

October 15, 2015

A 2016 budget work session meeting was held at 7:00 p.m. at the Mina-Findley Lake Community Center on October 15, 2015.

Present: Rebecca Brumagin.....Supervisor
Scott Bensink.....Councilman
Dennis Luce.....Councilman
Dick Watrous.....Councilman
Dave Wilcox.....Councilman

Attended by: Denis Cooper (Town Justice) (8:03)

Supervisor Brumagin reported she and Councilman Wilcox met at 6:00 pm to review the Administrative/Fiscal Advisor response for proposals for the sewer project. Councilman Wilcox made a motion seconded by Councilman Bensink to hire Municipal Solutions. Motion carried. Ayes – 5 Brumagin, Bensink, Luce, Watrous, Wilcox
Nays – 0

Supervisor Brumagin reported that H.Sicherman & Company sent forms on the dam breakwall for Supervisor Brumagin to sign and send back to them; they were primarily in regard to the environmental review. She also reported that a legal notice will be published on October 19, 2015 regarding the release of funds for the dam repair project.

The Findley Lake Volunteer Fire Department Board requested money for training for their volunteers which Supervisor Brumagin had already included in the tentative budget. The board also inquired about including a letter in with the Town and County tax bills to encourage residents to get the house number signs to make it easier for the fire department to locate their homes. The county tax department informed the tax collector that the town cannot add those to the bills.

Heather Young-Deyell notified Supervisor Brumagin and the Town Board that there was one change to the final assessment roll which she previously reported. This will necessitate a small rate change to the tentative budget. She also provided information on the assessed value of the tennis courts property that was requested by the town board.

Supervisor Brumagin reported that she has been looking at options for court security for the Mina Court.

Nancy Roche, chair of the Recreation Committee, provided some ideas for floor covering/protection for the gymnasium floor at the Mina-Findley Lake Community Center.

Supervisor Brumagin gave an overview of significant line item changes on the 2016 tentative budget. The budget was reviewed in detail and discussion was held on the individual line items.

Councilman Bensink moved seconded by Councilman Wilcox to adopt the tentative 2016 budget as the preliminary 2016 budget with no changes. Motion carried unanimously.
Ayes (5) Brumagin, Bensink, Luce, Watrous, Wilcox
Nays (0)

Supervisor Brumagin reminded the councilmen of the Public Hearing on the Preliminary Budget and the regular town board meeting which will be held November 3, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. and adoption of the final budget will be at a special meeting on November 19, 2015.

Justice Cooper gave an update on the operations of the Court. Supervisor Brumagin shared information with him on the progress being made to secure a court security officer. He reported that it is only necessary for the town to arrange for coverage the first Thursday of the month as that is monthly calendar call and there is greater activity that evening. He also needs court security when there is a trial. Supervisor Brumagin expressed concern over the number of hours that are being worked by the justice clerk as they are substantially more than was paid previously. Justice Cooper also reported that there are still monies remaining on a grant and the town will need to determine what else is needed for the court and can be covered by the grant.

Councilman Luce moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherrie R. Tanner, Town Clerk