

10-13-2011 – WORK SESSION ON 2012 TOWN BUDGET

Present:

Councilman Cheryl L. Earl
Councilman Daniel L. Miller
Councilman David L. Montgomery
Councilman Norman J. Uhteg
Supervisor Mary L. Hannon

Also Present:

Town Clerk Betsy A. Marsh
3 guests

The Sardinia Town Board held a Work Session for the purpose of discussing the 2012 Town Budget on October 13, 2011 at the Town Hall/Community Center. Supervisor Hannon called the meeting to order at 5:45 PM.

Supervisor Hannon stated that in the original copy filed with the Clerk, there was an error in the Budget Summary, Estimated Revenues line. She stated that she has corrected the line and in the latest copy, which she e-mailed to everyone, the revenues are now \$1,372,610.00, rather than \$1,357,410.00, and that decreases the amount of the Appropriated Fund Balance from \$162,269.00, to \$147,069.00.

The General Fund appropriations portion of the 2011 Town Budget was then reviewed. The Supervisor stated that the Budget includes 2.5% raises for all personnel. Councilman Uhteg questioned the increases in the amounts for Supervisor's Bookkeeper and Deputy Clerk, and the Supervisor explained that those lines were increased because of the 2.5% increase in the hourly rates for those positions, but does not necessarily mean that those lines will be used completely.

The Supervisor noted that there are no large increases in the 2012 Budget with the exception of the Health Insurance Benefits lines, which have increased substantially. Councilman Uhteg asked if anyone other than the Highway employees are covered, and was informed it is only those 5 people who are covered. The Board continued reviewing the Budget lines, and the Supervisor noted there are not too many changes. After discussion, one line that was increased was the Highway Garage – Repairs appropriation. The Supervisor stated she had decreased that line because the 2011 budget had included funding for a boiler and other major repairs, which have now been completed. Councilmen Miller and Montgomery felt that line should remain at last year's level in the upcoming budget, since there is a wall on the garage that needs repair. It was agreed to raise that back up to \$10,000.00. Councilman Uhteg questioned a \$2,000.00 increase in Programs for the Aging. The Supervisor stated she thought that they could go on an extra trip. The consensus was to leave the increase in that line. Mr. Uhteg stated he felt that money could have been used for Labor Day in the Park or the concert series, instead. In the Environmental Control line, the Supervisor stated she will be encumbering the balance of that for 2012.

In the Highway Fund Budget, the Supervisor stated that since negotiations with the Highway employees is still ongoing, she has put a 3% increase in that fund, since it is really an unknown. She noted that the Deputy Highway Superintendent line has been moved to the General Fund. She also stated she has decreased the Repairs line quite a bit since they have not used it.

In the Fire District Fund, the Supervisor stated the Fire Contract line is up, reflecting the 2012 amount of \$231,108.00 as per the 3 year contract, and she stated she has left the LOSAP benefit line at \$100,000.00 again for 2012 on the advice of the Town's Accountant, who felt that was a minimum.

Supervisor Hannon stated that the Lighting District Budget has actually decreased slightly, per the estimates of the electric companies.

The Supervisor asked if there were any further questions or comments, and there were none, and the meeting was closed at 6:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Town Clerk

