

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Thompson held at the Town Hall, 4052 State Route 42, Monticello, New York on **October 27, 2014.**

ROLL CALL:

Present:

Supervisor William J. Rieber, Jr., Presiding
Councilman Richard Sush
Councilman John A. Pavese
Councilman Peter T. Briggs
Councilman Scott Mace

APPROVED

Also Present:

Marilee J. Calhoun, Town Clerk
Gary J. Lasher, Town Comptroller

SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING

Supervisor Rieber called the Special Town Board Meeting and Budget Work-Session to order at 5:35 PM for the purpose of continuing the review, discussion and approval of the Fiscal-Year 2015 Tentative Budget. Town Clerk Marilee J. Calhoun said that the news media and public have been notified of the meeting. Town Clerk Calhoun said that she had an original affidavit of publication for this meeting. Notice of said meeting was duly published in the Sullivan County Democrat on October 24, 2014 with the same being posted on the bulletin board at the Town Hall and on the Town Website.

BUDGET WORK-SESSION

Comptroller Gary J. Lasher presented the latest revised addition to the Tentative Budget. He discussed a few Sewer/Water District Amendments that he had to make to the following Districts: Dillon Farms Sewer (Consent Order), Lucky Lake Water (Tank Improvements) & Cold Spring Water (Village Rates). There will be increases in all three of these Districts. Several Board members suggested and discussed the possibility that the Town send letters to all the users in the three Districts to advise of the increase and explain the reason why. The Board discussed using fund balance in the three of those Districts to offset the increase. The amount of fund balance allocated and remaining in each of those three Districts was discussed. The Board discussed borrowing funds from one district to another. The question that is being researched is whether the funds have to be paid back in the same tax year. Comptroller Lasher and Supervisor Rieber both believe that they have to be paid back within the same year. Comptroller Lasher will ask Attorney Mednick to contact the NYS Comptroller's Office Legal Division to receive a legal opinion regarding the matter. There were other funding options discussed as well.

Comptroller Lasher explained the Assessed Value Changes that have been made to the budget, which affects the overall rates. It was also decided that Comptroller Lasher should increase the receivables for the VLT funds to \$400,000.00.

