

**MINUTES**  
**November 5, 2013**  
**BUDGET HEARING**  
**TOWN OF NEW GLARUS**

Town Hall – Swiss Miss Center 1101 Hwy 69 New Glarus @ 6:30 pm

ATTENDING: Board Members: Keith Seward, Dean Streiff, Chris Narveson (6:45), Jim Hoesly, Dennis Nielson and Pattie Salter

ALSO ATTENDING: Kevin Krysinski

CALL TO ORDER: K. Seward at 6:30 pm – Swiss Miss Center

1. **PROOF OF POSTING**: Clerk Salter attested to proper posting.
2. **Budget Introduction by Accountant, Kevin Krysinski of Johnson Block**: Kevin Krysinski from Johnson Block introduced 2014 budget.

K. Krysinski reported that there were a couple points of emphasis:

- a. **Highway Expenditures**: K. Krysinski reported that in addition to the \$133,000 that we have levied for road maintenance, the Town is considering a Capital Road Project of \$841,000. K. Krysinski recommended that if there is the potential that the Town will do all or part of this project in 2014 that we identify it in our 2014 Budget. He noted that including the expense in our budget does not obligate the Town to spend the money but gives the Board the authorization to do so if we choose to proceed. He further explained that if the Town proceeds with the \$841,000 project in 2014 using grant money and borrowing, the levy impact would not occur until 2015.
- b. **Tax Levy Consideration** – K. Krysinski reported that the budget presented shows our tax levy going up approximately \$31,000 or 5.2%, which is less than what is allowable under the levy limit. The increase is due to debt service for the purchase of a new tanker for the Fire District and a new dump truck/plow for the Town. Without the borrowing, the Town would potentially have a reduced tax levy for 2014.

K. Seward asked how TRID monies received would affect the budget and if they should have a line item on the budget. K. Krysinski explained that the monies would be used to pay down highway expenses when received.

3. **Discussion**: K. Seward suggested adding \$4,000 to Engineering Miscellaneous for non-projects noting that there will need to be engineering done before at least one bridge project. Under the Capital Projects line item, Seward suggested adding 1/3 of the \$841,000 estimated cost of the Pioneer Road construction project or \$281,000 so we can start working in 2014. Seward noted that TRID projects may be spread over 5 years. Without objection, the items were included in the budget. P. Salter noted that line items were added to the budget to replace the laptop and purchase a new computer for the Clerk in 2014.

Parks budget was increased to \$12,846 to allow for website software and/or conversion. A brief discussion was held on whether to increase the tax levy to the maximum allowed levy according to the levy limit worksheet. K. Krysinski noted that the increase in the allowable levy was related to debt service for the two trucks. C. Narveson suggested adding a line item to pay for a study for Town infrastructure. He noted that an engineering study for natural gas infrastructure would normally cost approximately \$40,000 but we could probably do some of the work ourselves. P. Salter suggested putting \$10,000-15,000 in a contingency fund. K. Seward asked if the board would consider putting \$10,000 aside in a contingency fund earmarked for infrastructure. The board members agreed.

***The 2014 proposed budget with the above noted adjustments is \$1,295,734 with a 2013 tax levy of \$656,429 for a 2013/14 tax rate of \$4.59 per 1,000. This represents an increase of 7.5%.***

4. **Adjourn to Special Meeting of the Electorate**: As there were no further comments, K. Seward suggested that the Public Hearing be closed and we move onto our Special meeting of the electorate. C. Narveson moved to adjourn the Budget Hearing, R. Elkins 2<sup>nd</sup>. Budget Hearing closed at 7:15 p.m.

Pattie Salter, Clerk  
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