

**UNOFFICIAL MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**To be approved at the next regular monthly Town Board meeting**

**TOWN OF MONROE**  
**Wednesday, August 14, 2019 Special Business Meeting**

Called special meeting to order at 8:40 p.m.

In attendance: Hasse, Spotts, Lambert, Murphy, Jeff Lanz, Phil Vosberg

Spotts provided information on our levy and mill rate compared to other municipalities in the county.

Current levy -- \$17.10/thousand (only \$1.33 goes to township); 2<sup>nd</sup> lowest in County

Need \$1.5 million over the next 10 years would need to raise mill rate \$1.40-\$1.45/thousand = \$150,000 per year. Average home using \$200,000 at \$0.75 about \$150/year

**Preliminary items for budget / Projects to consider for tax levy increase:**

Considering: 5 miles of road each year, new town shop, Rural Fire District contract increase each year, new truck

Overlay some roads rather than total rebuild to help the cost; however, some roads will need to be seal coated next year as there are too many roads that need more than just patching.

General comments:

Mill rate is too low and hasn't been addressed for too long.

Spread the increase out over several years to not have too much increase all at once.

Have a handout explaining what capital projects and road maintenance need to be considered, where we are at compared to other municipalities within the county, and incidentals such as truck or hall/shop building maintenance.

Can go up in increments – now go up about \$0.75 and in another 2 years go up about \$0.75 may be the best way to get the electors on board with the increase.

If all the money one year goes to repair roads, perhaps we borrow to take care of other needs to ensure we aren't spending money on repairs only and costing more than what a new or used replacement would cost.

Need to pursue the shop building prospect – do we need to buy more land, cost of building – size of building needed, etc.

After September meeting discuss a date/timeframe in October to review a preliminary budget and be prepared well ahead of November elector's meeting.

Motion by Hasse, seconded by Lambert to adjourn at 9:50 p.m. Motion carried.

**Peggy Murphy, Clerk/Treasurer**