

***SPECIAL BYRON TOWN BOARD BUDGET MEETING***

*September 23, 2009*

The Special Byron Town Board Budget Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Thomas Felton at 6:00 p.m. with the following people present:

Supervisor.....	Thomas Felton
Council Members.....	Jack Redick
	Craig Ferguson
	Jeanne Freeman
	John Ivison
Town Clerk.....	Debra Buck-Leaton
Highway Superintendent.....	George Heins

**Public:**

Everett Roda.....	Byron-Holley Road, Byron
Rita Reding.....	Freeman Road, Byron
Sue Fuller.....	Cockram Road, Byron
Jeff Thompson.....	Swamp Road, Byron

**PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:**

Supervisor Felton led the people in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PROPOSED 2010 TOWN OF BYRON BUDGET:**

The Town Board discussed the Proposed 2010 Town of Byron General and Sewer budgets line item by line item. The following comments and inquiries were made:

**General Fund Preliminary Budget:**

**A1420.4 (Attorney Contractual):**

- Approximately \$18,000 will be coming back from Water District Nos. 3& 4
- Supervisor Felton would recommend putting \$28,500 into the Attorney Contractual Account for services for Water District No. 5 (Cockram Road east), Water District No. 6 (Pumpkin Hill), and Water District No. 7 (Swamp Road)
- There was a discussion regarding water districts, costs, smart growth and funding.
- Councilman Ivison would like to see the attorney expenses broken down to show the cost for each water district and general attorney fees for future reference.
- The Town Board would like to budget \$10,500 for general attorney fees and a separate line item of \$21,000 for the Water Districts.

**A1620.4 (Buildings Contractual):**

- Would like to replace windows and doors in highway garage at a cost of approximately \$7,000.

**A1990.4 (Special Items Contingent):**

- Supervisor Felton would like to return to this line item at a later time.

**A3620.1 (Safety Inspection Personal Services):**

- The CEO/ZEO would like an increase of 38%, from \$17,550 to \$24,960
- One option would be to break the ZEO salary out to a separate line item.
- After some discussion Supervisor Felton stated he would check to see what surrounding towns are paying and get back to the Board.

**A3620.1D1 (Safety Inspection Personal Services):**

Supervisor Felton will ask the CEO/ZEO about this line item

**A7310.4 and A7310.4L (Youth Program Contractual Expense):**

·Gillam-Grant Library will be attending the Town Board meeting on September 30, 2009.

·The Town Board will return to these line items.

**A8030.4 (Research Contractual Expense):**

·Supervisor Felton would like to increase this line item to \$31,500. Water District Nos. 5, 6 and 7: \$7,000 each, and general attorney fees: \$10,500.

**A7110.4 (Park Program Contractual Expense):**

·Supervisor Felton would like to increase this line item to \$5,000 to include future expenses for Robins Brook Park.

**A7110.4PK (Park Program Contractual Expense):**

·Supervisor Felton would like to decrease this amount from \$3,000 in 2009 to \$2,000 in 2010 because there is no gate keeper, and the park committee will be looking at larger improvements via grants, and would like the Park Committee to pull back on smaller improvements so that the Town Board can see where the Park Committee is at as far as smaller improvements.

**A7410.4 (Library):**

·The Town Board would like to see this line item cut back from \$15,300 to \$1,000 because of the closing of the Gillam-Grant Library.

·The Town Board has three choices on what to do with the books at Gillam Library that the Town of Byron owns. The Town can donate them to the Byron-Bergen Library, gift them to the Gillam-Grant for a reading room, or take possession of the books and try to figure out what to do with them.

**A8030.4 (Research Contractual Expense):**

·Supervisor Felton would like to increase this line item to \$32,000, which would consist of Water District Nos. 3 & 4: \$4,000 each, and Water District Nos. 5, 6 and 7: \$8,000 each. The Town should be receiving \$15,500 back from Rural Development for Water District Nos. 3 and 4.

**A9901.9 (Interfund Transfer to Highway Fund):**

·Supervisor Felton would like this number to be decreased from \$25,000 to \$22,000

**A9950.9 (Interfund Transfer to General Reserve):**

·Supervisor Felton would like \$20,000 put into this account for the cleanup of unsafe buildings in the Town.

·Supervisor Felton will also check with the Bookkeeper to see if this is where the cleanup of the property destroyed by fire on Townline Road should go.

