

November 6, 2013 2014 Town Budget Public Hearing

The Public Hearing on the 2014 Town Budget was held on November 6, 2013.
Supervisor Thomas called the Public Hearing to order at 7:00 PM with members present:
Councilman Nathan Thomas
Councilman John Thomas
Councilwoman Doreen Ryan
Absent: Councilman Harry Paul Gill
Attorney James Cooper- was not required to attend

Supervisor Thomas stated the meeting tonight is on the 2014 Town Budget and Public Hearings on the following 2014 Contracts:
Stony Creek Historical Association in the amount of \$5000.00.
Stony Creek Free Library in the amount of \$21,000.00.
Stony Creek Fire Protection in the amount of \$88,000.00.

The Town Clerk read the Public Hearing Notice published October 18, 2013 in the Post Star. No written comments were received.

7:02 PM Supervisor Thomas opened the Public Hearing on the 2014 Town Budget and the Stony Creek Historical Association Contract in the amount of \$5000.00.
Being no comments at this time, the hearing was left open.

The Town Board reviewed the 2014 Town Budget.

7:10 PM: Being no comments Supervisor Thomas closed the public hearing on the Stony Creek Historical Association Contract. Supervisor Thomas opened the Public Hearing on the 2014 Stony Creek Library Contract in the amount of \$21,000.00. Being no comments the hearing was left open.

The Town Board continued with reviewing the 2014 Town Budget.

7:20 PM: Being no comments Supervisor Thomas closed the public hearing on the 2014 Stony Creek Library Contract. Supervisor Thomas opened the Public Hearing on the 2014 Stony Creek Fire Protection Contract in the amount of \$88,000.00. Being no comments the hearing was left open.

The Town Board continued reviewing the 2014 Town Budget.

Supervisor Thomas reported the 2014 Town tax, without the SF Fire Protection due to this is a separate tax. The amount to be raised for town tax will be \$658,964.00 the town taxable value \$1,435,736.00, which is different then what it was at the workshop meeting, it is down. He didn't have the figures all he had was what Peter had when he finalize the assessment roll, but there has been correction since then. The number he used then was \$1,437,200.00 and now its \$1,435,736.00. The 2014 town tax rate is \$458.97 per \$1000.00 assessed value, which is an increase of 4.064% or \$17.92 over 2013.

7:25 PM Being no comments Supervisor Thomas closed the public hearing on the 2014 Stony Creek Fire Protection Contract.

Supervisor Thomas reported he could probably lower the tax increase. The County Budget, they put in extra money in the Snow and Ice Contract. They increased the rates they pay for each item by 4%. His calculation would figure out for the town would be \$4895.00 plus \$477.00, also Supt. Bradley has indicated he wants to do the mowing. So in the contract they have one pass on each side of the road for \$140.00 per mile, there is 21.72 miles, which calculates another \$3171.00 for a total of \$8543.00. Supervisor Thomas feels he can put \$8000.00 in revenues DA2300 Services for other Government for a total of \$143,081.00 and lower the tax increase. Supervisor Thomas stated the County Budget hasn't been approved but it was 19-0. He believes it's going to be passed.

133-13. A resolution was made by Councilwoman Ryan seconded by Councilman Nathan Thomas to adopt the 2014 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	\$580,259.00	\$379,350.00	\$55,000.00	\$145,909.00
Highway				
Townwide	\$803,940.00	\$243,885.00	\$47,000.00	\$513,055.00
Fire				
Protection	\$115,000.00	0.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$113,000.00
Totals	\$1,499,199.00	\$623,235.00	\$104,000.00	\$771,964.00

Roll call vote, all in favor.

134-13. A resolution was made by Supervisor Thomas seconded by Councilman John Thomas to amend the 2014 Town Budget by putting \$8000.00 in Revenues DA 2300 Services for Other Governments and increase that from \$135,081.00 to \$143,081.00, which would raise the total Estimated Revenues to \$251,885.00. This lowers the total amount to be raised by town tax of \$763,964.00, which would make the 2014 town tax rate \$453.40 per \$1000.00 of assessed value, which is a difference this year of \$12.35 or 2.8%, and to adopt the amended 2014 Town Budget as follows:

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Totals	\$1,499,199.00	\$631,235.00	\$104,000.00	\$763,964.00

Roll call vote, all in favor.

Supervisor Thomas reported the overall county tax rate went up 1.57%, as you know everyone's equalization rates ends up being 3.84% to Stony Creek, which is an increase of \$14.39 per \$1000.00. The tax rate will be \$389.47.

Youth Director Position:

Supervisor Thomas stated the Youth Committee interviewed two candidates and he met with Patrice Weber. Councilman Nathan Thomas recommended the following:

Cheyenne Moses due to the affect of availability, she had wide-open availability for whereas JoAnn Mosher had night where she had conflicts and couldn't work with us. They talked about helping out on nights where Cheyenne has a busy schedule and keep her on as an extra as well and worked with Patrice as well to set up the schedule and figure out nice programs for the kids.

135-13. A resolution was made by Councilman Nathan Thomas seconded by Councilwoman Ryan to hire Cheyenne Moses as Youth Director with a pay wage of \$10.50 per hour. Asking JoAnn Mosher about being Assistant Youth Director with a pay wage of \$9.50 per hour. Patrice Jarvis-Weber as Helper to plan and organize programs with a pay wage of \$9.50 an hour. This will be up to 20 hours per week. Roll call vote, all in favor.

Councilman John Thomas asked if there were any grants or funding for the youth program Supervisor Thomas stated there is \$400.00 in the budget but they use to get \$1300.00 but they cut that back to \$400.00. Councilwoman Ryan stated that Lisa Bartow at the Library puts in for a lot of them, so if you just look for things and put in for it. Supervisor Thomas and Councilwoman Ryan stated they are sure there are things out there. Supervisor Thomas added that from the State or other agencies or even companies.

Veterans sign at the Rec. field.

Councilman John Thomas asked about the money for the Veterans, the sign is getting worn out. He didn't know if Councilwoman Ryan or Dominic knows more. He knows Dominic does the lettering, which looks good. He doesn't know if metal or colored glass that might stick better. It needs to be repaired. Supervisor Thomas stated he would like to change it. Councilwoman Ryan stated that vinyl lettering goes on cars so it can be out in the weather. Councilman John Thomas stated its enclosed in a case that's why he asked because by doing that its going to have moisture he didn't know maybe colored glass, maybe metal is the best way. Councilwoman Ryan asked how big the sign is. Supervisor Thomas stated it's about 4x5, he thought for a long time the Historical Society built that but they didn't. Councilwoman Ryan stated it might be something Dominic will donate too. Councilman John Thomas stated the vinyl lettering works pretty good he has it on his truck on the outside of the window. Supervisor Thomas stated he thinks the sign is for WWII and should think about adding other wars to this. Councilman John Thomas asked how you would start doing this. It was suggested to go to the Historical Association and VFW.

A motion was made by Councilman John Thomas seconded by Councilwoman Ryan to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 PM. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Harrington
Town Clerk