

November 9, 2016      2017 Town Budget Public Hearing

The Public Hearing on the 2017 Town Budget was held on November 9, 2016.

Supervisor Frank Thomas called the Public Hearing to order at 7:02 PM with members present:

Councilman Nathan Thomas

Councilwoman Doreen Ryan

Councilman John Thomas

Absent: Councilman Carl Thomas

Attorney Matthew Fuller- was not required to attend

Supervisor Thomas stated the purpose of the meeting is to hold the Public Hearing on the 2017 Town Budget.

7:02 PM. Supervisor Thomas opened the Public Hearing on the 2017 Town Budget and also opened the Public Hearing on the 2017 Stony Creek Historical Association Contract in the amount of \$5600.00.

7:02 PM Councilman Carl Thomas attended the meeting.

The Town Board reviewed the 2017 Budget.

7:10 PM: Being no comments Supervisor Thomas closed the Public Hearing on the Stony Creek Historical Association Contract and opened the Public Hearing on the 2017 Stony Creek Free Library Contract in the amount of \$23,000.00. Supervisor Thomas reported that this is an increase of \$1000.00 from 2016.

Resumed budget review.

7:20 PM: Being no comments Supervisor Thomas closed the Public Hearing on the 2017 Stony Creek Free Library Contract and opened the Public Hearing on the 2017 Stony Creek Fire Protection Contract in the amount of \$92,000.00.

Resumed budget review.

The General and Highway amount to be raised by tax is \$632,611.00 into a town taxable value for 2016 \$1,380,580.00. 2017 tax rate of .458221 or \$458.22.

Amount raised by tax in 2016 \$640,648.00. 2016 tax rate was \$455.86.

Percentage of increase is .519% or a little over a half percent. A difference of per 1000, \$2.37.

That's completely due to the drop in value.

7:28 PM. Being no comments Supervisor Thomas closed the Public Hearing on the 2017 Stony Creek Fire Protection Contract and also being no comments on the 2017 Town Budget Supervisor Thomas closed the public hearing on the 2017 Town Budget.

117-16. A resolution was made by Councilman Nathan Thomas seconded by Councilwoman Ryan to adopt the 2017 Town Budget as follows:

	Appropriations and Provisions <u>for other uses</u>	Less Estimated <u>Revenues</u>	Less Unexpended <u>Balance</u>	Amount to be raised <u>by taxes</u>
General	\$592,357.00	\$399,698.00	\$50,000.00	\$142,659.00
Highway				
Townwide	\$857,220.00	\$320,268.00	\$47,000.00	\$489,952.00
Fire				
Protection	<u>\$115,849.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>\$115,849.00</u>
Totals	\$1,565,426.00	\$719,966.00	\$97,000.00	\$748,460.00

Roll call vote, all in favor.

Other business:

Purchase of property on Lanfear Road:

Supervisor Thomas reported he went to the county and requested \$30,000.00 of Occupancy Funds toward the purchase of property on Lanfear Road. They county has drafted an agreement for \$30,000.00 to purchase two parcels of land in Stony Creek, Parcel #'s 246.-1-49 and 246.-1-50. The agreement shall be effective upon execution by both parties and terminate upon completion of the real estate transaction. The Town can back out of it within 30-days written notice or the county. The other party and the county for convenience can back out of it within 60-day notice. Councilman John Thomas asked if anything was moving forward on this. Supervisor Thomas stated the attorney has put together a contract and he had Supervisor Thomas write out a check for \$5000.00. He delivered that to Attorney Fullers office last Thursday morning. The attorney was going to mail it to the seller's Attorney and thinks it had to be mailed because she doesn't do faxes or e-mail.

Councilman Carl Thomas stated they said they lowered the price, do you know what the price he had? Supervisor Thomas stated \$156,900.00. At the last meeting he thinks he said it was \$159,600.00.

118-16. A resolution was made by Supervisor Thomas seconded by Councilwoman Ryan to enter into the contract agreement with Warren County for the \$30,000.00 of Occupancy Funds to be used for the purchase of two parcels on Lanfear Road. Parcel #'s 246.-1-49 and 246.-1-50. Roll call vote, all in favor.

Councilwoman Ryan reported that Cliff Johnson, who owns property on Gill Road, told her that he has an attorney and plans to sue the town. He will be attending the meeting on November 15<sup>th</sup>, she isn't sure if this is for the property value or the bridge.

Councilman John Thomas asked if there was a clear determination as to if it's the county or towns. Supervisor Thomas stated no they haven't.

He did talk to someone from DEC and they indicated that putting a post under the bridge is something that can be done. Mr. Johnson was here and said it couldn't be done. Councilman Carl Thomas asked if it would be permanent. Supervisor Thomas stated no, temporary for log trucks.

Councilman Nathan Thomas stated that Stony Creek Ranch is making progress. The sign is down and the front steps, by the barn, have been taken out. Councilwoman Ryan stated the whole dining room is tore apart and the carpet is out. Some of the cabins are already gutted. Councilman Carl Thomas asked Supervisor Thomas if he looked at, as far as the other side of the road. Supervisor Thomas stated moving the road? Jeff Tennyson and he was down there. The owners agreed to remove the wall and steps. The county is going to dig the bank back. To move the road over, they both thought it would be more expensive to do that then dig the bank back. Councilman Carl Thomas stated it would be expensive but a lot better resolution. Councilman John Thomas stated he could see it if there was a huge amount of accidents there but there hasn't not over the course of the ranch it hasn't occurred. Supervisor Thomas stated he indicated to the owner that the pedestrian on demand flashing lights at the crosswalk, if they wanted to do that they should pay for it. The county hesitates because if they do it for one, they will be putting them up all over. Councilman John Thomas stated there is a lot they could do as a business, which they probably should be doing as a business. Supervisor Thomas stated they talked about straightening out the crosswalk to 90°'s across the road rather than at an angle. Councilman Nathan Thomas stated once they cut that bank back they will have room for a sidewalk or whatever. Supervisor Thomas stated there is quite a bump where you turn in by the corral and once they take that out of there it should help quite a bit. Councilman John Thomas asked if the county was charging them to do that. Supervisor Thomas stated he didn't think so, not to dig the dirt, no. Councilman Nathan Thomas stated they will have to deal with drainage, there is a lot of water issues down there. Councilman John Thomas asked if they are talking about taking the pine tree down. Supervisor Thomas stated yes, he did ask about that. Mr. Tennyson did indicate that the ranch owners were going to take it down.

Councilman John Thomas asked if the county was going to do anymore with the Warrensburg Road or leave it like that for Winter. Supervisor Thomas stated he thinks they are going to leave it like that. He asked them to do some shimming and that's what he got. Councilman John Thomas stated it was better off before they touched it.

A motion was made by Councilman Carl Thomas seconded by Councilwoman Ryan to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 PM all in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Harrington, RMC  
Town Clerk