

**Town of Sampson  
Budget Workshop  
Thursday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 9:00 a.m.**

The Sampson Town Board met to create the 2022 Town Budget. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairperson Jerabek and the pledge of allegiance was recited. Present were supervisors Samantha King and Carol Butterfield, Clerk/Treasurer Darla Butterfield, road patrolman Bill Richardson, and chairperson Jim Jerabek.

The board then began examining the 2021 revenues and expenditures in order to determine what should be budgeted for 2022. After several hours, most of the revenues had been determined as well as a few of the expenditures. It was then decided that more information needed to be gathered from outside sources to accurately determine the town tax levy for 2022 as well as the possible ARPA revenue expenditures.

The board next discussed the possible purchase of a new tractor and mower. The present tractor/mower is 15 years old and in need of replacement. Road Patrolman Richardson and Chairperson Jerabek met with a John Deere representative at Tractor Central, Cameron on Monday October 18<sup>th</sup> to discuss what would be the best unit to buy for the Town. They had also conferred in the recent past with Chippewa County Fleet supervisor Paul Mohr about units the county uses and what they recommend as well as what dealers they use. The recommendation is to purchase a John Deere 6155M four wheel drive tractor with a Diamond 21 foot boom with a five foot brush cutter head and also a six foot side mount grass mower that can be interchanged with the boom mower. This will enable the elimination of the need for double cutting roads. It will allow for faster general grass mowing as the six foot mower is specifically designed to cut grass, not heavy brush while the brush mower is designed for heavy duty cutting of brush up to 8 inches in diameter. Both cutters are direct hydraulic drive which eliminates belt slippage and replacements. Our current mower is designed mainly for brush and is only four feet wide and is belt driven, all of which limits its use to brush four inches in diameter or less. The four foot head necessitates a double mowing in the spring and fall. This adds a minimum of 120 miles of mowing on to the workload. This takes at least a full week to accomplish so 40 hours of machine time as well as labor can be saved each time a double mowing would be needed plus every time a mowing is done, six feet of roadside would be mowed compared to the present four feet. The price of the tractor and mower lists at \$267,171.63 however with municipal pricing the final total is \$197,998. Our present tractor is still worth \$32,000 in trade (it would have been higher but two wheel drive tractors are not in demand today as virtually no one buys them any more). Thus the final price we pay to upgrade is \$165,998. Last year the board set aside \$47,000 for equipment replacement so the new money that will be needed is \$118,998. John Deere offers 2.7% five year municipal financing which would make our yearly payments around \$24,000 for the next five years. There is at least an eight month order to delivery time, and that could get longer if the present employee strike at John Deere continues for long. After all things were considered, a motion was made by Supervisor King to purchase the tractor/mower from Tractor Central in Cameron, Supervisor Butterfield seconded the motion, and all

voted aye. Chairperson Jerabek will sign the purchase order and stay in contact with the dealership on the progress of the unit.

At 11:50 a.m., supervisor King made a motion to adjourn the meeting until Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 a.m., supervisor Butterfield seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Meeting adjourned.

**Town of Sampson  
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Friday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m.**

The Sampson Town Board reconvened the Budget Workshop meeting that had been adjourned to this time from Thursday, October 21<sup>st</sup>. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairperson Jerabek and the pledge of allegiance was recited. Present were supervisors Samantha King and Carol Butterfield, Clerk/Treasurer Darla Butterfield, road patrolman Bill Richardson, and chairperson Jim Jerabek.

The board continued work on the 2022 Town Budget. The correct tax levy for 2022 was determined to be \$301,759. The total of the revenues was determined to be \$314,146. It was also decided to include \$10,000 in surplus funds in the budget.

The board then continued to work on expenditures. Considerable progress was made but there were still a few pieces of outside information that were needed. It was decided to adjourn the meeting again to Monday, November 1<sup>st</sup> immediately following the already scheduled public hearing on road abandonment when a final determination on allowable expenditures could be made. Chairperson Jerabek will meet with Clerk/Treasurer Butterfield and Road Patrolman Richardson before that date to trim expenditures to an allowable level so that a final proposal can be presented to the board then.

At 11:45 a.m., supervisor Butterfield made a motion to adjourn the budget workshop meeting until Monday, November 1<sup>st</sup> immediately following the public hearing on road abandonment, supervisor King seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Meeting adjourned.

**Town of Sampson  
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Monday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, 7:20 p.m.**

The Sampson Town Board reconvened the Budget Workshop meeting that had been adjourned to this time from Friday, October 29<sup>th</sup>. The meeting was called to order at 7:20 p.m. immediately following the adjournment of the public hearing on road abandonment by Chairperson Jerabek. Present were supervisors Samantha King and Carol Butterfield, Clerk/Treasurer Darla Butterfield, road patrolman Bill Richardson, and chairperson Jim Jerabek.

The board examined the complete proposed 2022 Town Budget. Several items in the expenditures had been reduced to meet the necessary maximum allowed total of

\$625,905. The final revenues remained unchanged at \$314,146 and the surplus funds to be applied remained at \$10,000. The allowable levy as calculated by the state formula was thus met at \$301,759. The Clerk/Treasurer was advised to work up the final documents needed for the Public Budget Hearing and Special Meeting of the Electors will be on Monday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 P.M.

There being no further business, Supervisor Butterfield made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Supervisor King seconded the motion, and all voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.