

BUDGET WORK SESSION  
September 24, 2015

The Gerry Town Board met at 5:00 P.M., September 24, 2015 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.

5:00 PM. Gerry Volunteer Fire Department President, Bruce Gustafson, attended and presented a breakdown of the Fire Department's budget and went over it with the Town Board. Supervisor Crossley asked if they have heard any more on the radio requirements and Mr. Gustafson noted that they have been saving money and received donation money towards the cost and there is no date on when the radio requirements will go into effect yet. Supervisor Crossley will contact Cathy Young's office and find out and if he hears anything he will let the fire dept. know. Mr. Gustafson thanked the Town for the plowing of the parking lots and noted that it helps them save money and commented that the rodeo this year went very well, they are doing well financially this year.

5:15 PM. Sinclairville Fire Department presented a budget breakdown and the same item of the radios was discussed and Sinclairville has not heard anything as well regarding the radios except that they run about \$40,000.00 and Supervisor Crossley explained to them that he would try contacting Mrs. Young's office to find out the status of the radios to them as well. Sinclairville commented that they

have 9 new EMT's possibly coming on which is a big deal as they have not had that many in years.

Supervisor Crossley received a letter from the Cassadaga Valley High School advising the Town that they are working on a project which includes interior work and curbing. The Town Board agreed to authorize the school to be lead seqr for their project.

Supervisor Crossley received a letter from Lori Johnson, Recreation Leader, requesting to discontinue the Easter Egg Hunt due to lack of participation and requested an extra \$200.00 towards Recreation due to rising costs and supplies, the Town Board was fine with the increase. Councilwoman Bartholomew commented that she hates to see the Easter Egg Hunt dissolve and noted that they used to have it at Heritage Village and there was a big turnout. Lori Johnson will be contacted to see if she could contact Heritage Village to see if this could happen for next year.

Supervisor Crossley has been in touch with the Insurance Representative for the town's liability insurance and he is still working on numbers and will get back to him as soon as possible and he has spoken with Beth Korcyl regarding health insurance and she explained that there should be a decrease and will notify him as soon as she has numbers as well.

Supervisor Crossley commented that the Highway guys are fine with the first three items that the town board offered, a 3 % increase, the uniforms to be paid for and health insurance to remain the same at 13% contribution towards. Brian Anderson, Highway Superintendent, requested to use leftover vacation time from the year they accumulate to be rolled into the following year. The Town Board was fine with that, although they would like it to be worded correctly as far as can only use 40 hours at one time per year. The Town Attorney will be contacted to have the item added to the Highway Contract Agreement for 2016.

Supervisor Crossley noted that he checked on the increase for the village rate that they did not like and Laura the accountant used fund balance from the general to reduce the increase. The Village rate went to 3.02% 13 cents and the town rate at 1.07% which is a 0.05 cent increase and still under the tax cap as well as still having \$20,000.00 going to the Highway Reserve Fund.

Recia Myers, Town Clerk, asked about the mileage rate to see what amount she needs to charge and also if the 3% increase includes the mower, cleaner, court officer and Recreation Dept. as well. Supervisor Crossley will check and let her know. Councilwoman Bartholomew asked about the picnic contractual and Supervisor Crossley commented that Laura the accountant said it was \$500.00 set aside and Councilwoman Bartholomew said no it has not been as they could have never done a picnic with that amount and Recia Myers, Town Clerk, will look into the minutes and the old budgets and check and let Supervisor Crossley know the correct amount appropriated.

The public hearing for the Fire Departments is set before the next board meeting beginning at 6:40 PM, October 8.

The meeting adjourned at 5:48 P.M.

Minutes taken by,

Recia L. Myers,  
Town Clerk