

Town of Freeman

Public Budget Hearing November 25, 2019

The Budget Hearing and Special Town Meeting were brought to order at 7:00 by John Leirmo. All members present. John Leirmo, Al Thompson, David Olson.

Discussion on borrowing \$20,000.00 from River Bank to be paid back at the beginning of the year. Discussion on using the unused allowable levy limit.

John made a motion to approve borrowing \$20,000.00 from River Bank, Al seconded. Roll call vote: all yes.

David made a motion to adopt and approve the 2020 budget using the unused allowable levy limit increase, Al seconded. Roll call vote: all yes.

John made a motion to approve the total 2020 highway expenditures. Dave seconded. Roll call vote – all yes.

John made a motion to adjourn the budget hearing, Al seconded.

The special meeting for the changes to the Land Use Ordinance was brought to order at 7:15 pm by John Leirmo.

Dave made a motion to read the proposed ordinance changes, John seconded.

Peggy read the proposed ordinance change for #1. Requiring a fire number and #2. Conditional use permit for recreational trailers. John made a motion to approve. After some discussion on requiring fire numbers for each parcel, John rescinded his motion. Al suggested removing the first sentence of #1. After additional discussion, Dave made a motion to approve with removal of the first sentence, John seconded. Roll call vote; all yes. David made a motion to approve ordinance change #2, Al seconded. Roll call vote; all yes.

The proposed ordinances with the additional change were re-read.

**#1 Requiring a Fire Number for all parcels of land in the Town of Freeman: (to be added as Section 2.C. of the Land Use and Zoning Ordinance)**

A fire number shall be obtained before requesting a building permit (residential, commercial, or non-residential building) or a conditional use permit (for a structure or recreational trailer), or a drive way permit. Failure to obtain a fire number will stop the Planning & Zoning Commission's review of any requested permit. Without a fire number, NO permits shall be approved by the Planning and Zoning commission and submitted to the Town Board for final approval.

**#2. Conditional Use Permit for Recreational trailers/Pop-up Trailers on land parcels without a residential building: (to be added as Section 2.A.1.4.6 to the Land Use and Zoning Ordinance)**

All recreational trailers and/or pop-up tent trailers placed on land parcels without a residential building shall require a conditional use permit to allow the trailer to remain on the property 12 months a year. The conditional use permit shall be valid for a period of 3 years. The permit fee, payable to the Town of Freeman, shall be \$30. Failure to obtain the conditional use permit, either after the trailer is located on the parcel or after the period of use of the conditional use permit, a penalty FEE of \$30 shall be assessed each month until ordinance compliance is achieved; the penalty fee shall be added annually to the Township assessed property tax. These recreational trailers cannot become or be turned into permanent residential structures; the addition of a deck adjacent or attached to the recreational trailer shall require a separate one-time conditional use permit. The current ordinance requires said recreational trailers to be removed for 3 months of each year from the land parcel; this conditional use permit allows the unit to remain 12 months of each year.

John made a motion to adjourn the special meeting, Dave seconded.

The regular meeting of November 25 2019 was called to order at 7:32 pm by John Leirimo.

All members present - John Leirimo, Al Thompson, and David Olson.

John made a motion to approve the agenda. Al seconded.

Peggy certified the meeting was posted in the NEIA newspaper, River Bank, P.O., Website, and the Town Shop.

Patrolmen hours were reviewed, Al made a motion to approve, Dave seconded. All yes.

Peggy presented the minutes from the 10/28/19 regular meeting. Approved as read.

Sacha Powell stated there was no activity in the tax account.

The November bills were reviewed. Dave made a motion to approve, John seconded. All yes.

Old Business:

- FEMA: Peggy worked with Kevin Sidie on FEMA documentation.
- Road Repair: Nothing to report.

New Business:

- The Fire Contract with the Village of De Soto Fire Department was reviewed. The contract is for five years with an annual fee of \$15,000.00. Dave made a motion, Al seconded to approve the contract. Roll call vote; all yes.
- Al made a motion to approve the building permit for Tadeschi's, Dave seconded. All yes.
- John stated he took the Town of Freeman out of consideration for 2020 TRIP projects, other townships qualify ahead of Freeman.

Public Discussion:

- Discussion on a driveway permit on Lawrence Ridge.

Next meeting will be December 30, 2019 at 7:00 pm.

Motion made by Dave at 8:12 P.M. to adjourn, John seconded.

Peggy Thompson, Clerk