

BUDGET WORK SESSION  
October 5, 2017

The Gerry Town Board met at 5:00 P.M, October 5, 2017 for a budget work session.

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

Proof of Publication was provided by the Town Clerk.

Sinclairville Fire Department President Myron Lanphere attended and presented a budget to the Town Board and noted how the Fire Hall is in need of a new roof and air bottles this year. The air bottles are approximately \$900.00 each, and they received them all as a grant and now they are going to be expiring soon at the same time. Councilman Zahm asked if they used a cellular system as Gerry does and Mr. Lanphere said yes and they use the county system to log on but sometimes it is down and they still rely on their radios a lot. Councilman Zahm asked about the building maintenance account on their budget and Mr. Lanphere noted that they just recently started that this year and glad they did has they started fixing the roof and found more leaks during the process. Mr. Lanphere commented how a grant for a new speaker would be wonderful but they are unable to receive that. They replaced all the lights with led lights hoping that will help save money too. Supervisor Crossley thanked the Fire Department for all they do and the town will see what they can do for next year.

The Gerry Fire Department attended and produced a budget showing breakdowns of revenue and expenses for the year. David Hall thanked the highway dept. for removing a dead deer next to the rodeo grounds and Supervisor Crossley looked over the budget and said the ambulance will be paid off next year and Mr. Paul Atwell noted an engine next year will be paid off as well. Mr. Atwell and Mr. Hall noted that they need to make roof repairs and need

new sirens and upgrade air bottles as well just as Sinclairville Fire Dept. has too. Mr. Atwell explained that they must have sirens audible outside as the insurance bureau requires it in case the power is down through a tornado, etc. Supervisor Crossley thanked them for all they do and noted they will do the best they can for them.

The Town Board of the Town of Gerry reviewed line by line over the Preliminary 2018 Budget. After the last budget meeting lines were adjusted which were as follows:

They took the extra \$5,000.00 out for a re-val on the assessor line as they plan on not having one in 2018. The garage, cemetery and park accounts were moved up a little for mowing services.

The garage account was moved down and the General Repairs account went up 2% to help not fall behind on the maintaining of town roads.

The Senior Citizens account moved up an extra \$200.00 for the Sinclairville 76ers.

Supervisor Crossley commented that by the end of the year the Zoning and Planning Boards should be combined, the Town Attorney is working on this and he noted that between the boards they don't have many meetings so it would be in the town's best interest to combine them.

Supervisor Crossley contacted Dog Control officer, Troy Kennelley, and let him know he has been doing a good job but the Town Board would like for him to log everything he does from now on and report once a month.

Councilman Heath asked about the monies received from the park rental to be applied to the park reserve and Supervisor Crossley noted that they can do that they just need a resolution for this and the Town Clerk will draw up a resolution for next month. Councilman Zahm asked about the septic at the park and Brian Anderson, Highway Superintendent, noted that it has not plugged up again and they are going to work on it next year and hopefully they do not have to go through the track, it should not be too expensive he said. Councilman Heath explained to Councilman Zahm that there was a grant they received for the track from the county and they hold money there for maintaining the track alone.

Supervisor Crossley thanked Brian Anderson, Highway Superintendent, for keeping things tight for the budget process and for doing a good job.

Councilman Swan said the Highway Building is starting to look good and Mr. Anderson noted that Kevin Carlson is doing a good job of painting it.

The Highway Department accepted the offer of a 2% raise increase, 13% paid towards health insurance costs, \$3,000.00 for the buy-out of insurance and a boot allowance increase of \$150.00.

Highway Superintendent, Brian Anderson, commented that they have a 1949 Osh Gosh truck on the Town's insurance policy and it is split with Cherry Creek and Charlotte and the town does not have any need for it. The Town of Charlotte uses it all the time and he asked about looking into pulling it off the town's insurance as he is concerned if something were to happen the town would be liable. Supervisor Crossley will contact the Town of Charlotte Supervisor to discuss this.

Supervisor Crossley noted that he spoke with the Judge regarding interpreters for the court system and he said they can only use a certified interpreter and the Office of Court Administration will not reimburse costs for this.

Local Law No. 1 of 2017 "A Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law 3-C." was introduced and a public hearing will be set On November 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:20 PM. Public Hearings for the fire protection districts will be held October 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 PM and 6:30 PM and the Preliminary Budget Hearing is set for November 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM.

The meeting adjourned at 6:52 PM

Minutes Taken By,

Recia L. Myers,  
Town Clerk