

TOWN OF LUMSDEN
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON
APRIL 7th, 2014

The Lumsden Town Council convened a special budget meeting in the Council Chambers of the Town of Lumsden, on the evening of Tuesday, April 7th, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Bryan Matheson presiding.

Present: Mayor: Bryan Matheson
 Councillors: Trevor Grohs, Jane Cogger,
 Wes Holobetz (arrived at 9:00 p.m.),
 Reggie Newkirk, Rhonda Phillips, Randy Bogdan
 Chief Administrative Officer: Darcie Cooper
 Finance Officer: Sheena Carrick

Chief Administrative Officer, Darcie Cooper reviewed the report regarding the proposed budget for 2014 and the funding requirements to balance the 2014 budget.

Discussion:

- Council agreed to add Town Mapping as proposed by Associated Engineering in the amount of 13,600 to the budget.
- Council agreed to fund the shortfall of 169,182 plus the mapping addition through the following means:
 - Increase in taxation of .5 mill in the amount of \$79,040
 - Increase in the transfer from prior year surplus in the amount of \$44,880
 - Reduction in expenditures
- The departmental operating budgets were reviewed and the following cuts were made:

Revenue Increases	
Mill Rate increase .5 mill	79,040.00
Transfer from Surplus	44,880.00
Total Increase in Revenue	123,920.00

Expense Decrease by Dept.	
General Government	
Stationary and Supplies JADM	700.00
Sound System Council Chambers	1,300.00
Additional GP/Diamond Licenses	3,100.00
Total GG	5,100.00
Planning and Development	
Land Use Maps	2,000.00
Tree Maintenance	5,000.00
Legal	2,500.00
Mapping - AE - Increase Expense	- 13,600.00
Total PD	- 4,100.00
Transportation Services	
Traffic Signs Roads	2,500.00
Trailer Unit 135	3,500.00
Sidewalk Maintenance	2,000.00
Total TS	8,000.00
Recreation and Culture	20,000.00

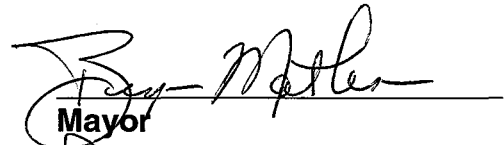
- The above represents a net reduction of expenses in the amount of 29,000 and an increase in revenue of savings of 123,920 for a net benefit of 152,920
- Council requested that Jeff Carey go through the transportation and protective services budget for reduction of expenses
- Council expressed maintaining their goal of not decreasing transfers to the Reserves for Equipment, Recreation and Fire
- It was decided to forego the budgeted surplus initiative of 50,000 for this year due to the surplus realized last year that is currently funding shortfalls of the 5th Avenue lot creation costs
- Discussion was had regarding partial funding of the Joint Growth Strategy Project and subsequent mapping through the Water and Sewer Utility as the project will

aid in determining water and sewer rates, connection fees, servicing capacity and mapping of the linear infrastructure

- The new Infrastructure reserve transfer initiative of \$150,000 per year to fund road improvements, including curbs, gutters and sidewalks as proposed by Group II Committee will remain a priority and will be used towards the James St. S. project for the 2014 budget.
- Council discussed the possible implementation of alternative municipal tax tools, such as imposing a minimum tax on vacant property. Timing of implementation of such a tax tool was discussed, that perhaps this initiative be deferred until the Wastewater situation is resolved, as the implementation of a minimum tax should encourage landowners to develop their property.

Adjournment:

110-14 Newkirk/Cogger: "That we adjourn this meeting at 9:23 p.m." **CARRIED**



Mayor



Chief Administrative Officer