**11-09-2017 – PUBLIC HEARING ON 2018 TOWN BUDGET**

Present:

Councilman Cheryl L. Earl

Councilman Leonard R. Hochadel

Councilman Douglas J. Morrell

Supervisor Beverly A. Gambino

Absent:

Councilman Mandy Quinn-Stojek

Also Present:

Town Clerk Jennifer L. Bray

Approx. 6 guests

The Sardinia Town Board held a Public Hearing on November 9, 2017 at the Town Hall/Community Center, for the purpose of hearing comments on the 2018 Preliminary Town Budget. Supervisor Gambino called the hearing to order at 6:15 PM with the Pledge to the Flag, led by Veteran and Councilman Leonard Hochadel. The Supervisor noted that the Notice of the Hearing had appeared in both the Arcade Herald and the Springville Journal.

Supervisor Gambino then opened the floor for residents that had signed up for public comment. The first was Lia Oprea of Benton Rd. who opted not to speak at that time. The next was John Schiener of Schutt Rd. Mr. Schiener stated that he wasn’t able to be at the budget work session due to work. He asked if there could be a brief explanation of some of the big items that had changed. He listed the increase from $15,000.00 to $55,000.00 to the engineering line and the increase to $350,000.00 under the capital improvement line. Supervisor Gambino stated that the Town Engineers are paid professionals much like our Town Attorney. She stated that now that we are doing work on the town buildings there was a need to increase that line to cover their services now and for future projects. Supervisor Gambino then stated that the increase to the Buildings Capital Improvement line was based on the bid openings for the work that is going to be done on the back of the building and the boiler replacement. She also stated that there is a little extra in that line to cover any unforeseen issues once the renovations begin. The next item that Mr. Schiener questioned was the increase to the Codification line. Supervisor Gambino explained that the Town’s code book had not been properly updated since 1996. It had been retyped buy the former Town Attorney, Linda Joseph’s staff but there have been numerous errors found in those books therefor creating a liability to the Town by not updating it properly. The Supervisor noted that the fees for this service didn’t need to be paid all at once but would billed as the work is done. The next Item Mr. Schiener noted was the increase to the Highway Equipment line. Supervisor Gambino stated that was for Superintendent Hopkins to purchase a new snow plow. Mr. Schiener noted that there was an increase in the Waste Management revenue. Lastly Mr. Schiener questioned the salary for the code officer. Supervisor Gambino stated that he has office hours on Wednesday nights and Friday mornings but he does inspections and other work on other days of the week. He also takes calls on his cell phone when he isn’t here.

Supervisor Gambino then asked three times for further comments. **There being none, the hearing was closed at 6:26 PM on a motion by Hochadel, seconded by Earl, and carried 4 ayes, 0 noes and 1 absent.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Town Clerk