

## **BUDGET WORKSHOP – OCTOBER 13, 2015**

On Tuesday, October 13, 2015, the Town Board of the Town of Raymond held a Special Meeting for the purpose of working on the 2016 Budget.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM. Roll call was taken as follows: Present were, Chairman Gary Kastenson; Supervisors, Wayne Loppnow, Dave Lecus and Tim Geszvain. Absent was Supervisor Paul Ryan. Also present were, Town Clerk, Linda M. Terry; Town Treasurer, Lee Marie Toll; DPW, John Ertl; and Fire/Rescue Chief, Alan Babe. There was also one resident in attendance.

The Board was given a proposed 2016 Budget. They went over the Public Works proposed budget first.

John Ertl stated that he would like to purchase a rubber track machine over a 5 year lease - \$20,000.00 a year for 5 years. Mr. Ertl was able to cut his budget by the \$20,000.00 necessary for the payment.

He stated that he is able to get \$28,000.00 for the two pieces of equipment that the Town presently has.

**This purchase will be on the October agenda.**

At this time, the Board moved on to the Fire Department Budget.

There will be additional line item in the expense portion of the department's budget, for the capital expense for the lease payment for the new rescue squad that they are purchasing – that figure will be \$40,000.00.

There was discussion regarding placement of a gas tank for fire/rescue fuel.

It was stated that there is already a gas tank at the Highway garage.

There was some discussion regarding the possibility of creating an ordinance to charge for fire inspections.

There has been a figure of \$100,000.00 in the budget for fire/rescue wages, for the past few years. The department has never used that full amount. The Board felt that figure could be lowered to \$84,000.00 which would still allow for a 5% increase in fire/rescue wages.

The figures in the remainder of the budget reflect a 2% increase for employees.

Clerk Terry and Treasurer Toll will get the figures together and present the Board with a clean draft of the proposed 2016 Budget, at the October 26<sup>th</sup> Town Board Meeting. At that time, the date for the Budget Hearing will be set.

At 9:10 pm, the meeting was **ADJOURNED ON A LOPPNOW/LECUS MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Linda M. Terry  
Town Clerk**