

**Budget Workshop Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, October 19, 2015 at the Rockland Town Hall**  
**Called to order by Chairman Cashman at 6:30 p.m.**  
**Adjourned at 7:24 p.m.**

All Board members along with the Clerk and Treasurer were present. Randy Hansen and Tara Mager (Wrightstown Spirit) also appeared. Chairman Cashman called the meeting to order and read the agenda. Notice was verified by the Clerk.

**Review Fire Address Sign Purchase and Installation Costs**

A copy of an estimate from Lange Enterprises, Inc., was distributed. The estimate provided the cost for each fire address sign, galvanized post and cost of installation. Supervisor Lasee asked whether these signs were necessary. Chairman Cashman stated the Planning Commission reviewed this subject and recommended and approved that the Board obtain these signs for residents. Chairman Cashman explained that many first responders do not have GPS in their vehicles. Randy Hansen explained that the Town received letters of support from County Rescue, Greenleaf Fire Department, Morrison Fire Department and the Brown County emergency response center to require these fire address signs.

Supervisor Lasee asked where the signs would be installed and who would install them. Randy Hansen explained that the standard location is five feet from the driveway and that the vendor could install them. Other towns locate their fire address signs within the culvert. The Town would need to draft an ordinance noting where the sign would need to be located. The signs are two sided and would be perpendicular to the roadway.

**Approve 2016 Special Assessments for garbage and recycling**

Clerk Charette informed the Board that Harter's will be increasing their 2016 fees for garbage and recycling by 2%. Currently, the cost for garbage and recycling is \$148.92/year per resident. The increase will bump that cost to \$151.92/year per resident. In 2015, the Town assessed each resident \$148.00/year for such services.

Treasurer Van Dyck provided a summary of garbage and recycling income and expenditures for 2015 and the balance of the special assessment account.

Discussion was had on whether to increase the special assessment charge to cover the increase in 2016 fees for such services.

M/M by Supervisor Van Vonderen to set the special assessment charge at \$148.00/year per resident for 2016 garbage and recycling services; seconded by Chairman Cashman. Motion carried.

**Work on 2016 Proposed Budget**

The Clerk amended the proposed budget based upon discussions on recycling costs, highway costs and fire address signs.

**Consider Resolution #2015-09 Proposing to Exceed Levy Limit**

Chairman Cashman requested that the Board consider requesting an increase in the proposed levy to cover the cost of the fire address signs. Discussion was had on what amount should be requested and how that amount would affect the mill rate. The Board concluded that it would request a portion of the \$20,500 needed to purchase and install the fire address signs at its regular Board meeting to follow.

**Public Comment**

None

**Items intended for future meetings-**

**Adjournment**

M/M by Chairman Cashman to adjourn at 7:24 p.m.; seconded by Supervisor Van Vonderen. Motion carried.

All minutes have been taken truthfully and honestly and to the best of my knowledge and ability.

Jann Charette  
Town Clerk

Minutes approved as written / with corrections (**strike one**) by the Town Board on Monday, November 2, 2015.

Dennis J. Cashman  
Town Chairman