

TOWN OF LAKESIDE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

October 16, 2017

BUDGET MEETING

Meeting called to order by Chairman Jon Winter 6:08 pm

Present: Chairman Jon Winter, Supervisor Scott Luostari, Supervisor Mary Peterson, Gary Peterson, Miina Helske Treasurer Tracy Ruppe, Mark Rau, Mark Saari and Clerk Ruth Ann Schnepfer.

Ruth Ann presented budget line by line.

The public objected to the Town Plan item on the budget, board approved as it is. Fire Department budget was also discussed, was increased \$100 to cover added dues to associations.

Lines of expenses were scrutinized; some areas were cut to cover where other areas needed to be increased.

Discussed employees' salaries and benefits, the only change to the current salaries, was the fill in snow plow operator's wage will go from \$11.50 to 12.50 per hour. Those monies were re-allocated from another previous area of the budget. Scott motioned to raise the wage to \$12.50, Jon seconded, carried 6:51, wage to be effective 1/1/18.

Mark mentioned that the backhoe is still not working correctly, the wheels lock up, and this is a hazard that needs to be addressed. Scott to contact John Deere to insist upon them fixing the ongoing problems with this piece of equipment. It was discussed at length if the Town should look into buying a new brusher or replacing the grader. Something needs to be done; both have their advantages and disadvantages. We need a new brusher. But the grader is also over 10 years old and should be traded. It needs about \$10,000 worth of tires and the Town will never get that money back when they trade it in. The board will continue to research which piece of equipment should be replaced first.

The contract with Waste Management for the collection site expires soon; the Town will look at receiving bids to determine if there is a cheaper service out there.

After adding up all the number the numbers, we were way short of balancing the budget due to decreased revenue; the board went back through and made some more cuts.

The annual amount the levy could be increased without Town approval is \$658.00. This still left us \$10,068.00 (6.75%) short of balancing the budget. Scott made a motion to propose an additional \$10,068.00 (6.75%) increase to the levy above the \$658.00, making the total levy for 2018-\$159,879.00, Jon seconded, 3 yays, carried 8:19 pm. The meeting to vote on the levy and the budget will precede the November 14th regular board meeting and will be held at 6 pm.

Scott made a motion to adjourn, Mary seconded, 8:20 pm

Respectfully Submitted by

Ruth Ann Schnepfer

10/24/2017- Minutes are posted as unapproved