

BUDGET WORK SESSION
September 11, 2014

The Gerry Town Board met at 5:00 P.M., September 11, 2014 for a budget work session.

Present were: John R. Crossley, Supervisor
Gary J. Swan, Councilman
Linda D. Bartholomew, Councilwoman
Todd R. Anderson, Councilman
Brian T. Anderson, Highway Superintendent
Recia L. Myers, Town Clerk

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Supervisor Crossley commented that the tentative budget for 2015 currently is just under the 2% cap required. The State is requiring for 2016 that there must be shared services for all municipalities and showing a 1% savings and this will go on for the next four years. The option of combining with all towns with the county plan showing the savings or each entity needs to show the savings. Supervisor Crossley commented there are a lot of unknowns and hopefully the next county meeting a lot of questions can be answered. Supervisor Crossley noted that this coming year the Town should be okay and the question is does the town want to go with the County plan or not.

Brian Anderson, Highway Superintendent, asked if it was okay to transfer money this year that was left over from the highway wages to go into the Machinery accounts and Supervisor Crossley will contact the accountants to see if this is allowed. Brian Anderson, Highway Superintendent, noted that if cuts need to be made he would prefer it to come out of the General Repairs account.

The Gerry Town Board went over line by line the 2015 Tentative Budget. The village line increased by 6.36% and the Town 3.48%. Town Employees received a 3% rate increase. Unemployment Insurance raised 5%. Medical Insurance still needs to be discussed as it varies with different plans. Highway lines for Machinery and Snow Removal were increased due to rising costs for supplies. Brian Anderson, Highway Superintendent, commented that he received a phone call that the price of salt is going up 28%.

After reviewing the tentative budget the board decided to drop the contractual line for Dog Control and Licensing. The Sinclairville Library requested an increase and it was increased on the tentative \$500.00. Supervisor Crossley is going to contact Laura to see if she could attend a Budget Session to help explain how she came up with numbers to the Board. Councilwoman Bartholomew commented that the Recreation Leader noted that she believed she didn't need that many workers for next year as a low turnout occurred this year with kids. Items to be changed to the Tentative Budget will be placed and another Budget Session is scheduled for September 25, 2014 at 5:00 PM.

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 P.M.

Minutes taken by,

Recia L. Myers,
Town Clerk