

11-8-2012 – PUBLIC HEARING ON 2013 TOWN BUDGET

Present:

Councilman Cheryl L. Earl
Councilman Daniel L. Miller
Councilman David L. Montgomery
Councilman Douglas J. Morrell
Supervisor Mary L. Hannon

Also Present:

Town Clerk Betsy A. Marsh
Highway Superintendent Donald W. Hopkins
Approx. 10 guests

The Sardinia Town Board held a Public Hearing on November 8, 2012 at the Town Hall/Community Center, for the purpose of hearing comments on the Preliminary 2013 Town Budget. Supervisor Hannon called the hearing to order at 5:45 PM with the Pledge to the Flag. The Town Clerk showed proof that the Hearing had been properly advertised, in both the Arcade Herald and the Springville Journal.

The Supervisor stated that there were no changes in the Preliminary Budget, and opened the floor for any comments on the proposed 2013 Budget.

John Schiener of Sardinia stated that he has reviewed the 2013 Budget and noted that the Fire Company budgeted amount is the same as last year, and noted that the 3% increase they had asked for amounts to less than \$6,000.00. He stated there was a 5% increase in personal services and benefits, which is almost \$40,000.00, and stated that he feels the \$6,000.00 requested by the Fire Company is reasonable, especially give the information that the Board has received, showing that the amount budgeted for the Fire Company is significantly less than the amount paid for fire protection in the Town of Concord outside the Village of Springville. Mr. Schiener stated that there is more than \$80,000.00 in out-of-Town utility company payments that are not paid to the Town due to Waste Management's fees paying the taxes, and suggested that the Board look into a way to have those large utilities pay those taxes to recoup that money.

John Marsh of Chaffee asked, with the popularity of the walkway around Manion Park, if there was any plan for the same type of walkway at Veteran's Park, and stated he wondered if there was any money budgeted for such a project. The Supervisor stated that the project for which application has been made for a CDBG grant would do that part way, and stated it could be done with other grant funding also, as well as with Town funds.

Supervisor Hannon then asked three times for further comments from the public. There being none, the hearing was closed at 5:49 PM on a motion by Earl, seconded by Montgomery, and carried, 5 ayes, 0 noes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Town Clerk