

November 16, 2016

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

A Public Hearing on the 2017 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. Seven town residents were in attendance.

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

Chairman Rickaby called the Special Meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. The meeting was called to approve the 2017 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 2017.

Bruce Dimick made a motion to approve the 2017 highway expenditures as stated in the proposed budget. Andy Selenske seconded it. Motion passed.

Doug Passineau made a motion to accept the 2016 local tax levy stated in the proposed budget. Patty Heeg seconded it. Motion passed. The local tax levy is set at \$686,556.

Wages for the elected officials were discussed. The Board and Chairman positions have not gotten a pay wage increase since 2010. The Board proposed as a whole that the wages for the two Supervisors and Chairman not take a pay raise for the two year term. Doug Passineau made a motion to not raise the wage for the Supervisor and Chairman positions that are up for election in April 2017. Heeg seconded it. Motion passed.

The Clerk and Treasurer positions have not had a wage increase since 2011. The Constable's last increase was 2015. Passineau made a motion to keep the same wage for those positions for the two-year term to begin April 2017. The Clerk will get a per diem of \$50 instead of \$40 for meetings that minutes need to be taken. Frank seconded it. Motion passed.

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

The Regular Town Board Meeting was called to order by Chairman Rickaby at 6:15 p.m.

Heeg made a motion to adopt the 2017 proposed budget. Frank seconded it. Motion passed.

Frank made a motion to approve the November 2, 2016 meeting minutes. Heeg seconded it. Motion passed.

The Board reviewed the bids that were received from the City of Nekoosa, City of Wisconsin Rapids, and United Emergency Medical Response.

The City of Nekoosa would be \$83,210 plus \$25 per EMT for Length of Service retirement for 2017. The contract would be for a period of 5 years and there would be an increase of 0-6.5% per year.

United's bid was for \$53,502.90 for 2017.

Wisconsin Rapids Fire Department submitted a 3 year contract that would start at \$46,602, with a \$.25 increase per capita per year. They will offer 3 hours of training a month to the Saratoga EMS and will pay the Town \$10 per call that at least 2 EMS's are present.

Passineau made a motion to start Ambulance service with the City of Wisconsin beginning 2017. Frank seconded it. Motion passed.

Heeg made a motion to approve the Class B Beer and Liquor license and Cigarette license for Agnieszka Heldak for Kimmer's Cheers & Bites located at 784 Hwy 73 South. Frank seconded it. Motion passed.

Passineau made a motion to approve the Certified Survey Map for Debra Schroer. Heeg seconded it. Motion passed.

Frank made a motion to approve the rental of the hall for the Park Institute for \$100. Heeg seconded it. Motion passed.

Frank made a motion to borrow \$316,871 from Nekoosa Port Edwards State Bank for a period of one year with an interest rate of 2.25%. The money is for the Ambulance and Fire contracts for the Town. Passineau seconded the motion. Heeg abstained for conflict of interest. Motion passed.

Wood County has been the provider for election services for the Town since 2005. Since then there has been many changes to the election law, making it more difficult for them to continue to be the Towns' provider for WisVote. The County has made notice to the Town that they will no longer provide the service to the Town beginning 2017.

Lorelei Fuehrer gave the Building Inspector's report.

Billie-Jo Kester gave the Treasurer's report. The Giving Tree, in memory of Daniel Weinfurter will be at the Town office during tax season. Please purchase a gift for a child from the Wisconsin Rapids School District.

There is a new tax program starting this year. A resident should be able to see up to date information about when their taxes are paid at the Wood County Treasurer's website.

Dave Ryun gave the Constable's report.

Correspondence was read.

Frank made a motion to approve the bills paid. Heeg seconded it. Motion passed.

Passineau made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Heeg seconded it. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Heidi Kawleski
Town Clerk