

TOWN OF CONCORD BOARD PUBLIC HEARING
2017 Preliminary Budget

October 13, 2016
6:45 p.m.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY GARY A. EPPOLITO, SUPERVISOR

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: GARY A. EPPOLITO, SUPERVISOR
JAMES M. KREZMIEN, COUNCILMAN
CLYDE M. DRAKE, COUNCILMAN
KENNETH D. ZITTEL, COUNCILMAN
WILLIAM F. SNYDER, III, COUNCILMAN

ALSO PRESENT: DARLENE G. SCHWEIKERT, Town Clerk
DENNIS DAINS, Highway Supt.
DEBORAH M. BARONE, Town Attorney
DENISE CISZAK, Bookkeeper
CAROLYN ROBINSON, Dog Control Officer
JOHN MILLS, Legislator
NANCY HEATH, Legislator Mills' Assistant
MITCH MARTIN, Senator Gallivan's Office
MARY JANE MIESS JENNIFER WEBER
GEORGE DONHAUSER JAQUELINE M. ETTIPIO

Supervisor Eppolito opened the Public Hearing at 6:45 p.m. Town Clerk Schweikert had published the Notice of Public Hearing in the Springville Journal on September 15th, 2016.

Supervisor Eppolito noted that the budget process is the most important job as an elected official of the Town. The constraints of the .67 % tax cap made it a very difficult task. The fact that the assessed valuation of the Town went up slightly helped; that the Town had fairly healthy fund balances and that this is a zero increase budget kept the budget under the tax cap. The budget itself only increases spending by \$33,000 from the 2016 budget and the amount to be raised by taxes is only \$14,000 which a large part of that is the fire budget. Nothing else is going up at all.

Supervisor Eppolito asked if anyone had any questions or concerns.

George Donhauser had a few concerns about the budget and Supervisor Eppolito and Bookkeeper Ciszak answered his questions. His concerns were relative to the Craneridge Sewer district and the services of Jim Thoman. Mr. Thoman had to leave the Town because his retirement benefits would be affected. The Town advertised but could not find another candidate for the position. The Town has an employment contract with MDA Engineers and Mr. Thoman is now an employee of MDA. These costs are all paid by the residents of Craneridge. MDA Engineers are training someone to take over when Mr. Thoman would retirement.

Mary Jane Miess questioned the Board and Supervisor Eppolito and Bookkeeper Ciszak answered her questions regarding the Contingent Account (used for intrafund transfers i.e. boiler repairs, etc.); Programs for the Aging/Personal Services (the nutrition site staff) & Miscellaneous (dumpster service, telephone, wifi, supplies, etc.); Historian Miscellaneous (reimbursement for allowed expenses i.e. telephone and Councilman Snyder advised her that this budget line has been substantially reduced in the past years); Adult Recreation/Miscellaneous (bus trips, 55 Alive); and the Bond payments (covering the land purchase and the Senior Center and to make the payment for the Senior Center). Supervisor Eppolito advised that the Town's budget for senior services is well over \$200,000 including the bond for the building and land, the van services, nutrition site, driving classes, flu shots. Mrs. Miess also questioned the Appropriated Fund Balance; the Grant Writer (Mortons Corners Fire Company has used this in the past); Cultural & Recreation/Miscellaneous (Concerts in the Park).

No one else addressed the Board.

Motion by Councilman Krezmien, seconded by Councilman Zittel, to close the hearing at 7:00 p.m. Councilmen Krezmien, Drake, Zittel & Snyder; Supervisor Eppolito, voting aye. Carried. Supervisor Eppolito and the Board thanked Bookkeeper Ciszak for her efforts in the budget process.



Darlene G. Schweiket
Town Clerk