TOWN OF RUSK

7:00 P.M.

BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

The budget public meeting was called to order at 7:05 P. M. by Chairman Steve Zmrazek on November 12, 2009. Present was Chairman Zmrazek, supervisors, Steve Styczynski and William Ziegler along with treasurer, Donna Matus and Clerk, Joanne L. Spenle

Discussion took place as to budget line items that are increasing and that the General Fund is going up from $57,440.00 to $68,740.00. Highway expense is being reduced from $186,860.62 to $175,260.00. The Levy is remaining the same at $150,000.00. Estimated revenue is $94,000.00 with a total of $244,000.00.

Attorney Brian Nodolf suggested increasing legal fees in the proposed budget for as depositions and related legal needs as they will be forth coming.

It was the consensus of the public that any money left over from 2009 would be moved to legal fees by amending the budget in January, 2010.

It was also discussed that we could move $40,000.00 from the highway expenditures to the general fund and changing highway funds from $175,260.00 to $135,260.00 and increase the general fund from $68,740.00 to $108,740.00. After discussion it was agreed to carry over any unused money for legal fees and leave the highway expenses the same which would leave the levy the same. A motion to adjourn the public hearing was made by Kari Tubbs and seconded by Ralph Tubbs. A show of hands was called, 12 in favor, none opposed. Motion carried and the public hearing was adjourned.

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ELECTORS

A special meeting of the electors to adopt the 2010 levy was called to order by Chairman Zmrazek. Steve Zmrazek made a motion to set the levy the same as last year at $150,000.00. Motion was seconded by Raymond Scott. A show of hands was counted, 10 in favor, 0 apposed and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by Steve Zmrazek to approve the highway expenditures at $175,260.00. Kari Tubbs seconded the motion. A show of hands wherein 12 was in favor, 0 apposed, Motion carried.

A motion was made by Steve Zmrazek to adjourn the special meeting, Kari Tubbs seconded the motion, show of hands, 12 approved the motion to adjourn and 0 apposed. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING ON AMENDMENT TO ATV ROUTE SPEED LIMIT ORDIANCE 01-2000.

The amendment to the ordinance 01-2000 was read to the public by Chairman Steve Zmrazek. Comment from the public was favorable. Ray Scott made a motion to adjourn the public hearing and Kari Tubbs seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion and the motion was carried.

MEETING MINUTES, TOWN OF RUSK

November 12, 2009

The regular town board meeting was called to order at 8:30 P.M.

All members of the board were present along with the treasurer and clerk.

All bills were presented and paid per attached check number and payee.

Minutes from the October 8th, 2009 meeting were read. Steve Zmrazek made a motion to accept the minutes as read except in number 11 to change expenditures to estimated revenue of $94,000.00. William Ziegler seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

It was reported that the county did approve the requested new ATV routes as per revised letter sent to the county in October. It was also stated that the new routes are not legal until posted and signage is in place.

Public comments. Attorney Brian Nodolf suggested having public comments after each agenda item as presented. Jim Barr agreed along with others.

Again Jim Barr encouraged the Town Board to have our attorney present at each of the towns meetings for questions we have and for guidance. Another alternative is to have the attorney available by phone during the meetings. Clerk is to contact Richard Summerfield regarding the aforesaid.

Steve Styczynski attended the town's association meeting and reported on the presentations of comprehensive planning, "War on Rural America", planning survey by the county and address and road name ordinance. Hand outs were available to all board members and the public. Mr. Stencil is on the committee and stated at the meeting that any highway bid over $25,000.00 has to have an engineer.

Treasurers report was given as per attached. Steve Zmrazek made a motion to accept the report as read, Steve Styczynski seconded the motion and motion carried.

There was no assessors report.

1. Second Amendment to the 2009 budget was presented to the board by Resolution 2009-11 (copy attached) William Ziegler made a motion to amend the budget as presented. Steve Styczynksi seconded the motion, Roll call vote: Steve Zmrazek – aye, Steve Styczynski – aye, William Ziegler – aye. Motion carried.
2. Update on road projects, Bids 1, 2 and 3 have been completed. Bid #4 will be done soon. Steve Styczynski reported that there's a left over culvert in his yard. Steve was directed to have it taken to the town shed. All shouldering of Horseshoe Lake Road is done. It was reported that the snow fence posts are in. Franklin Scott will be grading the roads again before freezing.

3. Changing meeting format. Public comments will include items not on agenda for discussion as well after each agenda item is introduced. All public comments must address the board. The board makes the decisions after listening to all comments. Motion was made Steve Styczynski to change the meeting format as set forth above and Steve Zmrazek seconded the motion, motion carried.
4. State building inspectors vs. town hiring one. It was discussed and decided to continue to have the state do the building inspections as in the past.
5. New Auburn fire protection contract was presented for the Chain Lake subdivision with a mill rate of .00034 of a mill. Steve Zmrazek made a motion to accept the contract and William Ziegler seconded the motion, motion carried.

Steve Styczynski made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Steve Zmrazek seconded the motion and the motion was carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

Joanne L. Spenle, Clerk