

TOWN OF GALLATIN
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 10, 2011

- I. SUPERVISOR SCHEER CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:30 PM.
- II. SUPERVISOR SCHEER, COUNCILMAN SORMAN AND COUNCILMAN TOIGO WERE ALL PRESENT. COUNCILMAN NEAR AND COUNCILWOMAN NEAR WERE ABSENT.
- III. SALUTE TO THE FLAG.

PUBLIC HEARING 2012 BUDGET

SUPERVISOR SCHEER OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2012 BUDGET. SUPERVISOR SCHEER GAVE AN OVERVIEW OF THE BUDGET AND AN EXPLANATION OF THE EFFECT OF THE 2% TAX CAP. WHEN THE FIRE DISTRICTS EXCEED THE 2% CAP THE EXCESS MUST BE ABSORBED BY THE TOWN.

THERE IS A 3% INCREASE FOR THE HOURLY HIGHWAY WORKERS. ROBERT COONS HOURLY WAGE \$22.29, TODD COONS \$18.23. HIGHWAY EMPLOYEES RECEIVE UNIFORMS, HEALTH INSURANCE (\$ 14,500 FOR CURRENT HWY EMPLOYEE + SPOUSE), AND LONGEVITY PAY, PAID FOR BY THE TOWN. 3% INCREASE FOR TOWN CLERK (\$484) FOR THE EXTRA DUTIES OF MAINTAINING THE NEW TOWN WEBSITE.

2012 TAX RATE WILL BE 0.99464 DOWN 0.0397.

THERE WAS DISCUSSION ON WHY THERE WAS NO RAISE FOR THE HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDANT, THE SUPERVISOR SCHEER AND COUNCILMAN TOIGO RESPONDED THAT AFTER MUCH THOUGHT IN A VERY DIFFICULT BUDGET YEAR AN INCREASE COULD NOT BE GIVEN THIS YEAR.

ON MOTION BY COUNCILMAN SORMAN SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN TOIGO AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY THE PUBLIC HEARING OF THE 2012 BUDGET WAS CLOSED.

- IV. ON A MOTION BY COUNCILMAN SORMAN SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN TOIGO AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 13 TOWN BOARD MEETING WERE ACCEPTED AS PRESENTED.
- V. SUPERVISORS FINANCIAL REPORT- ON A MOTION BY COUNCILMAN SORMAN SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN TOIGO AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY THE SUPERVISORS REPORT WAS READ AND FILED. ON A MOTION BY COUNCILMAN TOIGO SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN SORMAN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY THE BUDGET AMENDMENT WAS ACCEPTED, ATTACHED.
- VI. THE TOWN CLERK REPORT WAS READ AND FILED
- VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - A. OFFICE OF THE AGING- NO REPORT
 - B. COLUMBIA COUNTY REPORT- THE COLUMBIA COUNTY TENTATIVE BUDGET HAS BEEN FILED. THERE IS POTENTIALLY A 9 % INCREASE IN TAXES.
 - C. PLANNING- READ AND FILED, ATTACHED.
 - D. ZONING- THE ZONING REVISION IS READY TO BE PRESENTED AT THE PUBLIC HEARING ON MONDAY NOVEMBER 14.

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- E. HIGHWAY- READ AND FILED, ATTACHED.
- F. ZEO/BUILDING INSPECTOR- READ AND FILED, ATTACHED.
- G. ASSESSOR- EXEMPTION APPLICATIONS WILL BE SENT OUT IN DECEMBER AND JANUARY.
- H. BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS- NO REPORT.
- I. HISTORIAN- ATTACHED.
- VIII. CORRESPONDENCE: THERE IS AN OPENING ON THE COLUMBIA COUNTY PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD.
- IX. PUBLIC COMMENT: NO
- X. ON A MOTION BY COUNCILMAN SORMAN SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN TOIGO AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY THE BILLS WERE PAID IN THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS.
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| GENERAL VOUCHERS | 227-246 | \$9,753.87 |
| HIGHWAY VOUCHERS | 98-107 | \$4,271.18 |
- XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS- ON A MOTION BY COUNCILMAN SORMAN SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN TOIGO AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY THE 2012 BUDGET WAS PASSED.
- XII. NEW BUSINESS- DOUG PASSERI PRESENTED THE BOARD WITH A PKT OF INFORMATION ON CHURCH RD. HE WILL SEND A LETTER EXPLAINING WHAT HE WOULD LIKE TO BE ADDRESSED BY THE BOARD BEFORE THE DECEMBER MEETING.
- X111. PUBLIC COMMENT- THERE WAS ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION ON THE SALARY FOR THE HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDANT. THE BOARD AND SPECIFICALLY COUNCILMAN SORMAN REITERATED THAT THE DECISION TO KEEP THE SALARY THE SAME WAS NOT AN EASY ONE.
THERE WAS DISCUSSION ON THE SIGNAGE ON THE TSP FOR TEN NEIGHBORS RD AND DICKMAN FARM RD. THE HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDANT SHOULD BE LOOKING INTO THIS.
- XIV. ON A MOTION BY COUNCILMAN SORMAN SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN TOIGO AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 8:15.

