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Town of Arcadia Minutes of the Public Budget Hearing Meeting Monday, November 21, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

The Public Budget Hearing meeting was called to order directly after the Regular Board Meeting by Chairman Jon Schultz at 7:54 p.m. Open meeting certifications were met. Roll call was taken. Board members present: Chairman Jon Schultz and Supervisors Barb Tock and Donna Brogan. A list of residents that attended the meeting is attached.

A motion was made by Jon Schultz and seconded by Barb Tock to adopt the agenda. The motion carried unanimously with a voice vote.

Clerk/Treasurer N. Rohn explained the 2017 budget by reviewing each line item for both the income and expenses spreadsheet. The next topic covered was how the debt load is handled. A loan was taken out earlier in the year to help purchase new equipment. The annual repayment of \$70,000 was calculated into the budget. With the increase in the levy during a special meeting in 2013 the Town receives approximately \$50,000 each year. This was initially going to help rebuild accounts, but a decision was made to use these funds to help pay the equipment loan annual payment. The 2017 budget for the Township is \$926,968, which is a slight increase of \$1527 over the 2016 budget. She then explained that the Town Board worked with the Arcadia-Glencoe Fire Department to take out a loan to help pay for a new fire engine. Even though the funds for repayment will be paid by the Fire Department, the annual amount had to be published. With this being said, the overall total for the published budget is \$965,468.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

J. Schultz opened the floor to public comments regarding the 2017 proposed budget.

****Beth Killian** – commented that the line item for Mississippi Sand will be “0” for quite some time, until the mine is operational again.

****Ivan Pronschinske** – wanted to know when the constituents will see the tax increase from 2013 end. He thought that it was only supposed to be for 3 to 4 years. He also referenced a mistake that Clerk N. Rohn made during the 2012 season. N. Rohn explained that at the time there were 4 events that occurred which led

to State revenue being less than normal. She also continued by saying that a special meeting was held and the tax increase was agreed upon by the attendees. The former Board said that there would not be a “sunset”. Karen Geske confirmed this statement. She said that during the special meeting she fought for this increase to have an ending date, but the former Board stated that the increase would remain in place.

****Ivan Pronschinske** – asked where the money from the four public cemetery CD’s went. He continued by saying that nothing is being taken care of at the cemeteries. N. Rohn explained that the former Board decided that since expenses for the cemetery were being taken out of the General Fund, the CD’s would be cashed and added to that fund.

****Ivan Pronschinske** – commented about the lawsuit. He stated that he doesn’t understand why the Town Board continues the lawsuit as it doesn’t make any sense. Pronschinske said that since the Town is receiving road use agreement funds of \$34,000 why is the lawsuit pursued? Barb Tock said that the \$4500 tax money for the annexed land would be in perpetuity. J. Schultz responded by saying he would like to see sand mines operated under the Township, and not have another entity try to regulate. He continued by saying that other townships were reimbursed for expenses, and that the Board is now trying to gain leverage. If the Township would have joined the lawsuit initially it would have been less expensive for legal fees. Pronschinske commented that we are chasing people out of the Township; losing \$50,000 in tax revenue. Schultz countered by saying that the market variance has to also come into play.

****Ivan Pronschinske** – brought up the Clerk/Treasurer position that was discussed during the Annual Meeting in April. He commented on how \$1000 was spent on legal fees to interpret what transpired during the meeting as there were so many motions. In his opinion the meeting was not ran very well. He then questioned why the salary split didn’t appear right on the spreadsheet. After a brief discussion it was determined that the salary was calculated for the split in duties to occur in April, after the spring election.

****Karen Geske** – questioned whether or not an auditor would be needed for this year. B. Tock replied that yes, an auditor must be hired for this year since the Clerk/Treasurer position was still combined.

Chairman Schultz adjourned the meeting at 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Nancy Rohn
Town of Arcadia Clerk/Treasurer
