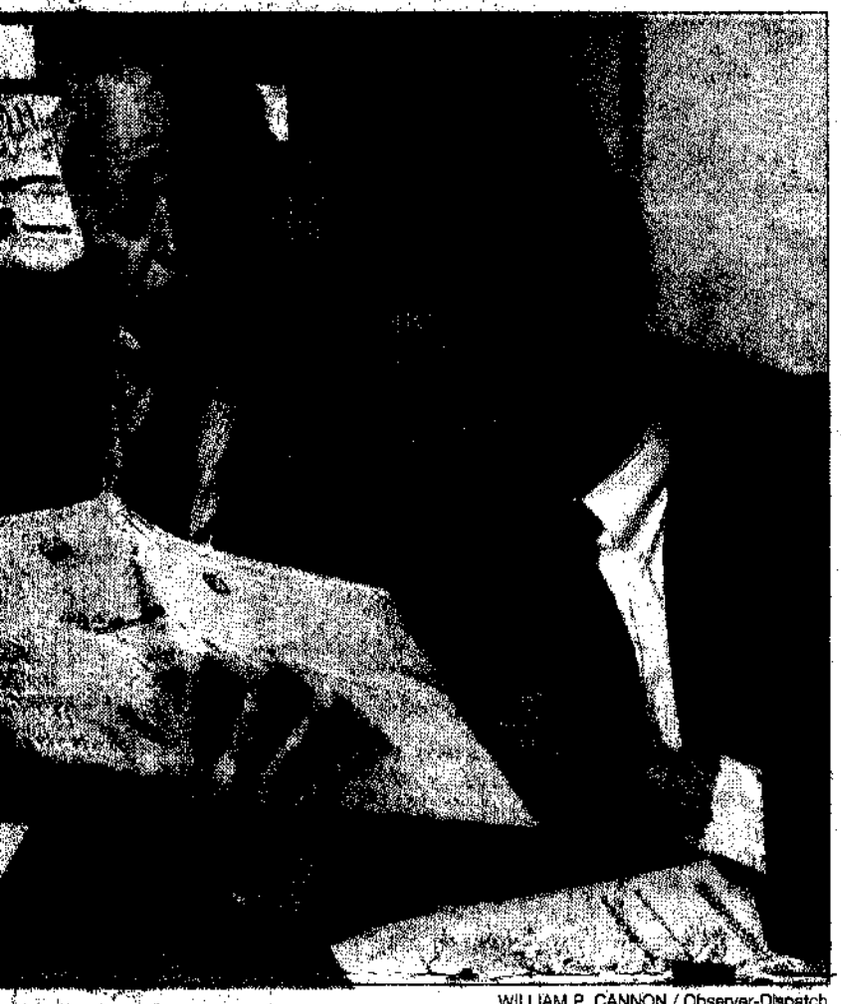

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...sheriff M. Peter Paravati, left, talks with attorney Greg Amoroso as votes for the ...riff are recounted Tuesday at the Oneida County Board of Elections in Utica.

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Daniel LaBella, candidate for Oneida County sheriff, examines a print from a voting machine Tuesday as an election recount is made at the Oneida County Board of Elections in Utica.

New Hartford may share comptroller with Whitestown

Town budget discussion set for tonight

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NEW HARTFORD – The town's proposed $13.2 million spending plan for 2007, which includes a decrease in salary for a proposed comptroller position, will be discussed at 5:30 p.m. today during a Town Board meeting.

Since the Nov. 1 public hearing, town leaders have discussed reducing the comptroller salary from $50,000 to $35,000 and sharing that position, town Supervisor Earle Reed said.

"We might share with Whitestown," Reed said Tuesday. "We both need a CFO, and the CFO would work out of (Oneida County Comptroller) Joe Timpano's office.

"Maybe there's not quite enough work in one town, and it's something we will work on next year," Reed added.

Other adjustments to the budget include adding $200,000 for paving projects, which had been part of the Town Board's recent bond resolutions, Reed said.

"We did put that in for this year," Reed said. "We felt some of that is a yearly expense."

The preliminary budget carries a projected tax rate of $2.05 per $1,000 of assessed valuation, an increase of 2 percent over the 2006 tax rate. That means a homeowner with an assessment of $200,000 would pay $419 in town taxes next year.

According to state law, the budget must be adopted by the board no later than Monday.

Prior to discussion about the budget, a joint public hearing between the Town Board and town Planning Board will take place on the town's proposed comprehensive plan. Consultant Eve Holberg of peter j. smith & company inc. will give a presentation on the plan, which makes recommendations about topics such as zoning, public services and development in the town.

Copies of the plan are available at the Town Clerk's office at Butler Memorial Hall, the Town Planner's office at the Sanger building, the New Hartford Public Library on Oxford Road and online at www.town.new-hartford.ny.us

The hearing will show "what a comprehensive plan is, what it means, what is actually does and what the main points are about what our plan says about the town of New Hartford and the future," town planner Kurt Schwenzfeier said.

Approval of the plan is a two-step process that involves the town Planning Board recommending adoption to the Town Board, which then can move to approve it.

"Once this gets adopted, our next step is definitely to update our zoning code so that it's in compliance with the comprehensive plan," Schwenzfeier said.

The update must be completed within six months to one year of adoption, he said.

In other matters, Reed said he will meet Thursday morning with outgoing Planning Board Chairman N. Joseph Yagey and deputy Chairman Hans Arnold to formally discuss Arnold assuming Yagey's position.

"I think Hans Arnold is the man because he's been the deputy," Reed said. "It's going to be a nice evolution."

The open position on the Planning Board will be advertised, Reed said.