

Helga Township
Minutes of
Budget Meeting
March 4, 2014

Present: Don Clay-Chairman, Supervisors; Dale Berglund, Jeff Schussman, Mark Lawyer
Treasurer-Jeanie Porter, Clerk-Sue Adkins

Meeting was called to order at 7:05pm. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Review of 2013 Disbursements and Receipts:

Sue Adkins, clerk handed out 2013 receipts and disbursement lists for each fund. Also a review sheet of the last 3 previous year's budgets and levy amounts.

The Treasurer and Clerk answered questions as needed.

It was noted that the Levy has not changed in the last three years from; \$220,000.

Fire Fund:

It was discussed that the amount due in 2013 was 33,483 but was not reflected in the disbursements because the 2nd half bill was paid after new year because it was not received in time. We don't know at this time what are bill will be for 2015. It was discussed the budget should be 33,000.

Cemetery:

The Cemetery Road fees will need to come out of there and that should be about 3,000 and about 1,000 of mowing. There should also be some black dirt brought in for some of the graves for a couple hundred. A budget was decided of 2,000.

Road & Bridge:

It was reminded that what was spend on roads included payout of the Gas Tax Fund. It was discussed that 58,000 was spent on roads in addition to the gravel done this last year. Graveling for this year was discussed, it will not be as much this year. It is expected to spend about 35,000 - 40,000 on graveling this year. It was discussed that we don't know about problems ahead of time. It was discussed that the gas tax has to be used on roads. Right of Way was discussed. The township cut into the reserves last year for roads and the roads are the biggest expense of the township. It was decided to have a budget of 130,000 for the roads and a levy of 120,000.

General Fund:

9,000 was spent out of reserves last year. Legal fees came out of the general fund and we will have more attorney fees from the ordinance. Elections cost about 4,300 in 2012 so we will have those costs this year. The budget was set at \$88,000 and the levy was set at 84,000.

Town Hall Fund:

Insulating the attic will be done this year but should bring down the heating costs. We were fortunate to have bought pre buy this year. The historical registry was discussed and how that will affect the cost. Wayne Hoff, discussed the insulating bids. The budget and levy were both decided to be 25,000.

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Budget and Levy:

Clerk read back the budget and levy

Budget:

General Fund:	88,000
Road & Ridge:	130,000
Fire:	33,000
Cemetery:	2,000
Town hall:	25,000

Levy:

General Fund:	84,000
Road & Ridge:	120,000
Fire:	33,000
Cemetery:	2,000
Town hall:	25,000

It was commented that some of the cost from last year was from neglect from previous years on roads and the town hall.

Motion made by Jeff Schussman to approve the 2015 budget and levy, **Seconded** by Mark Lawyer, **Approved**

Adjourn Meeting:

Motion to adjourn made by Don Clay to adjourn the meeting, **Seconded** by Jeff Schussman,

Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Adkins, Deputy Clerk

Donald Clay, Chairman