

Town of Austerlitz  
Special Town Board Meeting  
October 23, 2014

Present: Robert Lagonia, Supervisor, Greg Vogler, Jon Mesick, Matthew Verenazi, Town Board Members, and Susan Haag, Town Clerk.

Absent: Town Board Member Bryan Geel out of Town.

Special Meeting called to order at 5:10 p.m. Special Meeting called to work on the 2015 Town Budget.

The Town Board discussed two issues that have risen since the Town Board Meeting on October 16, 2014, that involve the Building Inspector. Supervisor Lagonia brought the Town Board up to speed on issues concerning J. Mannion and a business operating without permission on School House Road. The Town Board discussed the importance of replying to resident's concerns in a timely fashion.

Supervisor Lagonia updated the Town Board on his findings concerning the purchase of a new grader from Nortrax. There are currently no graders in stock and it will take 2-3 months from order date to receive. The Town can rent a grader in the meantime for \$6500.00/month which is a good price. Highway Superintendent Meehan is checking on trade-in values. There is a possibility of selling the grader as scrap and making some money. Supervisor Lagonia will work out pricing options for the next Town Board Meeting.

The new highway truck has been delivered and paid for. R. Meehan is currently using it.

In discussing the 2015 Preliminary Budget and comments that have been made inside the public hearing and without, it was clarified that the court clerk will be getting \$9100.00 for the 2015 year, with the budgeted remainder in line item A1110.11 of \$400.00 will be held for possible deputy court clerk hours.

The Town Board discussed decisions already made to date concerning all budgeted amounts reiterating that all conclusions made were warranted.

The Town Board discussed possible future highway projects and raises included in the 2015 Preliminary Budget. It was noted that only one negative comment was heard concerning raises during the public hearing. Town Board Member Verenazi noted that the Highway Crew works extremely hard, getting up at all hours during the winter months, and are responsible for expensive equipment. They are also paid a lower amount than other towns. The Town Board agreed with Member Verenazi. The raises stay in place.

Because there was only one negative comment during the public hearing and all other comments heard have been positive towards the direction the Town Board is heading with the 2015 Budget,

the consensus of the Town Board was to leave the 2015 Preliminary Budget as is and put it out for vote at the November Town Board Meeting.

Town Board Member Vogler noted that his goal is to watch the numbers closely again in 2015 to see where they play out and use this as a guide for future planning. Supervisor Lagonia advised that come January the Town Board really needs to do planning for highway equipment replacement, a new salt shed, and bonding options.

The Town Board estimated that the change in millage rate will result in an increase of less than \$40.00 for a home worth \$100,000.00.

The new furnace has been installed and a new account has been set up with Kosco who received the County bid for propane. Kosco will put in permanent tanks on Friday.

A motion to pay Bashford Mechanical for the purchase and installation of the new furnace for the amount of \$4197.00 was made by M. Verenazi and seconded by G. Vogler.

R. Lagonia: yes

B. Geel: absent

J. Mesick: yes

M. Verenazi: yes

G. Vogler: yes

Motion carried 4:1.

A motion to adjourn the special meeting was made by G. Vogler and seconded by J. Mesick.

R. Lagonia: yes

B. Geel: absent

J. Mesick: yes

M. Verenazi: yes

G. Vogler: yes

Motion carried 4:1. Meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Susan Haag, Town Clerk