

November 19, 2014

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 2015 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. Eight 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 2015 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 2015.

Bruce Dimick made a motion to approve the 2015 highway expenditures as stated in the proposed budget. Rhonda Carrell seconded it. Motion passed.

Patty Heeg made a motion to accept the 2014 local tax levy stated in the proposed budget. Doug Passineau seconded it. Motion passed. The local tax levy increased by \$.22 from 2013, \$1.95 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation.

Wages for the elected officials were discussed. The Board proposed as a whole that the wages for the two supervisor and the Chairman positions not take a pay raise for the two year term. Passineau made a motion to not raise the wage for the Supervisor positions that are up for election in April 2014. Frank seconded it. Motion passed.

The Clerk chose no pay raise for no pay raise for 2015-2016 term. Heeg made a motion to not raise the wage for the Clerk position. Passineau seconded it. Motion passed.

The Treasurer chose no pay raise for no pay raise for 2015-2016 term. Passineau made a motion to not raise the wage for the Treasurer position. Heeg seconded it. Motion passed.

The Constable position has had increased job responsibilities and has not had a pay increase for 6 years. Heeg made a motion to raise the wage of the Constable by \$1200/year. Frank seconded it. Motion passed.

Frank 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 6:24 p.m.

Passineau made a motion to adopt the 2015 proposed budget. Heeg seconded it. Motion passed.

Frank made a motion to approve the Certified Survey Map for Calvery Chapel of Wisconsin Rapids. Passineau seconded it. Motion passed.

Passineau made a motion to increase the roadmen wages by \$.31 an hour for 2015 and another \$.31 an hour for 2016. Frank seconded it. Motion passed.

Frank made a motion to increase all Town worker positions by \$.50 an hour for 2015-2016. Heeg seconded it. Motion passed.

The Board discussed the winter fill-in process for snowplow drivers. Frank made a motion to approve Dean Francis, Michael Sullivan, and Doug Passineau as fill-in drivers if needed by the Town. Heeg seconded it. Passineau abstained. Motion passed.

Lorelei Fuehrer gave the Building Inspector's report. She reviewed what was discussed at the Plan Commission meeting. Rezoning on 2 properties and the Comprehensive Plan was discussed.

Billie-Jo Kester gave the Treasurer's report.

Dave Ryun gave the Constable's report. Leo Piatz is bringing more things on the 10720 St Hwy 13 property and the Town has received no response for proof of vehicle registrations. Dave will issue a ticket for violation of the nuisance ordinance. The Town will have to start working on other property clean-ups in the spring.

South Shore Drive has been signed at 25 mph.

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 7:30 p.m.

Heidi Kawleski
Town Clerk