

**TOWN OF MCMILLAN
M403 ELM STREET
SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING
December 2, 2013 12:00 PM**

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m. by Chairperson Opitz.

Roll Call: Debbie Derfus, Dave Swenson, Carolyn Opitz, Rick Duerr – All present. Geoff Engel absent.

Denise explained that the electors voted to keep the mill rate at the 2013 level of \$3.04. The difference between the 2013 tax levy and the 2014 tax levy, in actual dollars, has to do with the changes in the assessment roll. Since the assessment roll is greater in 2014, the tax levy (in dollars) will also be greater in 2014, even though the mill rate will remain at \$3.04/\$1000 of assessed value.

Rick clarified his position on the proposed highway expenditures for 2014.

Original Highway Expenditures Proposed	\$ 302,000
Legal Limit on Highway Expenditures, approved by electors	<u>265,000</u>
Difference that we know we will put into the Highway	37,000 (a)

Rick explained that when he made the motion for the \$350,000 of highway expenditures, he meant that amount to be over and above the \$265,000 that had already been voted on, for a total of approximately \$615,000. Here is a breakdown of how the Town can come up with this sum:

Amount carried over, as suggested by Clarence Ortel	\$200,000
Difference presented above	<u>37,000</u> (a)
	237,000
Legal Limit voted on by the electors	<u>265,000</u>
Sub-Total	502,000 (b)
Grand total Highway Expenditures	615,000 (c)
The difference	113,000 (b-c)

Rick believes that the roads need to be our priority. Based on Rick's proposal, as he intended it at the meeting of the electors on 11-25-13, we would need to find an additional \$113,000 from the budget to be used on the highways. Rick believes that we can find this money in the fire department, which is inflated when comparing their 2014 budget numbers to the amount they have actually spent in 2013. Rick added that the Board always has the ability to move money back to the fire department if it is needed.

Ann Juncer explained that the \$200,000 carryover is not included in the budget; therefore, for budgeting purposes, the highway expenditures should be \$402,000. In order to arrive at that figure, we will need to reduce the public safety amount by \$52,000, bringing it to \$80,863.

Rick does not believe that, in the scope of this meeting, we need to budget every line item. We can give a lump sum number to Kevin (\$80,863), and he can figure out how he wants to use it. Also, Dave can figure out how best to use the money on the roads.

Debbie/Rick moved to accept the budget with the new figures as presented. All Ayes, motion passed unanimously.

Debbie/Dave moved to adjourn at 12:20 p.m. All Ayes.
Adjourn

Submitted by:
Denise Barg, Town Clerk