MINUTES – TOWN OF ALLEGANY PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2014 TOWN BUDGET TUES. OCTOBER 29, 2013 7:00 PM TOWN HALL

PRESENT WERE: Supervisor Hare  Councilman Koebelin
Councilman O’Dell  Councilman Hitchcock
Councilman Allen  Hwy Superintendent Moshier
Comptroller C. Hemphill  Town Clerk M. Peck
Also present: D.Sue, H.Larson, F.Defiore, S.Guthrie, C.Boser

ABSENT:  Attorney Tuttle

Salute to the Flag at 7:00 pm opened the meeting.

Public Hearing on the 2014 Town Budget

Supervisor Hare: advised that insurance changes have occurred and that has caused an increase in the budget for that item. Starting with a tax levy of 2.88% increase and a 2.18% tax rate increase for the preliminary budget. Supervisor Hare then asked for any comments from the floor... none.

#188-MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING
Motion by hare to close the public hearing on the 2014 Town Budget. 2nd by Koebelin. Koebelin-aye, O’Dell-aye, Hitchcock-aye, Allen-aye, Hare-aye.  CARRIED.

Public Hearing closed at 7:04 pm

Supervisor Hare: several things that need to be adjusted in the preliminary budget before anything gets finalized and voted on tonight.

#189-MOTION TO INCREASE TAX COLLECTOR SALARY
Motion by Hare to increase the tax collector salary from $3500.00 per year to $4000.00 per year. 2nd by Koebelin. Koebelin-aye, O’Dell-aye, Hitchcock-aye, Allen-aye, Hare-aye.  CARRIED.

Councilman Allen – took some of the figures from the preliminary budget and put them on his spreadsheet. This spreadsheet also provided costs of fringes for each department to make things a little clearer.

#190-MOTION TO INCREASE WATER/SEWER SUPERINTENDENT WAGES
Motion by Hitchcock to increase the water and sewer superintendent wages an additional $500 each on top of the $500 increase in each in the preliminary budget. This will then be $6000.00 per year for each, water and sewer. 2nd by Allen. Koebelin-aye, O’Dell-nay, Hitchcock-aye, Allen-aye, Hare-aye.  CARRIED.

#191-MOTION TO TRANSFER MONEY INTO CEMETERY RESERVE EQUIPMENT ACCOUNT
Motion by Allen to transfer $3000.00 from (A8810.2) cemetery equipment account into the newly created cemetery reserve equipment account. 2nd by Hare. Koebelin-aye, O’Dell-aye, Hitchcock-aye, Allen-aye, Hare-aye.  CARRIED.

CHANGES IN ADOPTED BUDGET FROM PRELIMINARY BUDGET
#192-MOTION TO APPROVE 2014 TOWN BUDGET AS MODIFIED

Motion by Hare to formally approve the 2014 Town Budget as modified – Tax Collector, Water/Sewer Superintendent and Cemetery Reserve Account. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Koebelin. Koebelin-aye, O’Dell-aye, Hitchcock-aye, Allen-aye, Hare-aye. **CARRIED.**

- After the previous changes have been made to the 2014 Town Budget, the % of Tax Levy Change is now 2.92%; the % of the Tax Rate Change is 2.21%.

**Supervisor Hare:** advised that Capital equipment purchases for the highway department to be made in 2014 are not reflected in this budget: trade in two highway dept. pickups for two new like pickups; trade in the highway dept. small dump truck for like new one; buy two new sanding units for two of the town highway plow trucks. The cost of this highway equipment will be reflected in our borrowing costs in 2015.

Nothing from the floor.

#193-MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING

Motion by Hare to adjourn meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Koebelin. Koebelin-aye, O’Dell-aye, Hitchcock-aye, Allen-aye, Hare-aye. **CARRIED.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:46 pm
Respectfully submitted,

Mary M. Peck, Town Clerk
10/30/13