

TOWN OF FLEMING
BUDGET WORKSHOP
OCTOBER 16, 2017

Call to Order by Supervisor Gary B. Searing at 9:00 a.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call by Deputy Town Clerk, Cindy Schiminske, 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 Supt. Kerry Smith
John Sheftic, Fleming Fire Dept 1
Scott Kehoe, Fleming Fire Dept 1

Payment of Utility Plow from Sewer Fund: Bookkeeper Lisa Schiminske brought up the fact that if we take the sewer portion of this cost (\$3,039.00) from the sewer equipment line, it will deplete it. She recommended expending it from the sewer equipment reserve. Motion was made by Councilman Ward to pass a Resolution that the sewer portion of the plow cost of \$3,039.00 be expended from the Sewer Equipment Reserve account, seconded by Councilman Oltz. This was approved on the following roll call:

Councilman Young	YES
Councilman Dudek	YES
Councilman Ward	YES
Councilman Oltz	YES
Supervisor Searing	YES

Health Insurance: Further discussions were had on the health insurance plans and the increase in contribution by the employees. The representative from Tompkins Insurance will come in to meet with the employees.

Salaries: After reviewing on an individual basis, 2018 salaries were discussed and approved.

Relevy Fee: Increasing the relevy fee was brought up and discussed. Currently, we are charging \$20.00 per water account. Motion was made by Supervisor Searing to pass a resolution for an increase in the relevy fee from \$20.00 to \$75.00 for each water account for which water and sewer arrears are relevied to the County tax bills, seconded by Councilman Oltz. This was approved on the following roll call:

Councilman Young	YES
Councilman Dudek	YES
Councilman Ward	YES
Councilman Oltz	YES
Supervisor Searing	YES

Sewer Rate: The need to increase the sewer rate to Fleming customers was discussed. The Town can't count on surplus monies anymore as due to the very wet year we've had, the surplus monies were expended. The Town collects a portion of sewer money on the taxes to help keep the rates down. The maximum amount that can be put on the taxes for 2018 is \$36,000.00 due to the tax cap, which is 1.84%. Based on the projected sewer rate sheet that Clark Patterson provided, the rate would come out to be \$6.09 per 1,000 gals. The consensus among the Board Members was that \$6.00 would be the new rate which would be effective January 1, 2018. It will be discussed and voted on at the November 13th Town Board Meeting.

Review Year 2018 Budgets for all Funds:

- (a) General
- (b) Highway
- (c) Water District #1
- (d) Sewer
- (e) Waste
- (f) Water District #6
- (g) Capital Project
- (h) Lighting Districts 1,2,3
- (i) Cemetery
- (j) Knolls Drainage
- (k) Fire Departments 1 & 2

The funds above were discussed.

John Sheftic and Scott Kehoe were present on behalf of Fleming Fire Dept 1. They brought up the future projects coming up in the town (hotel and additional tractor trailer traffic) together with the increase in their operating costs. Lisa stated that in 2016 the fire departments were budgeted \$103,525.00 which went to \$110,000.00 in 2017. The Town Board indicated that their hands are tied with the tax cap.

Budget Hearing Date: Thursday, November 9, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Councilman Dudek, seconded by Councilman Oltz. The time was 9:45 a.m. APPROVED AYES 5-0

Respectfully Submitted,


Deputy Town Clerk