

## Special Budget Public Hearing - Board Meeting – December 3, 2018

On December 3, 2018, the Village Board met to hold the Special Budget Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m. at Village Hall, 613 Main Street. Members present: President Stene, Trustees Halpin, Davis, M. Burcham, K. Burcham, Wolff and Jenson. Others present included: Rick Johnson, Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer Niggemann and LeAnn Ralph with the Messenger.

**Open Public Hearing** - A motion was made by Trustee Jenson and seconded by Trustee M. Burcham to open the Public Hearing at 7:01 p.m. Voting For: Trustees K. Burcham, M. Burcham, Jenson, Wolff, Davis, Halpin and Stene. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

The Village President called for public comments and kept the public hearing open for five minutes. No public wanted to speak.

**Close Public Hearing** – A motion was made by Trustee Halpin and seconded by Trustee Davis to close the Public Hearing at 7:08 p.m. Voting For: Trustees Halpin, Davis, Wolff, Jenson, M. Burcham, K. Burcham and Stene. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

**2019 Budget Review /Approval** – The public notice reflected the levy amount of \$500,000 with the total expenses and revenues at \$1,193,126. The revenue and expenses for the Colfax Rescue Squad, Water Utility and Sewer Utility were published at the following amounts respectively \$464,189, \$270,950 and \$184,750.

Niggemann provided four charts for review by the Board to assist with the budget discussions. Chart One reflects the 2017 numbers. The chart labeled Option One represented the budget that was published with the Village levy at \$500,000; Option Two represents the levy amount at \$524,724 which would mean the Village would be levying for 100 percent of the debt payment; and Option Three represents the levy amount at \$467,726 which would be the amount allowable on the Levy Limit worksheet. Even though all jurisdictions requested less or equal amount as the prior year, 2017 payable in 2018; the tax rate is greater. The reasoning behind this increase net tax rate is due to the assessed valuation decrease of \$2,810,400. The tax collections will actually be \$104,104.82 less than 2017-2018 tax year; however the total tax will be distributed between less valuation which causes the net tax rate to be higher.

A motion was made by Trustee Halpin and seconded by Trustee Wolff to approve the 2019 General Fund Budget- Option One with a levy amount of \$500,000. Voting For: Trustees Halpin, Davis, Wolff, Jenson, M. Burcham and Stene. Voting Against: Trustee K. Burcham. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Wolff and seconded by Trustee Halpin to approve the 2019 General Fund Budget, the Colfax Rescue Squad, Water Utility and the Sewer Utility as published. Voting For: Trustees Halpin, Davis, Wolff, Jenson, M. Burcham and Stene. Voting Against: K. Burcham. Motion carried.

**Set Tax Levy** – A motion was made by Trustee Halpin and seconded by Trustee Wolff to approve the Village tax levy at \$500,000 with Tax Levy Resolution number 2018-03. Voting For: Trustees M. Burcham, Jenson, Wolff, Davis, Halpin and Stene. Voting Against: K. Burcham. Motion carried.

**Adjourn** –All business was complete and the meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

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Gary Stene, Village President

Attest: Lynn Niggemann  
Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer