

Public Budget Hearing  
December 4, 2014

Tom Egan opened the Public hearing of the proposed 2015 Budget at 6:00 pm on December 4<sup>th</sup>. Peggy Hendricks presented the 2015 Budget. A power point presentation was presented. The meeting was adjourned at 6:15

Tom Egan opened the Special Meeting of Electors at 6:15. 15 residents signed the Roll Call registry.

Discussion of 2015 elected officers salary compensation:

Ellen Newman asked why this was not done at the Annual Meeting. It was never brought up at that time. New officials are elected every two years and according to State Statutes, discussion and action can be taken at this meeting as it is included in the agenda.

Hendricks read off the April 2013 – April 2015 salaries of the Town of Rushford elected officials. Patsy Pomplun asked if the per diems were broken down separately. In the budget, it is only broken down as zoning per diems and the mileage, meetings and other per diems such as writing dog license, real estate inquiries, and building permits are lumped together. Mileage is paid at the state rate and meetings are \$30.

Fred Kasten said that most townships in the area are paying \$17,000 to \$27,000 for clerks pay. He feels the clerk does more extra work then the average of other clerks. He thought at least \$3000 raise to get in the ball park of the other clerks.

Dorothy Kafer stated that she thinks the clerk works very hard and does many extra things. There is also much training involved.

Hendricks showed a chart that was completed by the Wisconsin Towns Association that showed the clerks salary in the state of Wisconsin for 2013-2015. It was asked how many clerks have office hours. It was stated that it is unknown, except for the clerk of Vinland.

Patsy Pomplun said that in 2010 and 2012 the clerk received \$2000 every two years, so the Town has been trying to get the salary close to comparable others in population.

Kathy Freiberg asked Hendricks if she knew the average of hours spent at the hall. She said that it was hard to figure out, for some months are very busy with DOR reports, elections, tax, etc and summer months are usually slower, but she would guess at 15-20 hr/week.

Bill Spanbauer thought \$17,000 would be closer to the average for the past 2 years.

**Motion by Bill Spanbauer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Fred Kasten to increase the clerks wage by \$4000.** Tom Egan asked if that was per year. Mr. Spanbauer said yes. Discussion: Kathy Freiberg thought that was

pretty drastic. Mr. Spanbauer agreed that it seems like a drastic jump, but it gets the clerks salary in range of other comparable townships from the salaries they made for 2013-2015, and it makes up for the lower wages in the past few years. A voice vote was taken and it was undecided. A show of hands of 10 passed the motion.

Dan Stokes made a motion that the Treasurer, Constable, Supervisors, Chairman and Zoning administrative receive a 5% raise. Tom Egan stated the agenda specified elected officers. **Dan Stokes rephrased his motion to give the Treasurer, Constable, Supervisors, & Chairman a 5% raise. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ellen Newman. Discussion:** Patsy Pomplun discussed that she didn't think it was enough if the clerk was making so much money. Since the motion was for \$4000/yr, the wage in 2017 would be \$21,000. There was confusion with the public on how the motion was meant to be. It was thought that it was a \$4000 raise which would be \$17,000. The way the motion was made, it was \$17,000 for 2015-2016 and \$21,000 for 2016-2017. Bill Spanbauer said the intent was to raise it to \$17,000, which he thought was the average. Tom Egan went back to the motion on the floor.

***By voice vote, motion carried.***

Fred Kasten resended his 2<sup>nd</sup> on the previous vote pertaining to the clerk's salary. Bill Spanbauer resended his motion on the clerks wage. ***Bill Spanbauer made a motion to get the Town Clerk up to the average of \$17,000 per year for the following term. He would like to increase the Clerk's salary from \$13,000 to \$17,000. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Fred Kasten. Motion carried.***

***Motion by Fred Kasten, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Marshall Pioter to adopt the 2014 Town tax levy of \$265,895 to be paid in 2015 according to Section 60.10(1)(a) of the Wisconsin State Statutes.***

***Motion by Ed Freiberg, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Marshal Pioter to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.***