

November 11, 2017 the regular Town Board Meeting as well as the Public Hearing for the 2018 Budget was held in the town hall beginning at 7:00 p.m. and all Board members were in attendance. Sup. Gang led the pledge to the flag. A motion to accept the previous month's minutes was made by Coun. Raymond and was seconded by Coun. Barber and all were in favor. A motion to pay the audited bills was made by Coun. Greenough and was seconded by Coun. Wilbur and all were in favor.

Town Law #1-2017 was introduced. It is to raise the tax cap percentage by 3.188%. The tax cap for the upcoming year will only be 1.7%, so therefore we will exceed the cap. There is no fund balance used in calculating the budget and we will go over. It was put forth by Coun. Wilbur and seconded by Coun. Greenough and all were in favor.

Public Hearing: Sup. Gang read the Budget Officer's Statement. The General Budget shows a decrease of 12.24% due to anticipated increases from the PILOT fees. The Highway Budget shows an increase of 11.38% due to not using the fund balance. Insurance for the highway workers and wages are factors in the increase. The Tax Levy total in \$808,344 and increase of 3.188% over 2017 and Dresden has the second lowest total tax rate in Washington County. There were no discussions and the **Resolution #26-2017** titled **2018 Budget** was put forth by a motion made by Coun. Raymond and was seconded by Coun. Greenough and all were in favor.

Old Business: The financials were given to the board and are on file in the Town Clerk's office. The sewer districts look good. As long as things stay well the sewer fees can go down for the User's Fees.

New Business: Resolution #27-2017 titled **Budget Amendment, General** covers unanticipated expenses and moves money from Contingency to cover those expenses. It was put forth by Coun. Wilbur and was seconded by Coun. Greenough and all were in favor. Coun. Greenough informed the board that he had spoken with the company that made the veteran's sign and although the sign doesn't need anything to cover it to protect it a recommendation will be suggested. It was brought up to possibly build an overhand above it to protect it.

County Business: The County has been working on the 2018 Budget and getting ready to present it. The Budget Committee is intending on using a million dollars from the fund balance so as to remain under the tax cap.

The Highway Superintendent's report was read by Sup. Gang as Mr. Hobus was absent from the meeting. The Teamsters Contract is still being discussed and there hasn't been anything agreed upon by the Union Representative.

There were no further discussions and those in attendance were dismissed and Executive Session was entered into at 7:28 p.m. It was exited at 7:35 p.m. and Coun. Wilbur made a motion to adjourn and all were in favor. Respectfully submitted Marcinda Wilbur, Town Clerk.

Attendance: Marc Brown Scott Brown Paul Ferguson