**11-10-2016 – PUBLIC HEARING ON 2017 TOWN BUDGET**

Present:

Councilman Cheryl L. Earl

Councilman Leonard R. Hochadel

Councilman Douglas J. Morrell

Councilman Mandy Quinn-Stojek

Supervisor Beverly A. Gambino

Also Present:

Highway Superintendent Donald W. Hopkins

Town Clerk Betsy A. Marsh

Approx. 10 guests

The Sardinia Town Board held a Public Hearing on November 10, 2016 at the Town Hall/Community Center, for the purpose of hearing comments on the Preliminary 2017 Town Budget. Supervisor Gambino called the hearing to order at 6:00 PM with the Pledge to the Flag, led by Veteran Jim Wiedemann. The Supervisor noted that the Notice of the Hearing 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 2017, and went through the budget, noting any significant changes to lines, which included: A 3% increase for hourly workers, and a 2% increase for elected officials; a $5,000.00 increase in the engineering line due to the pool house project; a 5% increase for the Dog Control Officer due to increased duties; and the encumbrance of $27,825.00 from the 2016 Budget into the 2017 Budget for the boiler replacement. She also noted that slight increases to budget lines, such as pool staff, were added due to the proposed increases in the minimum wage, and for the computer server upgrades. Supervisor Gambino noted several decreases in budget lines, such as the Town’s insurance line, and playground expenses due to the use of the Corrections system for workers. She also noted that the line for the pool was increased due to the proposed pool house project, but stated that line includes the $50,000.00 grant received through Senator Gallivan’s office, and another $25,000.00 in actual Town funds to cover the balance of the project. Many other slight decreases to other lines were also noted. Supervisor Gambino stated that the Board has asked the Highway Superintendent to purchase a new diving board before the end of 2016, and store it until spring, so that amount will come out of the 2016 Budget and was not included in the 2017 Budget. She stated that the Highway Fund Budget amount stayed the same, with the only changes being adjustments between line items. The Supervisor stated that the Fire District Tax will be eliminated for 2017, and the only Town tax will be the Lighting Special Districts.

The Supervisor then opened the floor for any comments on the proposed Budget.

Denise Schiener of Sardinia commented that she felt that the Town should consider doing a total upgrade to the pool house at the same time as the accessible restrooms and the proposed upgrades are being done, rather than do the rest of any necessary upgrades at a later date.

Supervisor Gambino then asked three times for further comments. **There being none, the hearing was closed at 6:17 PM on a motion by Earl, seconded by Hochadel, and carried 5 ayes, 0 noes.**

 Respectfully Submitted,

 Town Clerk