

**TOWN OF LUDLOW
BOARD OF CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS**

SPECIAL MEETING

Tuesday, January 15, 2008

Board Members Present:

Albert Cavoto, Chairman
Herbert B. VanGuilder, Vice Chair & Clerk
John Paige
Nataile Gruber, Flowers Chair
Ludwig Gabranski

Staff Present:

Jamie Farquhar, Sexton

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Chairman, Al Cavoto

Chairman Al Cavoto offered different explanations on the foul-up of meeting dates which was to be called to finalize the FY2009 budget.

Chairman Al Cavoto noted the Special Meeting scheduled on November 30, 2007 was not officially held due to a lack of quorum. He noted Frank Heald, Louie Gabranski and himself met and informally reviewed the budget with the Municipal Manager. He noted the budget figures were discussed but he was not sure how some of the figures got changed. Louie Gabranski noted that special meeting would be needed.

Chairman Al Cavoto reviewed the proposed budget line-by-line with all Commissioners present. The main discussions were on labor, supplies, retreatment, and equipment and a new line item was created - monument restoration.

Municipal Manager Frank Heald clarified the equipment fund, which was agreed to leave as is for now. Herb VanGuilder did ask about the interest from such funds.

Municipal Manager Frank Heald offered various comments on line items which did answer most of the Commissioners questions; after a lively discussion on the various line items it was noted to adjust the Retreatment line item to \$9,000, Monument Restoration \$12,000, Land Site Work \$8,000, Labor \$52,800, Gas/Oil \$2,600 being the major changes in the proposed FY2009 budget.

Herb noted that the retreatment and monument programs are greatly needed and will be applied to the area where we have our Memorial Day exercises first and then the programs will be expanded from there.

Herb VanGuilder presented a draft on a proposal report for the 2007 Town Report from the Commissioners. The report was read and approved by all.

Motion by Herb VanGuilder to approve the proposed FY2009 budget as discussed with the noted changes. Second by Nataile Gruber. So voted.

The Commissioners signed the proposed budget sheets and the sheets were given to Chairman Al Cavoto to present to the Municipal Office so they could be included in the Town Report.

Being that there was no further discussion Nataile Gruber made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by John Paige. So Voted.

Meeting Adjourned 7:34 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Herbert B. VanGuilder
Vice Chair & Clerk

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