**10-29-2015 – PUBLIC HEARING ON 2016 TOWN BUDGET**

Present:

Councilman Cheryl L. Earl

Councilman Leonard R. Hochadel

Councilman David L. Montgomery

Councilman Douglas J. Morrell

Supervisor Beverly A. Gambino

Also Present:

Town Clerk Betsy A. Marsh

Approx. 10 guests

The Sardinia Town Board held a Public Hearing on October 29, 2015 at the Town Hall/Community Center, for the purpose of hearing comments on the Preliminary 2016 Town Budget. Supervisor Gambino called the hearing to order at 6:30 PM with the Pledge to the Flag, led by Veteran Gene Heintz. The Supervisor read the Notice of the Hearing as it had appeared in both the Arcade Herald and the Springville Journal.

The Supervisor explained the purpose of the hearing is to hear comments on the proposed Preliminary Budget for 2016, and opened the floor for any comments on the proposed Budget. She then read the rules of conduct for a Public hearing.

The Supervisor stated that one written comment had been received, from John Schiener of Sardinia, and he asked that it be read into the record. The Clerk read the comment in its entirety, and noted it would be attached as part of the minutes.

Supervisor Gambino stated that only one person had signed in to speak, and she then called on him.

Gene Parzych, Town resident, asked about the Town’s finances, and how much the landfill fees are each year. The Supervisor stated there is approximately $2.2 million in the check book, and explained that $40,000.00 of that is a water reserve account for the Fire Protection District, and approximately $300,000.00 of the total is a reserve account for the Highway Fund. She then gave him a sheet showing the landfill fee payments from 2011 until present, showing a decrease each year. Mr. Parzych had no further comment.

Councilman Earl stated she still had a problem with a 3.5 % raise for elected officials.

Supervisor Gambino then asked three times for further comments. **There being none, the hearing was closed at 6:39 PM on a motion by Hochadel, seconded by Morrell, and carried 5 ayes, 0 noes.**

 Respectfully Submitted,

 Town Clerk