

November 16, 2011

The Saratoga Town Board met at 6:00 p.m. in the town office. Chairman Rickaby called the meeting to order. All members were present. The meeting was officially noticed.

A Public Hearing on the 2012 proposed budget for the Town of Saratoga was held at 6:00 p.m. in the town hall. Chairman Rickaby called the meeting to order. The meeting was officially noticed. Two town residents were in attendance.

Chairman Rickaby explained the proposed budget. After discussing the budget, Forbes made a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing. Passineau seconded it. Motion passed.

Chairman Rickaby called the Special Meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. The meeting was called to approve the 2012 highway expenditures according to Wisconsin Statutes Section 81.01(3) and approve the local tax levy according to Wisconsin Statutes Section 60.10(1) (a) and to set the wages for the elected officials for the next term to begin in April 2012.

Wayne Coon made a motion to approve the 2012 highway expenditures as stated in the proposed budget. Dan Forbes seconded it. Motion passed.

Douglas Passineau made a motion to accept the 2011 local tax levy stated in the proposed budget. John Frank seconded it. Motion passed. The local tax levy will raise \$.68 from 2010, \$1.78 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. The increase is due to the loan taken out to pay the fire contracts from 2011. It will be paid off from the taxes that are collected.

Wages for the elected officials were discussed. No raises will be given to the Supervisors that will start in April 2012.

Passineau made a motion to adjourn the Special Meeting. Heeg seconded it. Motion passed.

The Regular Town Board Meeting was called to order by Chairman Rickaby at 6:10 p.m.

Passineau made a motion to adopt the 2012 proposed budget. Forbes seconded it. Motion passed.

Forbes made a motion to approve the November 2nd, 2011 minutes. Heeg seconded it. Motion passed.

Lorelei Fuehrer gave the building inspectors report. She has issued 4 permits in November. She inspected the shed for Greg Krueger, 12131 52nd St. They do not have any electric in the shed. Forbes made a motion to refund the overpayment of the permit. Frank seconded it. Motion passed.

Lorelei checked on a **lean to** located at 8949 Pine Street. It was being built to close to the lot line. He will take the **lean to** down. Lorelei would like to purchase some office supplies. The board agreed that she may purchase the supplies she needs.

Minutes amended January 4, 2012 changed from fence to **lean to**.

Annie Greeno from the Homemaker's Club, would like to be able to use the board room a few times during tax time to make neck coolers for troops in the middle east. Board agreed that they may use the meeting room.

The board reviewed proposals for 10 year fire contracts with all three fire departments. Rome Fire department would like to keep the .75 of the mill rate for the 10 years, with a minimum payment of \$24,000. Nekoosa would like to keep the mill rate at .75 of a mill for 10 years. Grand Rapids would like to keep theirs at .625 of a mill for the 10 years. Forbes

made a motion to accept the proposals except for the minimum payment of \$24,000 for Rome. He will only agree to the .75 of the mill. Frank seconded it. Motion passed. Passineau stated that he would like to have seen all the contracts at .625 of a mill.

The board discussed the planned road construction on Young Street. The Town got the TRIP grant for the reconstruction of Young Street. They are also looking at extending it ¼ mile further than it currently lies. That project has to be separate from the reconstruction for the grant to be used. Roland Hawk from Jewell Associates submitted a proposal for the engineering and paperwork of both phases of the project. The proposal for the reconstruction is \$17175.00. The proposal of the new construction engineering is \$33950.00. The cost may be lower if some of the meetings can be held at the same time. Forbes made a motion to accept the proposal. Heeg seconded it. Motion passed.

The board discussed the reconstruction of Townline Road. The Town should know if we received a grant for this project by March 2012.

The board discussed the purchase of land for the Bell Road bridge project. The Town will need to purchase .49 acres from the DNR for this project to start. We are not sure of the cost of the land yet. The engineering firm does not do the land purchase it is up the Town to follow thru with that.

Forbes made a motion to accept the Certified Survey Map for Sonja Lewis. Heeg seconded it. Motion passed.

Frank made a motion to accept the contract with the Humane Society for 2012. It is the same as 2011's contract. Heeg seconded it. Motion passed.

The board discussed heating for the hall. To save money the hall temperature will be turned down to 50 degrees when it is not in use.

Frank made a motion to approve the operator's license for Michelle Jensen. Heeg seconded it. Motion passed.

Dave Ryun gave the Constable's report. Dennis Trickle paid his ticket. He gave a clean-up plan to the board and will be putting a shed up in the spring and will put his things in the shed. The board agreed that will be fine. Ramsden is scheduled for court November 30. The board wants the agreement with the storage containers to state that an extension will need to be given to anyone that wants the container for more than 60 days at their property.

Billie-Jo Kester gave the Treasurer's report.

Correspondence was read.

Passineau made a motion to approve the bills paid. Forbes seconded it. Motion passed.

Passineau made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Frank seconded it. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:32p.m.

Heidi Kawleski
Town Clerk

