SPECIAL BYRON TOWN BOARD BUDGET MEETING

September 16, 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	
Highway Superintendent	George Heins
Public:	
Jim Cudney	7072 S. Byron Road, Byron
Rita Reding	Freeman Road, Byron
Sue Fuller	
Jane Ivison	Townline 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 Highway budget line item by line item. The following comments and inquiries were made:

Highway Fund Preliminary Budget:

DA5110.1:

- •There was a discussion on the best use of highway department for mowing.
- ·Highway Department spends 20 hours a week mowing filter beds and parks.

DA5110.4:

- ·Highway Superintendent believes CHIPS money will be going down in 2010.
- •They will be trying to blacktop Old State Road in 2010 and will use CHIPS money.
 - ·Cost of blacktop for July 2009 was \$52/ton
- •The Town owns 40 miles of roads. The Town would need to do 4 miles per year based on CHIPS, and tar and stone every 5 years.
- •The County pays the Town to do snow removal and mowing (mow 3 times per year based on contract) on 20 miles of County roads.
- •Surrounding towns are doing about the same amount of road paving/sealing. **DA5130.2:**
- •This line item could be used for a front plow, pickup (Elba just bought one for \$30,000 with a plow, but the Highway Superintendent will be checking state bids) or sander (\$9,200 for the last one in 2007).

•The Highway Superintendent believes the fire departments will be asking the Highway Department to plow their parking lots.

·Councilwoman Freeman believes the State Comptroller will not allow the Town to plow the fire department parking lots.

·Highway would like to purchase a new roller to be shared with Elba, Oakfield and Pembroke. Byron's cost would be \$3,000.

DA5130.4 (Repairs):

·Discussion on whether the Highway Department could do some of its own repair work.

DA5142.1:

·Councilman Ferguson and Councilman Ivison wondered if one of the highway men could work nights to cut down on overtime. Thinks this should be researched.

Superintendent Heins would hate to have one man out alone, but this would be something they could discuss during union negotiations. Under the union contract the men are guaranteed 3 hours. Plow routes are usually 2-3 hours.

DA5142.4:

- ·\$60,000 per year for salt
- •The Highway Superintendent uses a mix of salt and sand.
- ·Salt is \$40/ton and sand is \$6.50/ton

DA9010.8 & DA9060.8:

·Supervisor Felton will check with the bookkeeper on these figures

DA9950.9:

- •The Town Board would like to budget \$95,000
- ·The Town Board would like the Highway Superintendent to inquire about the cost of a new plow truck.

Highway Revenue Account No. 3501:

·This figure should be \$50,000

ADJOURN:

A <u>motion</u> was made by Councilman Ivison to adjourn the Special Budget Meeting of the Byron Town Board at 9:20 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilman Ferguson and carried with the following vote:

Vote: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra M. Buck-Leaton Byron Town Clerk