

## **TOWN OF RAYMOND BUDGET HEARING**

**NOVEMBER 18, 2010**

On Thursday, November 18, 2010, the Town Board of the Town of Raymond held it's Budget Hearing.

At 7:30 PM, the meeting was called to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The following persons were introduced: Chairman Gary Kastenson; Supervisors, Dave Lecus; Kevin Cantwell; Paul Ryan and James Phillips; Town Clerk, Linda Terry; Town Treasurer, Lee Marie Toll; Town Engineer, Chris Stamborski; Town Attorney, Valjon Anderson; and Fire/Rescue Chief, Alan Babe. There were also approximately 20 residents at the budget hearing.

At this time, the Board moved to their Public Hearing, on a **PHILLIPS/LECUS MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

### **Mr. Stan Bugnacki**

Informed the Board exactly what is done at the recycling center. He read the various tonnages of the different materials that are collected from the recycle center and said that the Town does get money for the recyclables. Also, there are some of the items that are collected that go to the Salvation Army.

In the month of October, 2010, 1298 residence went through the recycling center.

Recycling income for 2007 was \$21,000.00; for 2008 - \$25,280.00; for 2009 - \$19,631.00. We also get tipping fees the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month.

### **Sharon Korponai**

The recycling center is very useful; it is a minimal cost to the taxpayers. There are about 200 people each day that use the center.

**MOTION TO MAINTAIN THE RECYCLING CENTER AT IT'S CURRENT LEVEL OF OPERATION, MADE ON A SHARON KORPONAI/STAN BUGNACKI MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 18-2.**

Chairman Kastenson and Attorney Anderson stated that this is an advisory motion to the Board. The Board will discuss this further at it's December 13<sup>th</sup> regular Town Board Meeting.

### **Mark Hetzel**

Asked what is the cost to operate the recycling center?

### **Supervisor Paul Ryan**

Stated that it costs approximately \$31,000.00 to operate the center.

### **Cynthia Marsh**

Stated that if the recycling center is closed on Wednesday, it will make it a lot less convenient for the taxpayers. In the long run, if we have to pay to have our trash collected, it will cost taxpayers over \$400.00 a year.

**THE PUBLIC HEARING WAS CLOSED AND THE TOWN MOVED TO THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING.**

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE TOTAL 2011 HIGHWAY EXPENDITURES, PURSUANT TO SEC. 82.03(2) OF WIS. STATS., MADE ON A MARSHA COLSMITH/STEVE DAILY MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 12-0.**

**MOTION TO ADOPT THE TOWN TAX LEVY TO BE PAID IN 2011, PURSUANT TO SEC. 60.10(1)(a), OF WIS. STATS., MADE ON A ALAN BABE/KAREN LEE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 10-9.**

**Sharon Korponai**

Felt that the levy should be increased some. She would rather have the levy increase in small amounts each year, rather than one large amount all at once.

**Karen Lee**

Asked if the recycling center could stay open based on their income?

**Chairman Gary Kastenson**

Stated that this whole budgeting process is a guessing game. We budget a certain amount for fuel, but that could go up. We budget a certain amount for equipment as well, but something could break.

**At this time, the discussion moved to Town Officer's Salaries for the April 2011-2013 term pursuant to Section 60.32 of Wis. Stats.**

**Supervisor Kevin Cantwell**

With the economy the way it is, I do not see an increase for myself.

**Supervisor James Phillips**

Stated that the Board has too many other budget issues to deal with right now.

**Supervisor Paul Ryan**

Stated that he's been doing this for six years with no increase, and he keeps coming back.

**Supervisor Dave Lecus**

He's been doing this for eight years, and also keeps coming back.

**Chairman Gary Kastenson**

Feels that the Chairman position is paying enough; however, he does feel that the supervisors should see an increase.

It was stated that the Town Board has not received an increase in salary since 2003.

**Supervisor Phillips**

Stated that the cost of cell phones comes out of Supervisor's pockets, as well as the gas that is used to check out various sites for town board action.

**Stan Bugnacki**

Stated that as a former supervisor, there is an allowance for gas.

**Supervisor Lecus**

Stated that the board members receive \$100.00 a year for gas allowance.

**Stan Bugnacki**

Would like to pay extra for mileage for the supervisors.

**Attorney Anderson**

Said that the people cannot increase reimbursement rates.

**Karen Lee**

Would like to see some sort of policy allowing for cell phone costs to be reimbursed.

**Supervisor Cantwell**

Stated that then, the IRS would get involved.

**Jean Babe**

Doesn't understand how there could be discussion about increasing salaries, especially since the Board is talking about closing the recycling center one day a week to save money.

**MOTION TO INCREASE PAY BY 10%, MADE ON A STEVE DAILY/KAREN LEE MOTION. MOTION DENIED 8-10.**

**MOTION TO KEEP SALARIES FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS THE SAME, MADE ON A SHARON KORPONAI/JEAN BABE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 10-7.**

**MOTION ADJOURN SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, AND RECONVENE TO SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING, MADE ON A DAVE LECUS/JAMES PHILLIPS MOTION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**a. New Business**

**1. Town Board Openings –**

**Chairman – Gary Kastenson; Supervisor #1 – Dave Lecus;**

**Supervisor #2 – Kevin Cantwell; Municipal Judge Joseph Purpero:**

Chairman Kastenson read the names of the positions that will be on the Spring 2011 Ballot; along with the name of the incumbent (above).

**2. Planning Commission Openings – May 1, 2011 - Mike Sinda; Kevin Cantwell and Alan Babe.**

Chairman Kastenson stated that the above positions will be up on May 1, 2011. When it gets closer to that date, the positions will be posted for applications.

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

Chairman Kastenson would like to see the hours and times for the Recycling Center, to be placed on the Town's December 13, 2010 Town Board Agenda.

**b. Resolutions**

- 1. Reading, Discussion and Possible adoption of Resolution 2010-07  
Adopting the Budget for the Town of Raymond Storm Water Utility  
Drainage District for 2011**

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

- 2. Reading, Discussion and Possible adoption of Resolution 2010-08  
Appropriating and Levying the Necessary Funds for the Operation  
of the Government and Administration of the Town of Raymond for  
the Fiscal Year 2011.**

**APPROVED ON A RYAN/LECUS MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

**With no other business to be discussed, the meeting was ADJOURNED AT 8:15  
PM, ON A LECUS/PHILLIPS MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Linda M. Terry  
Town Clerk  
Town of Raymond*