

## Public Budget Meeting of November 24, 2020

Meeting was held at the Town Hall in Sayner. Meeting was called to order on November 24th at 6:00 pm by Chairman Maines. The Chairman noted that this meeting has been duly posted with notices placed at the Sayner Post Office, the Star Lake Post Office, and the Town Hall in Sayner and also the Town Website. The purpose of this meeting is for the public to comment on the Proposed Fiscal Year 2021 Budget. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all. Supervisor Rasmussen and Supervisor Schmidt were also in attendance. Clerk Brooker was absent.

### **Discussion of the Proposed Budget:**

Chairman Maines explained that the Town Clerk was not able to be at the meeting due to illness. He also explained that Supervisor Rasmussen had sanitized the Town Hall using UV sanitation and that things had also been wiped down. He then asked if there were any questions on the Budget. Supervisor Rasmussen asked on what line did the Broadband Committee get put, both Chairman Maines and Supervisor Schmidt answered it was listed under Economic Development #56702. Sheehan Donoghue questioned #51107, Chairman Maines explained to her it was for mileage, phone expense and training. Sheehan Donoghue also asked about the clothing for the employees. Supervisor Schmidt fielded that question saying it was listed under the Highway line and given a \$500 budget for florescent lime or orange apparel, along with chaps or pants when doing outside work and work boots. The budget covers 2 crew members and it was noted they buy things as needed. Chairman Maines spent quite a bit of time answering questions about the Rec Building. He explained that at their last Regular Town Board Meeting they had decided to put the Rec Building off as they were not ready to move forward after finding out the cost of the original bid had gone up substantially. He said it will be discussed at the December Town Board Meeting. He went on and explained they have a chance to save \$57,000 if they build the Town Garage and Rec Building at the same time. He stated that the Board did not want to move forward without there being a public meeting where the public could ask questions and vote on it. For right now, he said only the money for the Salt/Sand Shed and Town Garage had been borrowed. Any money for the Rec Building would be borrowed in 2021. Supervisor Schmidt let it be known that they would save quite a bit of money if they moved before the cost of steel goes up. Sheehan Donoghue suggested the Board get the information on the Rec Building out to the taxpayers before the December meeting. It was asked if a cost could be given for just updating the bathrooms and kitchen of the Rec Center to save money. Chairman Maines said it could come into play if they are not able to move forward building a new Rec Building. The room tax item was discussed briefly, with Chairman Maines saying it was on the agenda to be discussed at the Regular Town Board Meeting taking place later that night.

Meeting adjourned at 6:21 pm.

A voice recording of this meeting is available in the Clerk's office.

These minutes were taken at the Public Budget Meeting of the Town of Plum Lake held on the 24th day of November 2020 and were entered in this Record Book by: