

Helga Township
Board of Supervisors
Minutes of The 2012 Budget/Levy
Feb 8, 2011

PRESENT: Supervisors: Chairman Mike Smith, Jim Autrey, Jim Lyle, Mike Sherwood, and Dave Christianson. Treasurer Marilyn Pemble. Clerk Shannon Skime.

Meeting was called to order at 7:35pm. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

PROPOSED BUDGET 2012

The board reviewed the income and expense from the past several years and discussed various concerns that may affect the 2012 expenses. Some of the concerns included special one time projects, Hidden Oaks drainage, 219th Ave paved surface, and fencing of the cemetery. They decided that since they couldn't put comprehensive dollar amounts to these projects it would be better to discuss these issues at the Annual Town Meeting rather than try to put them into the budget at this time.

Motion was made by Mike Smith to approve the Budget for 2012 at \$220,000 broken down as

GENERAL FUND	\$65,000
ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$120,000
FIRE FUND	\$30,000
CEMETERY FUND	<u>\$5,000</u>
TOTAL BUDGET	\$220,000

Seconded by Dave Christianson, motion carried.

INVESTMENTS/RESERVE FUNDS

The Board discussed the amount of funds currently in investments. The objective was to come to an agreement on how much of a minimum reserve should the Board try to maintain. Amounts discussed ranged from \$150,000 to the full amount currently in reserve. After further discussion Jim Autrey made a **motion** to set the Reserve Funds at a \$200,000 minimum, seconded by Dave Christianson. Discussion ensued. There was a considerable discussion on the amounts to hold in reserve. There was a great deal of discussion regard how much of the tax payers money should the Township hold. There were very strong feelings expressed that the Township should hold any more than in necessary to sustain operations for a period of time. Discussion focused around a minimum of approximately 1 year operating expenses. Mike Sherwood and Jim Lyle preferred a minimum of \$250,000. Vote on motion: those in favor were Mike Smith, Dave Christianson, and Jim Autrey. Opposed were Jim Lyle and Mike Sherwood. Motion carried.

PROPOSED LEVY FOR 2012

The Board discussed the postponement of setting the levy until later in August similar to what had taken place the prior year. It was unclear if it should be done at this meeting or the Annual Town Meeting. Jim Autrey will look into this and let the board know.

Motion made by Mike Sherwood to continue the meeting until Feb 22, 2011 at 6:30pm.

Seconded by Jim Lyle, motion carried.

RECESSED: 9:20pm

Respectfully Submitted

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Shannon Skime, Township Clerk

Mike Smith, Chairman