

OCTOBER 10, 2018 – BUDGET WORKSHOP

On Wednesday, October 10, 2018, the Town Board held their regular workshop to work on the 2019 Budget.

At 7:00 pm, the meeting was called to order. Roll call was taken as follows: Chairman Gary Kastenson; Supervisors, Dave Lecus, Tim Geszvain, and Doug Schwartz; Supervisor Paul Ryan was absent. Also in attendance were, Town Clerk, Linda M. Terry; Town Treasurer, Lee Marie Toll; DPW Foreman, John Ertl; Fire/Rescue Chief, Adam Smith; Fire Rescue Asst. Chiefs, Kevan Leedle and Jacob Dinauer.

Fire/Rescue:

Chief Smith stated that he added \$10,000.00 in the “wages” portion of his budget for a part-time clerk – 20 hours a week at \$15.00 an hour. The goal is that the part-time clerk will do reports right after calls.

He also stated that the department can then do highway billing for calls on the interstate. We have not done it since Adam took over as Chief – it is just too much for Robin. Robin (present clerk) will stick around and help train the new person.

Supervisor Schwartz stated that the fire at John’s Disposal cost the Town a large amount of money in wages.

Clerk Terry questioned getting reimbursed from John’s Disposal insurance?

Chief Smith said that the Town cannot be reimbursed for labor – only supplies.

He also stated that the Department needs cardiac monitors, which will be approximately \$50,000.00.

Also, the bottles for the SCBA packs are expired – they are \$900.00 each. The cost for the SCBA packs would be approximately \$192,243.00.

It was stated that there is approximately \$15,000.00 in the fire/rescue equipment replacement fund. Chief Smith stated that he would use that money for a portion of the monitors – the rest of it would come out of his budget – he said that he could find someplace to tighten his remaining 2018 budget.

The Town Clerk will check into getting a State Loan for the purchase of the SCBA packs/bottles.

Asst. Chief Leedle suggested a long-term plan for purchases.

John Ertl suggested putting some additional money into the Town Budget for tuck-pointing.

Mr. Ertl then went on to talk to the Board about a new plow truck. He had previously discussed this at the September Town Board meeting so that the numbers could possibly be added to the proposed 2019 budget. This was done. Even with an

additional \$60,000.00 for a truck payment (for 3 years), the Highway Department Budget remains the same.

It was also stated that the price of road salt has doubled.

In the proposed budget, there were figures to show a .50 an hour increase for the DPW; Town Clerk; Town Treasurer; and Janitorial.

At 8:40 pm, the meeting was ADJOURNED ON A LECUS/SCHWARTZ MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

**Linda M. Terry
Town Clerk
Town of Raymond**