

BUDGET WORK SESSION  
September 10, 2015

The Gerry Town Board met at 4:30 P.M., September 10, 2015 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  
Tracy Butcher, Deputy Highway Superintendent  
Recia L. Myers, Town Clerk

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Supervisor Crossley commented that he met with the accountants on Tuesday and this is the first he is looking at the tentative budget. There is an 18 cent increase on the village rate that he does not like but the town only had a penny increase which is good.

The Gerry Town Board went over line by line the 2015 Tentative Budget. Most Town Employees received a 3% rate increase. The Justice contractual line raised significantly due to items that were not purchased or being taken care of properly and there computer program software and postage will be a big increase. The accountants will receive \$50.00 a month increase but the line was not increased as it would cover that amount. A new insurance agent is working on the liability insurance for the town and will be getting back to Supervisor Crossley with the numbers soon. The traffic control line increased because Highway Superintendent, Brian Anderson, noted they will be needing more signs and items under that account.

The dog licensing line was removed but Town Clerk, Recia Myers noted that they used that money for tags, rabies clinics and Supervisor

Crossley asked if \$300.00 would be okay and she said it should be fine. The Historian lines remained same. They discussed the Celebrations accounts and added a Holiday Festival line for donations and after discussion they figured to add \$500.00 just for a start and Councilwoman Bartholomew commented they only have \$500.00 for the picnic account and it should be \$1,200.00, Supervisor Crossley will look into that. The State Retirement line went down and medical insurance looks like there might be a decrease so that line was kept the same. The Refuse and Garbage line could possibly lower next year. The Time Warner Cable agreement is in the process of renewing the franchise but they kept fees the same. The Machinery line was increased due to rising costs and the Fire Districts they raised 3% and split 2/3 and 1/3. They raised the street lighting up a little as well.

Supervisor Crossley will contact Insurance Representative Beth Korcyl to go over insurance. Highway Employees requested a 3% raise, Health Insurance to remain the same, uniform costs paid, Health Insurance buy-out to \$3,500.00 per year and President's Day a paid holiday. Councilman Swan noted that the health insurance buy out is way too much and nobody is charging that now. The Town Board agreed to the 3% raise, Health Insurance to remain same at 13% and uniforms to be paid for. The Highway Employees will let them know if that is ok at a later date. Items to be changed to the Tentative Budget will be placed and another Budget Session is scheduled for September 24, 2015 at 5:00 PM.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 P.M.

Minutes taken by,

Recia L. Myers,  
Town Clerk