

10-14-2010 – PUBLIC HEARING ON 2011 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
Highway Superintendent Donald W. Hopkins
Attorney for the Town Linda Joseph
Approx. 10 guests

The Sardinia Town Board held a Public Hearing on October 14, 2010 at the Town Hall/Community Center, for the purpose of hearing comments on the Preliminary 2010 Town Budget. Supervisor Hannon called the hearing to order at 6:00 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.

Supervisor Hannon stated that this Board has agreed to cover the Fire Protection District tax and the General Light tax again this year, and has made a great effort to cut out any unnecessary items from the Budget.

The Supervisor then called for comments on the proposed Budget.

Sardinia resident John Schiener urged the Board to restore the \$5,000.00 for fireworks at the Firemen's 4th of July celebration, stating that the Carnival is the Fire Company's chief fund raiser. He stated that the LOSAP is still in the 2011 Budget for \$100,000.00, and stated he feels that is high. Mr. Schiener also urged the Board to start putting money aside for park improvements

Michael Hannon of Pratham Rd. stated that he thinks the private sector might be solicited to pay for park improvements, and stated that they should look at what's been done in Manion Park by private sector funding. He stated that he feels that, with all the landfill fees being used in the budget each year and none being put into the fund balance, that in three or four years, the fund balance will be depleted.

Clint Salmon of Sardinia stated he has never, nor will he ever say anything bad about the Fire Company, but thinks it is not right that the Fire Company snubs those that question them. The Supervisor cut Mr. Salmon's remarks short, stating that we need to stay on the Budget.

John Schiener asked stated he did not see fund balance figures in the budget. Supervisor Hannon stated they were on the last page, and read the estimated fund balances for 2010, which were:

General Fund	\$2,153,220.00
Highway Fund	\$ 813,839.00
Fire Protection District	(\$ 115,254.00)
Lighting District	\$ 25,928.00

Supervisor Hannon then asked three times for further comments from the public. There being none, the hearing was adjourned at 6:08 PM on a motion by Earl, seconded by Miller and carried, 5 ayes, 0 noes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Town Clerk