

BUDGET WORKSHOP, NOVEMBER 11,2014

A budget workshop was held on Tuesday, November 11, 2014 at the Mayfield Municipal Complex 28 N School Street. The meeting was called to order at 8:05 AM by Supervisor Richard Argotsinger and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Supervisor Richard Argotsinger  
Councilman Vincent Coletti  
Councilman Thomas Ruliffson  
Councilman Steve Van Allen

OTHERS PRESENT: Jim Cownie, Mel Dopp Highway Superintendent, Jack Putman, Lita Hillier Budget Officer

RES# 129 ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF JACK PUTMAN

On motion by Councilman Ruliffson seconded by Councilman Coletti the following resolution was ADOPTED 4 AYES (Argotsinger, Coletti, Ruliffson, Van Allen)

RESOLVED that the Mayfield Town Board approves the resignation of Jack Putman from the Board of Assessment Review and the Zoning Board of Appeals effective November 11, 2014.

Supervisor Argotsinger explained that at the end of 2013 the town had a fund balance of 449,538.00 but each year it gets reduced. Supervisor Argotsinger also reported that we are overdrawn in contractual and payroll accounts then asked for suggestions on how to cover these expenses.. A discussion followed with Mel stating that some years ago some money was returned to the budget at the end of the year. Lita Hillier, Budget Officer feels we need to come up with better numbers at budget time.

Carole from Sacandaga Express entered the meeting at 8:15AM.

Councilman Van Allen stated he is opposed to cutting a position.

Mel Dopp suggested reducing some line items in the highway department budget.

A small discussion followed with Mel suggesting taking \$60,000. from the paving budget to be able to have his 6<sup>th</sup> man. Followed by another short discussion on salary plus benefits for an added employee.

Supervisor Argotsinger suggested thinking about what adjustments we might consider for the meeting on November 20<sup>th</sup>.

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Jim Cownie asked about going over the tax cap. Supervisor Argotsinger explained the process.

Mel Dopp asked board members if we are going to go with taking money out of paving and adding a 6<sup>th</sup> man. Mel also stated that he feels in the winter time he really needs the extra man.

Supervisor Argotsinger explained that we now have a preliminary budget. t At the November 20<sup>th</sup> meeting the town will have the scheduled public hearing followed by a budget workshop to make any changes to the budget.

On motion by Councilman Ruliffson seconded by Councilman Van Allen the meeting was adjourned at 9:12 AM 4 AYES (Argotsinger, Coletti, Ruliffson, Van Allen)  
Respectfully Submitted:

Dorothy Hart, Town Clerk RMC