BUDGET HEARING – NOVEMBER 21, 2011

On Monday, November 21, 2011, the Town of Raymond held their Budget Hearing. At 7:30 PM, the meeting was called to order. Roll call was taken – Present for the meeting were, Chairman Gary Kastenson; Supervisors, Joe Pohlhammer; Stan Bugnacki; Paul Ryan and James Phillips. Also present were, Town Clerk, Linda M. Terry; Town Treasurer, Lee Marie Toll; Town Attorney, Valjon Anderson; Town Auditor, Julie Craig; and Town Engineer, Chris Stamborski. There were also 16 residents in attendance.

At this time, the Budget Hearing was held.

Adrian Boldt:

Wondered if the Town budgeted enough money for attorney fees. He has heard that Supervisor Pohlhammer has incurred in excess of $7000.00 in one month for attorney fees for the Town.

Chairman Kastenson:

Stated that the Town feels they have that under control.

Ray Vogt:

Was also concerned about the legal fees, and the Town taking money out of the road budget to cover those fees. That is why shoddy work is being done on the roads.

Chairman Kastenson:

Last year there was no money taken from the roads for any attorney fees.

Stephen Daily:

Feels the Supervisors' salaries should be raised.

Bob Flasz:

As a concerned resident and tax payer, what was shown in the Town's Newsletter was not a detailed budget. And, in the newsletter it stated that for a more detailed budget, people could visit the Town's website or the Town Hall. Well, he checked the website this weekend and there was nothing on it. He feels the Board should delay any action tonight to allow the people to look over the detailed budget more closely.

Linda Terry

Stated that she received a call last week Friday that the website was not working. After checking, she found out that the website was down from Tuesday afternoon till Friday evening. The detailed budget was put on the website this morning. Also, the detailed budget on the website is done as a courtesy to the residents – it is not legally required.

Bob Slivon:

The Town has spent over $400,000.00 on engineering. The Town would save money if they hired their own engineer on a full-time basis.

Chairman Kastenson:

Stated that much of the engineering costs are reimbursed by developments.

Chris Stamborski:

Said that the Town has not paid $400,000.00 in engineering fees. People seem to think that when a project is done, the engineer is paid, and then, the engineer pays the contractor – that is not so. When a project is done, the Town pays the contractor directly; not the engineer. I believe the Town has budgeted $40,000.00 per year for engineering. If the Town were to hire their own engineer, they would pay probably a minimum of $50,000.00 for the person, plus pay

for retirement and benefits. The Town could end up spending close to $100,000.00 annually for their own engineer.

At this time, the Public Hearing was closed, and the Board recessed to the Special Town Meeting as noticed, made on a **STAN BUGNACKI/JAMES PHILLIPS MOTION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

a. **Motion to approve the total 2012 highway expenditures pursuant to Sec. 82.03(2) of Wis. Stats.**

APPROVED ON A SHARON KORPONAI/STEPHEN DAILY MOTION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

b. **Motion to adopt the town tax levy to be paid in 2012 pursuant to Sec. 60.10(1)(a) of Wis. Stats.**

APPROVED ON A SHARON KORPONAI/ALAN BABE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 15-1, WITH BOB SLIVON OPPOSING.

c. **Motion to approve the town officers' salaries for the April 2012-2014 term pursuant to Section 60.32 of Wis. Stats.**

Steve Daily made a motion to approve the salaries, but then, rescinded that motion to the following: MOTION TO INCREASE SALARIES BY 10%, MADE ON A STEPHEN DAILY/NELSON LYNCH MOTION.

Discussion on the motion:
Adrian Boldt:
Wondered if the Town can really afford raises for the Supervisors?

Doug Schwartz:
Thinks this is the wrong time to do this. He feels that, until the economy gets better, salaries should stay the same.

VOTE ON THE MOTION TO INCREASE SALARIES BY 10% FAILED 2-14.

MOTION TO KEEP THE SALARIES THE SAME, MADE ON A DOUG SCHWARTZ/ADRIAN BOLDT MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 14-2.

AT 7:50 PM, THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ELECTOR'S WAS ADJOURNED ON A DOUG SCHWARTZ/ADRIAN BOLDT MOTION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUS.

At this time, the Board reconvened to a Special Town Board Meeting, made on a PHILLIPS/RYAN MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

A. New Business

1. **Discussion regarding Levy set by Town Meeting and any necessary revisions to the proposed budget for consistency with Levy set by Town Meeting.**

There was no action taken on this because there were no revisions necessary.

B. Resolutions

i. **Reading, Discussion and Possible adoption of Resolution 2011-05 Adopting the Budget for the Town of Raymond Storm Water Utility Drainage District for 2012**

APPROVED ON A RYAN/PHILLIPS MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

ii. Reading, Discussion and Possible adoption of Resolution 2011- 06, Appropriating and Levying the Necessary Funds for the Operation of the Government and Administration of the Town of Raymond for the Fiscal Year 2012.

APPROVED ON A RYAN/PHILLIPS MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

AT 8:00 PM, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED ON A RYAN/PHILLIPS MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda M. Terry
Town Clerk