**11-13-2014 – PUBLIC HEARING ON 2015 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

Highway Superintendent Donald W. Hopkins

Approx. 7 guests

The Sardinia Town Board held a Public Hearing on November 13, 2014 at the Town Hall/Community Center, for the purpose of hearing comments on the Preliminary 2015 Town Budget. Supervisor Gambino called the hearing to order at 6:15 PM with the Pledge to the Flag. The Town Clerk showed proof that the Hearing had been properly advertised, in both the Arcade Herald and the Springville Journal.

The Supervisor explained the reason for the meeting and opened the floor for any comments on the proposed 2015 Budget.

John Schiener of Sardinia commented that he would like to see more detail in the budget, including last year’s actual amount spent, current year-to-date, etc., and the percentage of change for each line. The Supervisor stated that the largest change was that she had decreased the Justice Personal Services line by $4,000.00, or $2,000.00 per year each Justice, and has put it back in the budget after learning she had received the wrong advice about decreasing the salary of Justices. She stated that the Historical Society contract amount is being left at $25,000.00, which Mr. Schiener stated he supports. Supervisor Gambino stated that all of the monthly financial reports are on the Town’s website, as well as last year’s budget. Mr. Schiener stated he would also like to see the Code Enforcement Officer’s reports on the website, also. The Town Clerk stated they could do so. Mr. Schiener stated that there is $80,000.00 in the Highway Equipment line for 2015, and asked what equipment is being purchased. Highway Superintendent Hopkins stated he would like to replace the 2004 pickup truck, as well as replacing his 1 ton pickup chassis. He stated between the two purchases and the switch over of the box onto the chassis, he estimated that they would cost $80,000.00.

Supervisor Gambino stated that the CDGB committee will be out on Tuesday to look at the bathhouse, the project for which the Town applied for CDGB funding. She stated she will be going to Lackawanna to be on the committee to look at the projects in other municipalities.

John Schiener asked if there were any capital projects improvements for the Town Hall included in the 2015 Budget. The Supervisor stated that the roof has a leak, and she would like to have the building looked at by our new engineer, Chatfield Engineering, to see what, if any, repairs needed.

Supervisor Gambino then asked three times for further comments from the public. There being none, the hearing was closed at 6:28 PM on a motion by Earl, seconded by Hochadel, and carried 5 ayes, 0 noes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Town Clerk