

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2019 BUDGET
BAINBRIDGE TOWN BOARD
OCTOBER 16, 2018**

Present: Dolores Nabinger	Supervisor
Jennifer Sienko	Councilwoman
Deborah Hromada	Councilwoman
Kelly Hromada-Johnson	Councilwoman
Gary Richman	Highway Superintendent
Recording Secretary: Aric McKown	Town Clerk

Supervisor Nabinger stated she wanted to open the public hearing at 6:01PM.

RESOLUTION #1

Motion was made by Councilwoman Sienko, second by Councilwoman Hromada, to open the public hearing.

Ayes: Supervisor Nabinger, Councilwoman Hromada, Councilwoman Sienko, Councilwoman Johnson; No: none; Motion Carried.

Guests: Bob Evans, Harold Noble, Richard Johnson.

Supervisor Nabinger asked our guests if they had any questions.

Bob Evans asked Supervisor Nabinger where things were at with the tax cap. Nabinger explained that she had been working on this with Councilwoman Hromada, and referenced pgs. 5 & 6 on the proposed budget, and went over the totals from these pages and how they would need to be changed, as well as asking the public if they had any other questions before the tax cap could be calculated.

Councilwoman Hromada said from what she could see that the budget would be over \$66,985.00, and that we would need to come out of the public hearing before this amount could be corrected.

Bob Evans stated that he's of the opinion that 'you stay under the tax cap'.

Councilwoman Hromada agreed with Bob Evans.

Councilwoman Johnson commented on how the town has gone over the tax cap in past years, and how it's getting harder for town's to stay under the tax cap.

Supervisor Nabinger talked about how the town borrowed money to buy a new truck because they had stayed under the tax cap.

RESOLUTION #2

Motion was made by Councilwoman Hromada, second by Councilwoman Sienko, to close the public hearing

Ayes: Supervisor Nabinger, Councilwoman Hromada, Councilwoman Johnson, Councilwoman Sienko; No: none; Motion Carried.

Supervisor Nabinger expressed her appreciation for staying under the tax cap, and talked about the importance of having enough money in our machinery reserve so we are able to buy highway department trucks and all the other little things when needed. She wasn't sure how we'd be able to cut the budget numbers by \$66,985.00.

Councilwoman Hromada emphasized the importance of not overspending and consolidating services.

The town board held conversation about waiting to hear back on the results of litigation from the Jennison Station, that could affect things.

Councilwoman Sienko asked about a certain number that the town needs to stay under every year and if that changes. Councilwoman Hromada replied that it was the same as last year, and how there's a 'big formula' that plays a factor in it all.

The town board talked about how things have worked in the past with trying to balance the budget.

Councilwoman Hromada asked Highway Superintendent Richman about why there's an amount \$217,571.00 in our Highway Savings, going into the month of September.

The town board conversed with Richman about monies that were used with CHIPS, and Richman explained that 'CHIPS is a wash'.

The town board held conversation on the Highway DB fund, the money in the Highway Machinery Reserve Fund and how it's there for us to use if we need to.

After some discussion, the town board decided to change the Start Income DB1000.00 in the Highway DB Fund to \$95,000.00 and the DB1120.00 Non-Property Tax Distribution by County Sales Tax to \$265,000.00, to stay under the tax cap.

Councilwoman Hromada fielded questions from Bob Evans and Richard Johnson on how the tax cap is calculated and explained the pressures put on small towns to constantly be 'cutting back' in the budget to stay under the tax cap.

RESOLUTION #3

Motion was made by Councilwoman Hromada, second by Councilwoman Sienko, to adopt the 2019 Budget based on the changes to the Start Income Fund and the Non-Property Tax Fund.

Ayes: Supervisor Nabinger, Councilwoman Hromada, Councilwoman Johnson, Councilwoman Sienko; No: none; Motion Carried.

Motion to Adjourn @ 6:47PM.

Next Regular Meeting will be November 13th, 2018 @ 7PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Aric McKown
Town Clerk

