

Budget Workshop Meeting

November 3, 2016

Call to Order by Supervisor Gary B. Searing at 9:30 a.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call by the Town Clerk, Jo Anne Cox, found the following board members present:

Supervisor Gary B. Searing

Councilman Jim Young

Councilman Gerald Dudek

Councilman David Ward

Councilman Don Oltz

also present: Bookkeeper Lisa Schiminske

Highway Kerry Smith

Salaries: After reviewing on an individual basis, salaries were discussed and approved. Motion to set salaries for the Town of Fleming 2017 Budget was made by Councilman Ward, Seconded by Councilman Oltz. APPROVED AYES 5-0

Comments Regarding the Budget: The Bookkeeper, Lisa Schiminske, discussed a memo she presented to the board regarding salaries for ZBA and Planning Board members. She presented a plan that would require the chairmen to submit an attendance sheet after each monthly meeting. Members would be paid per meeting. The easiest way to achieve this for payroll would be to adopt a salary that is evenly divisible by twelve (assuming twelve meetings per year). That would put the chairmen and members a few dollars over current salaries. This will be sent to Attorney Mike Quill to be reviewed for legality purposes. Motion was made by Councilman Ward to allow extra money in the budget pending the adoption of this policy at the December board meeting which would then be effective January 2017, seconded by Councilman Oltz. APPROVED AYES 5-0

Councilman Dudek questioned the additional money from the Water Haulers Station. A reserve fund will be further discussed at the December board meeting.

The Budget portion of this meeting was closed.

Councilman Young mentioned the Sterling Nature Center Functional Management Plan 2016-2025 available to review at the Town Clerks office. Councilman Young also spoke about the possibility of combining an inter-municipal agreement between Fleming, Owasco & Springport. He feels there is a potential to save an extreme amount of money. Councilman Oltz also brought up the progress of the water pressure issue on Stone School and Silver Street Road. Supervisor Searing will place a call to Brent Rosiek of Clarke Patterson Lee.

Bookkeeper, Lisa Schiminske, also reminded everyone of the final Budget Meeting on Thursday, November 10th at 5:30 p.m.

Motion to accept the bids on the five surplus items from the Highway Department was made by Councilman Oltz, seconded by Councilman Young. APPROVED AYES 5-0

Presentation from Real Property: Present were Assessor Fred Farrell, Director of Real Property Tax Kelly Anderson, Real Property Staff Tammy Schramm and Jeanne Hering, NYS Department of Taxation and Finance Katherine Garbutt & Peter Lin. The presentation was to discuss the timeline of what a reassessment would entail. Katherine and Kelly both spoke in length. If applying for aid on the basis of the 2018 assessment roll, the town must submit a board resolution to ORPTS (Office of Real Property Tax Services) that indicates support by the City/Town to proceed with reassessment. This must be submitted to ORPTS a minimum of 120 days prior to the filing of the tentative assessment roll implementing the reassessment (by January 1, 2018). Katherine said she would advise starting as soon as possible, but no later than March 2017 with a full data collection which would take about 5 months to gather. There should be numerous public hearings to keep the public well informed. Katherine handed out a sample Data Collection Card Mailer. Kelly recommended having a public meeting before the mailer is out. She advised you do not want the public seeing people measuring and taking photos before they understand what is happening. Kelly also stated it is imperative the assessor is current with weekly replications to the county and state data base-RPS. Kelly said the key is accurate data and said she feels Fred's assistant Onea needs more training and would like to meet with her. The project would be complete in 2018. The board was unanimous at the December town board meeting they will approve a Resolution Supporting Town Assessor in Updating of "Year" Assessment Roll". This would finalize a commitment to the state and the county they will be fully involved. This will first be reviewed by our Attorney Mike Quill. The first internal meeting with the assessor, county and the state will take place Monday, November 14th at 4:00 p.m. to review conditions of current records and make sure all is backed up.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Dudek, seconded by Councilman Oltz. The time was 11:10 a.m. APPROVED AYES 5-0

Respectfully Submitted,

Town Clerk