

**White Creek Town Board Minutes
November 14, 2017**

PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2018 PROPOSED BUDGET

The White Creek Town Board held a Public Hearing for the proposed 2018 Budget. Supervisor Shay opened the Public Hearing at 7:00 pm. Budget Officer Laura Manning reviewed total expenditures for the 2018 Budget is \$947,821.00. There were no other comments or questions so the hearing was closed at 7:20 pm

The White Creek Town Board held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, November 14, 2017 at the White Creek Town Hall. Supervisor Robert Shay called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. Roll call was taken by the Deputy Clerk. Attending the meeting were Supervisor Shay and Town Board Members James Perry, Barbra Kingsley, Tammy Taber and Lance Wang. Others attending the meeting were Highway Superintendent Chris Rieben, Budget Officer Laura Manning, and Town Assessor Ronna Meerwarth. The minutes of the October 10, 2017 meeting were approved as presented. Motion by Barbra Kingsley, seconded by Lance Wang and all others voted in favor of approval.

Lance Wang made the motion to approve the 2018 White Creek Budget as presented. Barbra Kingsley seconded the motion.

Roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: Shay, Kingsley, Taber, Wang

Nays: Perry

2018 Budget passed with a 4 to 1 vote.

Old Business

Supervisor Shay stated the speed limit request for State Road North has been forwarded to Washington County; they will in turn send to the State for review.

Assessor's Report

Assessor Ronna Meerwarth presented her monthly report to the Board.

Laura Chadwick, Director of Washington County Real Property Tax Services provided the Board members with information in regards to the number of Article 7 case in the County. Laura also gave the Board a print out of the Assessor's in Washington County. This allowed the Board to see what Towns have a Sole Elected Assessor, Sole Appointed Assessor and the salaries for each Town Assessor.

Laura also informed the Board that the Cold War Veterans Exemption has expired. The Board will need to hold a Public Hearing and pass a Local Law to reinstate the exemption for a ten year period.

Highway Report

Superintendent Chris Rieben submitted his monthly report of activities to the Board. The crew is getting the fleet ready for winter. They have finished putting up sand which amounted to 3600 to 3700 tons. Chris stated he has been working on the equipment plan with the highway committee. The tractor is back in service and Al is mowing again.

Budget Officer's Report

Budget Officer Laura Manning submitted the monthly operating statement to the Board. Laura also presented the final draft of the 2018 Budget. The Public Hearing to adopt the 2018 Budget will be held at the November 14th meeting.

Town Residents Comments

Ed Gulley asked if the Board was voting on changing from a Sole Elected Assessor to a Sole Appointed Assessor. Supervisor Shay stated that the answer to that question was no.

Mrs. Lana Swanson stated that she would be in favor of the "Shared Services Legislation". If the Village, Towns of Jackson, Cambridge and White Creek could share services it would reduce property taxes.

Audit and Pay Bills

Highway Fund:	\$35,580.24
Highway CHIPS:	\$ 5,037.75
General Fund:	\$ 2,238.94

Total Vouchers: \$42,856.93

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Lisa Austin-Cuddihy
White Creek Town Clerk