

**2016 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING and Town of Manheim Regular Board Meeting
October 27, 2015 at 7:00pm**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Supervisor John Haughton
Councilman Frederick Doerrer
Councilman Kevin Snell
Councilman Rodney Swartz

MEMBERS ABSENT

Councilman Peter Jaikin

OTHERS PRESENT

Carl Stallman, Audrey Murray,
Judy Mijares, Wilbur Hills

Supervisor Haughton called the meeting to order at 7:00PM., roll call was taken and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

PUBLIC HEARING 2016 TOWN BUDGET

A Motion was made by Councilman Doerrer and was seconded by Councilman Snell to open the Public Hearing on the 2016 Town Budget at 7:01pm. Ayes All

There is no increase in taxes for 2016 and the budget comes in under the .70% tax cap at .681%. The added assessment of the Manheim CNG Center was crucial in stabilizing the tax rate.

Supervisor Haughton stated that the only changes made to the preliminary budget that board members received 11/6/15 were \$7,000.00 was added to Parks CE in the Town Outside fund and \$29,000.00 was added in the General fund to pay for the feasibility study; both will be offset by fund balances and doesn't change the amount to be raised by taxes.

No one in the audience had any questions on the budget

A Motion was made by Councilman Snell and was seconded by Councilman Swartz to close the Public Hearing on the 2016 Town Budget at 7:10pm. Ayes All

A Motion was made by Councilman Doerrer and was seconded by Councilman Snell to adopt the 2016 Budget for the Town of Manheim. Ayes: Supervisor Haughton, Councilmen Doerrer, Snell and Swartz

A Motion was made by Councilman Doerrer and was seconded by Councilman Snell to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2015 board meeting. Ayes All

A Motion was made by Councilman Snell and was seconded by Councilman Doerrer to disperse the excess sales tax money as follows: \$29,000.00 to General Fund, \$7,000.00 to Town Outside Fund, and \$18,586.61 to the Highway Equipment Fund. Ayes All

Public Comment Period

Wilbur Hills asked about the status of the joint fire district feasibility study. Supervisor Haughton said that he has had multiple conversations with Kent Greene of Emergency Services Consulting International (ESCI) and is very impressed with the way he's gathering information and setting up meetings. There will be two public meetings November 11th at the Dolgeville Fire Dept.; the first on at 2:00pm and the second at 7:00pm. Residents will be asked to fill out a survey which

ESCI will use in their findings. ESCI will meet with towns and fire departments involved on November 12 & 13 to analyze the information they've been asked to supply. Audrey Murray and Jamie Bergeron as well as Sharon Baisley (as a member of the Town Planning Board) have agreed to be involved in the process.

Superintendent's Report

Carl reported that he's mailed in the CHIPS paperwork for reimbursement to the town for \$32,132.05; this will bring this year's total to about \$37,872.00.

John Scanlon has been doing some welding; he's fixed the back end of the 10 wheeler, done some work on Bob's truck and will make and mount new brackets on the "89".

Carl's almost finished with the PESH report. Bill VanGorder (NYMIR) may want the drug and alcohol policy revised.

Russell Winkler has resigned to take a mechanic position at the county. Carl will be interviewing a candidate from the county's list of driver's to fill the vacancy.

Old Business

The feasibility study update was covered under public comment.

New Business

Herkimer County Healthnet gave the town three Faville Falls Trail signs. These will be installed in the spring. \$2,000.00 of the excess sales tax will be used for improvements to Faville Falls.

Dolgeville Fun & Fitness is asking the Town for support of the new playground they are planning. Supervisor Haughton would like to give \$5,000.00 to the project in memory of Larry Austin. It would be a fitting way to honor Larry for all his years of dedicated service to the Town.

A Motion was made to adjourn at 7:46 P.M. by Councilman Doerrer and seconded by Councilman Swartz. Ayes All

Respectfully Submitted,

Marie Gressler,
Town Clerk