

The Town of Lake Tomahawk held a special Town Board Meeting on October 24, 2017 in the Raymond F. Sloan Community Center. All notices were posted according to the Open Meeting law and the media was notified.

Present: Chairman George DeMet, Supervisors Sowatzka and Hoffman, Treasurer Lynch and Clerk Schneider.

Chairman DeMet read the Agenda of the Special Town Board Meeting of October 24, 2017 and called the meeting to order at 8:00 A.M.

Approve the Agenda: Sowatzka made a motion to approve the Agenda of 10/24/17; seconded by Hoffman. Motion carried, all ayes.

Re-appoint Jeff Smith to the Sanitary District as Commissioner: DeMet made a motion to re-appoint Jeff Smith to the Sanitary District as commissioner, seconded by Sowatzka. Motion carried, all Ayes.

Renew Assessor contract with Ed O'Meara: DeMet said Ed has been our Assessor for several years. He came in with the lowest bid of \$9,700 annually and he is keeping that price for the next 3 years. DeMet made a motion that we renew the contract with Ed O'Meara; seconded by Sowatzka. Motion carried, all Ayes.

Transfer \$50,000 from the Road Construction Fund Balance to current Road Department budget line item 2055: Blacktop and Sealcoat: DeMet said we have that money in Fund Balance and we have to transfer it to the general budget for 2017 to pay for the 2 miles of road work we did this year. DeMet made a motion to move \$50,000 from the Fund Balance to the general Budget to pay for the road work done in 2017. Seconded by Hoffman; Motion carried, all Ayes.

Finalize 2018 Budget for November 15, Budget Hearing: DeMet started at Page 1 of the Budget. We have not increased the Tax Levy from last year. It stayed the same at \$714,224.00. Under Intergovernment Revenue, we did get an increase under 420 Highway Aid, it went up an estimate of \$2,200 a mile and now it's \$2,389. That's a considerable boost in Highway Aid, roughly \$11,000.

Trip Grant: DeMet was unable to attend the meeting as it was our Board Meeting. Scott went and we may be in line for something; we will find out next month, November 3rd. The way they do it is that there is \$200,000 or some that the County gets. The County then picks 7 out of 21 towns each biennium, divide it up and each town gets \$25,000 to \$30,000 or somewhere in there. Lake Tomahawk was 10 on the list for this year's biennium, but two of the towns might have opted out so we might qualify. This is a state program and they take the name Local Road Improvement Project. This is something they give out every two years. You have to make application and certain standards have to be met in order to accept the money. DeMet thought we needed to have engineers sign off on the road work. We got it in 2014, for Rainbow Road from McNaughton State Camp. There is a possibility that we may get some money, but it's not in our budget that we will get it.

We do get rental of town property, Sloan Building & Concession stand. We do get room Tax, sale of cemetery lots, Launch Fees which was up this year. We did very well in launch fees & launch permits.

On next page, surplus applied from, you will see where we took \$173,620.94 for the new truck and the \$50,000 we are applying for road construction shows up for this year. Then the \$1,500 for the Bike/Hiking Trail was a donation that we received last year from Oneida County Biking & Hiking Trails Council. We haven't done anything with it yet.

General Government: See the notes on the right. Under Elections, 1071, we increased the budget to \$5,000, election mileage to \$500 and election meals to \$300, as we will be having more elections this year. Congress, governor, primaries and we will have to be a new voting machine this year. Even though our old voting machine works perfectly well we have to update to a new system. The Cost of the machine is a little over \$2,000, plus there is a \$300 a year maintenance charge. Other than those two changes, there are no other changes in general government. We went down on the total for general government.

Fire Department: Doug makes this out every year and he keeps it about the same every year. There aren't any great increases or decreases. 1427 Retirement-LOSA (length of Service award); we put in so much money for each fireman and the State matches it.

Road Department: This is where all the money goes. You will see the one blank line under 2055, Blacktop & SealCoat. What we have done in the past, we add up all of our income and all of our expenses and what are left over goes into the Blacktop and SealCoat Fund. That number will be determined once our budget is finalized. It should come out some \$200,000 and some dollars. Pat Christy and George worked up this budget with the help of Greg.

Insurance: The policy changed this year. Greg is no longer covered under the policy as he is on Medicare. Doug's insurance went down because he is divorced. Scott's premium went up because of the change in deductible, etc. We pay 90% of their premium and an additional contribution to their deductible and that is where Scott had a problem. We are only allowed to match \$6,000 a year and Scott's deductible is \$7,000.

Gravel: We just paid for the 2,000 tons this year, but we have ordered another 8,000 tons for next year and that will run \$48,000. The total of \$420,524 does not reflect the Blacktop and Seal; that's why it looks so much lower.

Town Clean Up, Land Fill, Contracted Services are pretty much the same stuff. Sewer User Fee should come down.

Information Booth: This is pretty much the same. The only difference is that we had to upgrade our telephone because we were not getting Wi Fi; at least, they said we weren't paying for it so our telephone bill will go up.

Cemetery: That will stay pretty much the same as well.

Parks: The \$4,000 in there was for looking into increasing the parking area. DeMet did call MSA in Rhinelander and the guy didn't call back until last night, a week later. He was out of town.

He thought about asking Pitlik & Wick to give us an estimate on what it would cost to increase the parking area, but they are busy also so it's still in the works. Beautification is now being taken care of by the parks.

Website Committee: We kept the same amounts for contracted services of \$2,500 and \$100 for supplies, but took out the \$600 for Wi Fi as it never got spent. We have no debt under Debt Reduction.

Subsidies: Beautification Committee is part of the Parks Commission so there is no budget for that. Under Children's Christmas Party, it should read Christmas & Halloween for \$500.00. Amy Monday and Michelle have a substantial amount of money through the sale of the calendars that they are going to give for the Children's parties, around \$3,000.

Senior Center, Lakeland Retirement Center: She was in some time ago and requested money for the rebuilding. This is the place that burned down and didn't have insurance. We had given them \$200 in the past, but this was when they were operating. She didn't mention an amount so it's whatever we come up with. Hoffman made a motion to give them \$1,000, seconded by Sowatzka. Motion carried, all Ayes.

Tomahawk Lakes Association: Sowatzka made a motion to keep the Budget at \$4,000, seconded by Hoffman. Motion carried, all Ayes.

Lake Tom Lion's - 4th of July Parade: Last couple of years; we have given them \$5,000. Stayed the same.

Fireworks at \$7,500 stayed the same.

Sno-Fleas: We have been giving the Sno Fleas \$1,000 a year for many years. Last year Mazurczak made a motion that we take \$10,000 out of Parks and divide it up between Sno Fleas and Hike & bike Trail. So we took \$6,000 out of Parks and gave \$3,000 each to Sno Fleas and Bike Trail. Kevin Krueger had stopped in earlier today and asked for the full \$4,000 to help with the trails. We are committed to them to give the \$4,000, but what we do next year is up to us. In Kevin's letter, he is asking for next year, \$2,000. DeMet made a motion to put \$2,000 in the budget for 2018; seconded by Sowatzka, motion carried, all Ayes.

Bike Trail - \$1,500 was a donated amount and that will stay. \$3,000 was not used and it will go back to the general fund. We can sit on the \$1,500 until we decide what to do with it.

Animal Control: We have had some major expenses with Beavers and we have put \$2,000 in the Budget to control the Beavers.

Funds for Future Use: Every year we put in money so that we can build up the balance to replace equipment, trucks, machinery, building addition, whatever we need. When we bought the new truck, we didn't have to borrow any money. Most other towns have to borrow the money. Treasurer Lynch said that we are one of the few towns that do not have any debt.

This is what we will be presenting to the people on the 15th of November. We will have the regular meeting on November 8th and the Budget hearing on November 15th at 7:00 P.M. What happens is that we go through the Budget with the Town's people and then the Town has to approve the Budget. So we close that meeting and then the Town has to have another meeting to approve the levy which is \$714,224.

DeMet asked if there were any changes anyone wanted to make to the budget, there were none.

Mike said he would drop the books off to the accountant by the 1st, so that we get them back in time for our next meeting and prior to the budget hearing, in the event she has any changes that need to be made.

Adjournment: DeMet made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Sowatzka. Motion carried, all Ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy J. Schneider, Clerk