

BUDGET WORK SESSION  
SEPTEMBER 19, 2013

The Gerry Town Board met at 5:00 P.M., September 19, 2013 for a budget work session.

Present were: John R. Crossley, Supervisor  
Gary J. Swan, Councilman  
Richard C. Heath, Councilman  
Linda D. Bartholomew, Councilwoman  
Recia L. Myers, Town Clerk

Proof of Publication was provided by Town Clerk.

Bruce Gustafson and James Miller represented the Gerry Volunteer Fire Department. They presented a breakdown of calls from 2012 and 2013 and an outline of their budget. They ended up losing a lot on the bulls and barrels for 2013. They discussed how they may need new radios required by the state and need at least 20% up front to obtain a grant. The radios could end up being \$80,000.00. Mr. Miller said they could probably get by with 6 and in the next few years they will need new air packs. Supervisor Crossley noted that he will check on the exact prices of the radios through the Sheriff's Department and will notify them. They said they are happy with whatever the board decides.

A representative from the Sinclairville Fire Department presented a budget breakdown and commented that they recently purchased a new ambulance. They are in the same boat as Gerry for the radios as well. He commented that their generator seized the other day and Councilwoman Bartholomew asked how many members they have and he said between 40-45 active members and they are doing away with jr. firefighters and they have to be 16 yrs. old and take the firefighter

course. Supervisor Crossley will contact Sinclairville regarding the radios too. They would be happy with whatever the board decides as well.

Resolution No. 34 -2013. Purchasing New Loader. A motion was made by Councilman Heath, Seconded by Councilman Swan. Approved.

Supervisor Crossley commented that the health insurance is a problem this year. They are unaware of the cost as they will not know until the end of October. The current plans of univera and Independent Health will be changing everything due to the new government insurance to be offered. After discussion a budget session was scheduled for September 26 at 5:00 PM with Beth Korcyl, Insurance Representative, attending to discuss the new insurance and how it affects the town and what options would be for the best interest of the town.

Supervisor Crossley went line by line through the Preliminary Budget. A 3% increase for all employees was presented. Supervisor Crossley will have the accountants run another tentative with a 2% increase just to see how much the Town would save.

The Town Rate was at 4.43% which means a local law would have to be presented due to the 2% CAP regarding the tax levy.

The Buildings line was discussed and any monies leftover from this year could be rolled over for next year for the maintaining of the Town Hall.

The Street lighting light was raised a bit.

The Celebrations account was brought up and Supervisor Crossley commented that the Accountant Laura would love to talk with

Councilwoman Bartholomew for her questions and concern with the Town Picnic account.

Retirement, Social Security, Compensation and Health Insurance lines were all raised.

Town Clerk, Recia Myers, was wondering if the lines on the Zoning were correct, she wanted to double check so she would know what lines she needs to put on the vouchers.

\$20,000.00 was placed in the Machinery Reserve account.

The 2/3, 1/3 split for the Fire Departments is off and after discussion they are thinking about raising Sinclairville Fire Department's line a little to help distribute it evenly.

Supervisor Crossley is going to contact William Duncanson, Jr., Town Attorney, to discuss having a local law drawn up regarding mileage.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 P.M.

Minutes taken by,

Recia L. Myers,  
Town Clerk