

Minutes of the budget meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners, Fire District No. 1 was held on Monday, November 22, 2010 at 7:00 P.M.

Commissioner John C. Kenny called the meeting to order.

John Ur, Clerk: Mr. President – All the requirements of the “Open Public Meeting Act” have been complied with by advertising in the Home News Tribune and Star Ledger. Copies of the meeting notice have been sent to the Municipal Clerk’s Office and posted on the bulletin boards of the fire house and the post offices of Woodbridge and Sewaren. Mr. President, you may proceed.

Commissioner John C. Kenny led a pledge to the flag.

A moment of silence was observed for departed members and our men and women serving overseas.

PRESENT: Commissioner John C. Kenny, Commissioner Richard Gould,
Commissioner Patrick Kenny, Commissioner Todd Howell,
Commissioner Ken Gardner

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk – John Ur

Commissioner John C. Kenny: This meeting is just for the budget workshop only so I’m not going to ask that the minutes be held or anything like that because the only thing we’re doing here is for the budget workshop. Everyone should have gotten an e-mail with all the papers for all the forms required for the 2011 budget. In the packet should be a sheet telling you about PERS, there should be a paper showing you the documentation on the pension for the police and fire, there is an e-mail from Maria explaining to you about what she’s done and how she came up with the sheets, there’s a thing from Governor Christie that explains about economic growths and stuff and jobs and then there are the 2011 budget preparation sheets. Which one? There’s actually two different scenarios but we’ll wait until we get to the, well you know what we’ll just get right to the meeting. One is actually to show you three fund balance sheets, it says fund balance, fund balance, and fund balance. It looks like this and then the other one is going to look like this with circles. So before I go down every Line Item, and we can do that, I’d just like you to get the feel of the Board of which one, so we don’t have to spin our wheels for nothing, which one are you’re looking to go? One, if I’m correct Maria, right? It shows a five cent increase.

Maria Bucsanszky: If we go to the full CAP that we can go to it will be a five cent increase.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Okay, and that’s the one without the circles?

Maria Bucsanszky: There’s another step.

Commissioner Todd Howell: Okay, thank you Maria.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Okay, this is the one without the circles.

Commissioner Patrick Kenny: The last page.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Alright, Richie's only got the one with the increase but he can share off mine. Everybody has got to wait their turn. Okay, everybody got the pages?

Commissioner Patrick Kenny: Yes sir, we're sharing.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: And we're sharing over here. Okay, so Maria, do you want to explain the difference between the two?

Maria Bucsanszky: Yes, the one that shows taxation at .909 is budgeting the normal items that we've always budgeted going up to the full amount of the CAP that we can go up 2 percent to the \$6.5 million. We are using a little fund balance for the retirement reserve and the police and fire reserve that we have of \$295,000.00. Once we begin to use more fund balance that drives down the amount to be raised by taxation and we actually, if you look at the second page the \$370,000.00, if the Board wishes to have a zero increase this year to the taxpayers we use \$370,000.00 of additional surplus but we also leave \$370,000.00 available taxation on the table. We have two options, go up to CAP and go up five cents or leave some available CAP money on the table but have a zero increase and use fund balance.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: You got that?

Marie Bucsanszky: And if I may Commissioner.....

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Yes, go ahead.

Maria Bucsanszky: Obviously there's always the liberal rule of five cents to zero. You can always just go up two cents, a little bit right, so that's the third option.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Okay, so what I'm trying to find out what is the feeling from the Board on which proposal they would like to do. We're going to go down every Line Item but I don't want to go down every Line Item and then find out we want to go to zero because I think there's a fourth option too, right Maria? The fourth option would be to cut \$370,000.00 in Line Items.

Maria Bucsanszky: Yes, that's correct, you can do that too.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Okay, so I don't want to go through all the Line Items to find out if we were going to go with a zero taxed increase and then you guys didn't want to use \$370,000.00 of the fund balance and then you want to cut Line Items, you know, and then we got to go back and redo all the Line Items again or you'd rather use more fund balance and keep everything in here as it stands. I mean, we're definitely going through this and we can wiggle or whatever, maybe it's not \$370,000.00 but.....

Commissioner Ken Gardner: Well if we go with zero what does that leave us in reserve after that?

Maria Bucsanszky: You would be using \$665,000.00 of fund balance and I believe we have \$1.1 million available.

Commissioner Ken Gardner: Why don't we use \$665,000.00?

Maria Bucsanszky: Then that would be a zero increase.

Commissioner Ken Gardner: That's the 665?

Maria Bucsanszky: Right, \$665,000.00. That includes the \$370,000.00, the \$280,000.00 of retirement reserve that we have to use, and the \$15,000.00 of the police and fire reserve. That's a total fund balance for surplus we'd be using for a zero increase.

Commissioner Todd Howell: Would this leave us enough money on April 1st, roughly, to pay the large bill that we get from the State for, I believe, pensions?

Maria Bucsanszky: Well we have \$1.1 million as of the 2009 audit so starting with that figure we do use \$665,000.00 for next year and I think it was \$435,000.00 and I'm hoping to at least clear \$350,000.00 from the 2010 budget.

Commissioner Todd Howell: Okay.

Maria Bucsanszky: That would bring us back to \$785,000.00 and it's tight because the pension contribution is \$723,000.00 so we're about \$50,000.00 off.

Commissioner Todd Howell: Oh, we're tight. Now if we don't have that money available because of the left over in this year's budget, the 2010 budget, let's say we were short \$100,000.00 for example, we'd have to borrow that, right?

Maria Bucsanszky: We'd have to pay it short.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Well the town gives you a taxation check.

Maria Bucsanszky: But, I was just going to say, our first taxation check is February so we should be fine for the April liability.

Commissioner Todd Howell: Okay, you've answered the question, thank you. Okay, in other words we would have money available to pay that bill without going to borrowing:

Maria Bucsanszky: Oh no, definitely not.

Commissioner Todd Howell: Okay.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: So what's the feel?

Commissioner Todd Howell: The feel is that we should use the surplus in my opinion.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Okay, do you want to go through the items and see if there are some items that we do have a little bit extra in?

Commissioner Todd Howell: I think we should go over the items just so we're all familiar with where we stand.

Commissioner Ken Gardner: I agree with Todd, we're of the same thinking Mr. President.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Okay.

Commissioner Todd Howell: Which will be the budget item on the far right column, 2011 Budget, right?

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Right.

Commissioner Patrick Kenny: Let's do this. We're taking the one out and we're going with the other one. We'll get rid of this one, the full CAP \$1,000.00.

Commissioner Ken Gardner: The one where it says A1 it says 370 on the right.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Right.

Commissioner Patrick Kenny: That's the one we're going with which should be a zero if I'm correct. It should be the first one.

Maria Bucsanszky: 855858, the same thing and also I should bring to the Board's attention that we did lose ratables again. We did increase in new assessments a million dollars but even with the million dollar increase we still went down five million just so everyone knows.

Commissioner Ken Gardner: And we went down six altogether and back up.

Commissioner Todd Howell: What's that sheet of paper here?

Maria Bucsanszky: That's correct, that's from the Tax Assessor's office.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Right.

Commissioner Todd Howell: Because of new construction we're allowed to spend nine thousand two hundred and some bucks. That's what we'll get in increase ratable, \$9,000.00. It wouldn't pay the gas bill. Okay, thank you.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Hey Maria, while you're on it, why don't you talk about it a little bit so everyone knows for the future, I guess, in regards to the accounting firm. I don't want to see you get penalized but it sounds like the fourth process is coming from Trenton in regards to budgets and, you know, penalized if you don't have debt and if you don't have Bond.

Maria Bucsanszky: Actually, in speaking to two separate auditors I have learned that really the CAP calculation is geared more to having debt because if you got no debt actually the year you pay off your debt it goes into the next year. You're slapped by the amount that you don't have Bond interest for or bond payment for. It's also driving it to be more streamlined with a reasonable amount of surplus but not a lot. So they really are driving you to pure taxation at the 2 percent every year. No reserves, have debt, Bond (inaudible) and so forth. That seems to be the general consensus from the two auditors.

Commissioner Ken Gardner: What do you mean you're punished by not having debt? Explain to me what that means.

Maria Bucsanszky: Because if you compare two years, let's say 2010 to 2011 and you had \$90,000.00 of Bond interest in 2010, 2011 is zero. Taxation will now be reduced by \$90,000.00.

Commissioner Ken Gardner: Because the debt is outside the CAP?

Maria Bucsanszky: Right, it's outside the CAP, but now you've got a tax break of a thousand less. So the enhancement there is when you know your Bond debt or your leasing is running out go out and get something new so that it's a wash in and out. So they're encouraging debt to help yourself in the CAP calculation.

Commissioner Ken Gardner: Alright, the employees you should raise that much less.

Maria Bucsanszky: It depends on your philosophy through management that is true.

Commissioner Todd Howell: But for us, for example, when the truck is paid off if we were to apply that payment for the truck directly to a new piece of equipment there will be no difference in our tax rate. Did I get this right, just slide forward?

Maria Bucsanszky: I'm sorry I didn't follow that.

Commissioner Todd Howell: Well, in other words, we can apply the payment for the truck directly to a new piece if we were to purchase it.

Maria Bucsanszky: Sure, it's a new purchase. Yes you can. You have to have the whole (inaudible) following the path through a Capital Purchase and so forth.

Commissioner Todd Howell: Yes, you'd have to go for the Capital Improvement permission. I'm thinking of the future because we have the twenty-three year old Engine #1 and we have the twins and the time has come to, in my personal opinion anyway, purchase a new vehicle but not to put a burden on the taxpayers, let's put it that way. I believe we have two more years to pay for the truck?

Maria Bucsanszky: Yes, 2013.

Commissioner Todd Howell: 11 and 12, right?

Maria Bucsanszky: Right, 2013 it's done.

Commissioner Todd Howell: Right, it'll probably last that long, okay

Maria Bucsanszky: But basically Capital Bond debt and LOSAP are outside the CAP and it's held against you if you reduce those figures going forward.

Commissioner Todd Howell: Right.

Maria Bucsanszky: Medical and health insurance are the only few that you see the benefit of the increase. If there is a decrease they don't hold that against you.

Commissioner Todd Howell: Okay.

Maria Bucsanszky: There is an issue right now with the health benefits which might change the CAP calculation ever so slightly. That's to be determined yet. The 1.5 percent that the employees pay the auditors I spoke to have different interpretations of it. We don't have instructions from Trenton yet but they're saying that if your premiums are a million dollars you budget a million dollars and then the portion of the premium that the employees pay for you budget that as income coming in. That's the offset.

Commissioner Todd Howell: I see.

Maria Bucsanszky: That could change the CAP calculation a little bit. So I just have a little disclaimer until we know. It's not going to be using a large amount of money.

Commissioner Todd Howell: And we still don't have direction yet from Trenton?

Maria Bucsanszky: No, not regarding that.

Commissioner Todd Howell: Okay, alright, thank you.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Okay, I guess we'll start with, Maria I guess we'll go with.....

Maria Bucsanszky: We always start with the second page of the handout which is.....

Commissioner John C. Kenny: A6?

Maria Bucsanszky: 503.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Okay.

Maria Bucsanszky: Starting with 503.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Okay.

LINE ITEM 503:

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Leave it the same?

Commissioner Todd Howell: As far as I'm concerned yes.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Okay.

LINE ITEM 600:

Commissioner John C. Kenny: 600 is for what's currently here and I think June is it Maria? There are funds in there for June to.....

Maria Bucsanszky: July 1st.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: July 1st for replacing the retirees?

Maria Bucsanszky: Right.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: And what the Negotiating Committee has, I guess, recommended so far.

Commissioner Todd Howell: Right and we should have a better idea after our future meetings.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Okay, so this is the worst case.

Commissioner Todd Howell: Correct.

John C. Kenny: Okay, anybody got any questions on anything? No, okay.

LINE ITEM 504:

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Line Item 504, is that grouped? Anybody got any questions on that one? No, okay.

LINE ITEM 518:

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Then I guess we will move over to Line Item 508. Am I correct Maria?

Maria Bucsanszky: 518.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: I guess so, right, is that the next one?

Commissioner Todd Howell: 518.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Okay, 518 is the money put away for future retirements, correct?

Maria Bucsanszky: That is correct.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: And that needs funding in it to handle current potential retirements?

Maria Bucsanszky: Right, we obviously just paid out four men to retire. Potentially we have five that might go within the next year or two. So we were thinking that we need to replenish at least \$162,000.00 and then John and I were discussing how technically with proper budgeting is that you don't always just worry about the closest members to retirement. It's cheaper if you budget a little piece of everyone's future retirement buyouts now and we came up with a calculation to save the other remaining twenty-two gentlemen and it comes out to \$180,000.00 total that adds to their retirement reserve. The calculation for the retirement payout is they get three days for every year of seniority up to twenty-six years and that's at their current rate of pay. So we did a calculation for the other gentlemen who were early on in their careers. Obviously that has to be funded at some point. So it's only \$18,000.00 for all the other remaining gentlemen through the retirement reserve.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Okay.

Commissioner Todd Howell: So you prorated it over what you believe to be the life of their career.

Maria Bucsanszky: Correct, roughly.

John Ur: Right, it's the proper budget each year if they earn this pattern pay. We try to get that budget until retirement pay and we're going to have to tweak it up as we do the budget.

Commissioner Pat Kenny: Putting \$180,000.00 in there, that's what we're budgeting \$180,000.00 you're talking?

Maria Bucsanszky: Right.

Commissioner Pat Kenny: Does that change our number from that front page? Would that up it or would that be where we are right now if you understand what I'm saying?

Maria Bucsanszky: No, you want to drop it?

Commissioner Pat Kenny: No.

Maria Bucsanszky: Do you want to up it?

Commissioner Pat Kenny: We want to save the zero.

Maria Bucsanszky: Right, then that's good amount.

Commissioner Pat Kenny: That's the number.

Maria Bucsanszky: This is the number for zero.

Commissioner Pat Kenny: Okay, I didn't know if we added that in that was going to bring it up or what.

Maria Bucsanszky: No, the numbers that are on this worksheet are good for the \$370,000.00 of fund balance to be used with the zero increase.

Commissioner Pat Kenny: Okay, thank you.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Okay, so also too I think, through negotiations next year, that that could be adjusted through the negotiations.

Commissioner Todd Howell: We'll probably have a much better idea next year too.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Okay, the reserves for future PFRS, I guess you were just doing this through the reserve for termination, right?

Maria Bucsanszky: Right, we don't need that Line Item. I'll remove that for next year so that can be zero.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Okay.

LINE ITEM 515:

Commissioner John C. Kenny: 515, I presume that's a solid number from the state.

Maria Bucsanszky: Right, that's the police and fire and PERS liability for 2011.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Okay.

LINE ITEM 551:

Commissioner John C. Kenny: 551 is what you feel we need to also for retirements.

Maria Bucsanszky: Right, sick time reserve and the reserve for termination. Those two numbers together are the number that I need, you know, to replenish that account.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Okay.

LINE ITEM 520:

Commissioner John C. Kenny: I see we got some movement in there. Where would that wind up at the end of twelve months?

Maria Bucsanszky: Well right now I'm forecasting for 2010 there. We're probably going to clear out at \$38,000.00 or so, \$39,000.00. It all depends because Social Security is impacted if a lot of overtime is needed.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Right.

Maria Bucsanszky: Because of Social Security and Medicare. The men don't pay into Social Security. So if we have a good year and its low overtime then we use less of this Line Item but if we blow through everything then you will use the bulk of this.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Okay.

LINE ITEM 521:

Commissioner John C. Kenny: 521.

Maria Bucsanszky: That is the State's Unemployment and Disability tax that everyone pays in payroll and there's a little room here if the Board wishes to cut. I wouldn't drop it lower than \$9,000.00.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Okay.

LINE ITEM 516:

Commissioner John C. Kenny: I presume all these are hard numbers from our.....

Maria Bucsanszky: Benefits?

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Yes.

Maria Bucsanszky: Yes, this is the gross premium as of the State's Health Benefits Premium part. I also factored the replacement men who will be hired in July perhaps. So they're in there as well. So it's a \$1,018,500.00.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Wow, okay.

Maria Bucsanszky: This does not include the 1.5 percent I believe they'll pay in the future. That is addressed on Page 1 of the sheet. So this is pure premiums at this point.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Okay and that 1.5 that would be coming back is really going to only fall under major medical, correct?

Maria Bucsanszky: That is correct, nothing else.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Okay, because we have major medical and drug combined.

Maria Bucsanszky: Well it is, yes, the State's Health Benefits Plan and that is major medical and prescription. So the 1.5 is.....

John Ur: (Inaudible).

Maria Bucsanszky: Yes.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Okay.

Maria Bucsanszky: But again the 1.5 percent is based on your pensionable salary not on the premium.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Okay, got you. I understand what you're saying, any questions there?

LINE ITEM 358:

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Okay, 358.

Commissioner Ken Gardner: Is there any increase in the LOSAP?

Maria Bucsanszky: Only LOSAP increase. That you can do without a problem in the CAP.

Commissioner Ken Gardner: What's the statute though? Is there a statutory.....

Maria Bucsanszky: Amount? Yes. We're at the max I believe.

Commissioner Pat Kenny: We're at the max right now, right?

Commissioner Rich Gould: We automatically go to the max each year.

Commissioner Ken Gardner: That's what I'm saying, we're not allowed to go, it's going to happen.

Commissioner Pat Kenny: I think we had to do a ballot question to be able to go up to the max in the debt.

Maria Bucsanszky: Correct. Speaking of more membership that would qualify then we can go into a increased figure as well.

Commissioner Ken Gardner: Well we had enough though, I mean, with the membership we have, right, and you never.....

Maria Bucsanszky: Never, no, for short.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: I don't see for 2010 there's no dollar amount there. Do you know what we put out?

Maria Bucsanszky: No, because in 2010 list is posted in 2011. So when the audit is prepared than we have the actual number that we budget for. We don't know until the year end who qualifies.

Commissioner Todd Howell: I would not expect it to be substantially different from last year.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: What do we pay out the beginning of this year?

Maria Bucsanszky: It's about \$25,000.00.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Oh, okay, we're good there. Alright, we'll go to the next page and that's going to be A6.

Maria Bucsanszky: That's an actual figure from the supplemental services money. Every year it's going down, down, down. That's a quote from the township.

Commissioner Todd Howell: The \$4,200.00 figure is a quote from the township?

Maria Bucsanszky: Yes.

Commissioner Todd Howell: Okay, thank you.

Maria Bucsanszky: It's also in your packet. They give you a historical breakdown over the years and how it's dwindled.

Commissioner Todd Howell: I noticed that.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Okay.

LINE ITEM 508:

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Okay, 508. It looks like we were using about fifty percent of that.

Maria Bucsanszky: Correct.

Commissioner Pat Kenny: Because we use that for when we do the transfers and stuff, right, for certifieds and all that good stuff comes out of there?

Maria Bucsanszky: Yes, that would be the mail, petty cash, stamps, shipping when the guys ship back equipment, (inaudible) or wherever.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Okay.

LINE ITEM 509:

Commissioner John C. Kenny: 509. We used about sixty percent of it so far this year. I presume we have some bills still to come in yet.

Commissioner Todd Howell: I'm sure you'll have some

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Okay.

Maria Bucsanszky: The area here that's covered is the attorney or any attorney, the consultant like Birdsall, TCMS, any.....

Commissioner Pat Kenny: Trinidad.

Maria Bucsanszky: Yes, they come out of there and so did the EAP program from Hoboken came out of there. Any type of arbitration situations comes out of there.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Okay.

Commissioner Ken Gardner: And if we need any professionals for that energy audit over the outside, right?

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Right. Okay, so there is a little room in there if we need, okay?

LINE ITEM 510:

Commissioner John C. Kenny: 510 – Auditing, is that going to be enough?

Maria Bucsanszky: It's supposed to be, yes, and the budget prep is the same as well.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Okay.

LINE ITEM 512:

Commissioner John C. Kenny: 512.

Commissioner Todd Howell: It sounds reasonable.

John Ur: That's an RP Mr. President.

Commissioner Pat Kenny: That's enough John?

John Ur: That's an RP.

Commissioner Pat Kenny: So that's enough?

John Ur: I tried to stay within the two percent of everybody else. I didn't want to separate myself out. When we first started to work for the District the cost of the District for doing this work was \$56,000.00 more. That was in 1996. We've held the District below that for all of these years and even at the relative increase that we're taking now it about two or two and a half percent and we're still below the \$56,000.00 that it cost the District back in 1996. We did a study of our hours and the time that we're spending and we had budgeted our time to be about 750 or 800 hours, something like that for the year, in person hours. We're going to be approaching 1000 person hours at this point.

Commissioner Pat Kenny: Mr. President.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Yes.

Commissioner Pat Kenny: Is there anything that we think that we can move from one Line Item that we're not really going to use as we go along and maybe increase that by another \$2,000.00? I mean, we're getting two people for the price of one and if we even went to the \$2,000.00 more that would bring them to where they were back, how many years ago John, was it ten?

John Ur: Fourteen years ago.

Commissioner Pat Kenny: Fourteen years ago. That's just my recommendation. I don't know what the rest of the Board.....

Commissioner Todd Howell: I feel the same way. I believe we should.....

Commissioner Pat Kenny: If we have something that we can move, not where we increase it, only if we can take it from another Line Item that we're not going to use and put it there.

Commissioner Todd Howell: Could we take \$2,000.00 out of professional services?

Commissioner Pat Kenny: No, leave that alone for now. You could go along; we can come back to it. I don't want to touch professional services because you still have the contract negotiations going on and you have whatever else comes up.

Commissioner Rich Gould: That's right.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Okay.

Commissioner Todd Howell: We'll come back to that one.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Okay,

Commissioner Todd Howell: We'll hold that for now.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Okay

LINE ITEM 514:

Commissioner John C. Kenny: 514. I think that's an estimated, right Maria? That's the normal?

Maria Bucsanszky: I just finished working on the quote of the JIF. They actually contacted me today so I'm hoping to receive something by next week. But they have been averaging a ten percent increase in premiums every year so that's what I calculated out for you. That includes the liability coverage and the Worker's Comp.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Okay.

LINE ITEM 517:

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Line Item 517 is the medical transport.

Commissioner Pat Kenny: I say we leave it the same sir.

Commissioner Todd Howell: Yes.

Commissioner Ken Gardner: It might be \$5,000.00 after we take away the dispatch.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: It could be.

Commissioner Ken Gardner: We could be laying there for a couple of days.

LINE ITEM 523:

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Line Item 523, Election Expense.

Commissioner Todd Howell: In view of the fact that we overspent the budget this year we should leave it at \$10,000.00.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Okay. How does everybody else feel?

Commissioner Pat Kenny: Good.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Okay.

LINE ITEM 524:

Commissioner John C. Kenny: 524.

Commissioner Pat Kenny: Good.

Commissioner Todd Howell: It sounds good to me.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Okay.

LINE ITEM 535:

Commissioner John C. Kenny: 535.

Commissioner Pat Kenny: Mr. President, in lieu of this last year's budget getting defeated and we took it evenly from different places I'm willing, out of my Line Item of building the grounds that you haven't gotten to yet, to take \$4,000.00 less from me and give it to the outside services to bring them up to the \$45,000.00. It's basically just a move.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Okay, the question I got is I don't know, Kenny do you know or Todd do you know, how much financially has the fund drive and stuff suffering?

Commissioner Pat Kenny: Very badly, that's while I'm making the recommendation.

Commissioner Todd Howell: It was off; it was way off this year. Probably, I'm going to say at least \$15,000.00 less than last year and it's been going down there for years and there's no reason to believe that next year is going to be any better than it was this year. I'm willing to go along with Patrick's recommendation. Anybody have anything they want to say?

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Okay.

Commissioner Todd Howell: Is everybody okay with this?

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Yes.

Commissioner Todd Howell: Do you want to go more or less?

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Well we were talking over here but we don't know if we should go more or not because.....

Commissioner Ken Gardner: Todd you know the numbers better than anybody else and what's needed there so if there's a bigger number or lesson, I mean, you know where we're at in the books.

Commissioner Todd Howell: It would be in my personal opinion that if the volunteers get an additional amount of money, up to \$45,000.00, and as the president is proposing, that they will be able to live with that and the reduced amount of money that they're going to get from their drive plus they run one food drive, well actually this year we're running two and one breakfast, so if they're willing to do this to make up some of the difference and I believe that this would be a fair figure.

Commissioner Ken Gardner: Okay.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Okay.

Commissioner Pat Kenny: I'm just saying in years past we all know that they've always had two award banquets or another party. There have been other things that have gone on with the fundraisers that they've had and I've seen, and I'm sure that everybody has seen, the volunteer fire company cut back a lot.

Commissioner Todd Howell: To add to his statement I will say that they have cut back expenses a great deal on individual activities. The convention attendance for the delegates, they cut an entire banquet out, and they've cut down the cost and lowered the cost of the individual activities as we go along.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Patrick's right, okay.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Okay.

Commissioner Ken Gardner: Good.

LINE ITEM 560:

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Okay, we'll move on to 560. We have \$2,000.00 in there. Leave that like it is?

Commissioner Todd Howell: What is.....

Commissioner John C. Kenny: That's promotional. That's where Richie gives the plaques and stuff like that.

Commissioner Pat Kenny: Okay, fine.

Commissioner Todd Howell: Okay.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Okay.

LINE ITEM 601:

Commissioner John C. Kenny: 601. As you can see I was talking with President Henry. He did get our letter. They want to make me aware that they actually, not a lot, but they did drop the 2011 proposed budget from the 2010 proposed budget and he also said that we'll be getting a letter that the Board is going to, for 2011, look into splitting the fire and EMS dispatching. They also have received this request from other fire districts also. So they are going to look into this in 2011.

Commissioner Todd Howell: So the figure that was quoted in the letter, which is a copy here, possibly could be reduced.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Well that number.....

Commissioner Pat Kenny: No, what they budgeted for 2010 and what they're budgeting for 2011 was actually like almost a two hundred dollar reduction in dispatch.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Right.

Commissioner Pat Kenny: Actually I think the letter even said increase, that they sent us, it was actually wrong. It was supposed to be decreased of the two hundred but then he also said that going for 2012 they were going to be looking at the first aid squads.

Commissioner Todd Howell: As long as they're going to look at them.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Yes, they say that they have been getting requests from other districts also.

Commissioner Pat Kenny: We were not the only district that asked them.

Commissioner Todd Howell: As long as they are willing to do it and we can hold their feet to the fire for 2012 I'll go along with this, fine.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Okay, anything?

Line Item 610:

Commissioner John C. Kenny: 610. I know that's in negotiations right now so we can't really do anything until the negotiating committee comes back with the final number.

Commissioner Todd Howell: Right.

Line Item 615:

Commissioner John C. Kenny: 615. We spent about eighty-five percent of the Line Item here so I guess you guys want to leave that the same?

Commissioner Todd Howell: Yes, I wouldn't recommend that.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Kenny, dues and subscriptions are about the same thing there.

Commissioner Ken Gardner: Yes.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Alright, repairs and maintenance for equipment, we've used about sixty percent. From 2009 to 2010 we dropped it \$30,000.00 and we seem to be more in line with the number and then also next year Truck 6 repairs we get hit with.

Commissioner Todd Howell: Right.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: They're no longer covered until the bunker to bunker.

Commissioner Todd Howell: Correct, in November of 2011 we will have to start paying out of our Line Item for any repairs and maintenance that would normally be under the warrantee. I inquired that the warrantee to be extended. The cost is absolutely out of reach, number one, if you could find somebody that would give you a warrantee extended on a five year old piece of equipment. So we can count that we're going to have to pay any additional costs. We've spent in ten months \$42,000.00. We can live with \$70,000.00 it'll be tight. We'll live with it though. Because also you have to realize that we will not be having to spend any money whatsoever on Engine 11 which is sayonara. We'll pick up a little there although we didn't spend any money this year really on Engine 11 because we knew that it was going to go sayonara.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Alright.

Commissioner Todd Howell: It'll be tight but I think that we can do it.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Okay, anybody got anything on that one?

Line Item 621:

Commissioner John C. Kenny: 621 - Repairs and maintenance of the equipment. We're using about forty-eight percent of what was there. That's the portable equipment and stuff like that so we can leave that like it is for now.

Commissioner Todd Howell: I would recommend you leave that because if you run out of money after November of next year in the other Line Item we could always make a transfer. We'll have some place to cushion it.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Okay.

Commissioner Todd Howell: Because it's pretty hard to tell what we're going to have to spend on repair and maintenance but that would be my recommendation.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Okay, repairs and maintenance to building and grounds.

Commissioner Pat Kenny: We're going to reduce that to seventy-three now? Is that right Maria?

Maria Bucsanszky: That's correct.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Okay, repairs and maintenance to turnout gear.

Commissioner Pat Kenny: We have some bills that are going to be coming in. I know we just ordered about seven or eight sets of gear at \$2,000.00 a pop if not more so I'd like to try to leave that and give it one more shot. At least one more year and see how we do next year and then readjust from there because depending on how our membership goes I think we just took in three or four new guys.

Commissioner Rich Gould: Yes.

Commissioner Pat Kenny: Plus if you do the replacement of the guys that retired you're going to have to go get gear for them.

Commissioner Rich Gould: Right.

Commissioner Pat Kenny: And whatever more the volunteers bring in next year I'd rather leave that where it is for right now.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Alright.

Commissioner Pat Kenny: We actually did repairs out of that fund too.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: It's not hurting nothing.

Line Item 640:

Commissioner John C. Kenny: 640. I know that we still have two more months left on this bill but we will be getting it. I know there's no increase for next year with the water company but we're still going to have to pick up the additional cost per foot on pipe for the new sixteen inch line that was run and we're going to have the inch per

foot on the Barron Avenue section. So we can leave that there for now and then by next year all our cost will be in line because I don't know of any other big projects going on. The only other public thing that's eventually going to, if the development ever finally ever takes off is Crystal Palace or whatever that thing is.

Commissioner Ken Gardner: Sterling Heights.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Okay.

Commissioner Todd Howell: Where's that?

Commissioner Ken Gardner: Behind the Habstack's house.

Commissioner Todd Howell: Oh, okay.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: By the old engineering firm.

Line Item 655:

Commissioner John C. Kenny: 655 – Utilities.

Commissioner Ken Gardner: Do we have enough of money in turnout here to get the new lieutenant new gear? His old stuff doesn't fit anymore since his last go around.

Commissioner Pat Kenny: Sure, we do.

Commissioner Ken Gardner: He grew up a little bit I think, or out, one or the other.

Commissioner Todd Howell: I would just let you know that Captain Golden has been pretty good about stockpiling and taking care of the gear that's turned in. He runs them up the street and tries to fit them before we buy anything in order to save money.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Okay, moving on. The utilities now, I guess Maria the 38 that we're out of I know we got two more months to go yet and I know natural gas prices are down and stuff but do we need another year to really get to see what the exact credits will be from the solar system and everything else?

Maria Bucsanszky: Yes, that is my recommendation.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Did you guys hear that?

Commissioner Todd Howell: Yes I did.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Okay.

Line Item 656:

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Okay fuel – 656. We used about fifty percent.

Commissioner Todd Howell: I tell you what I would recommend you leave that twenty in there because we have no idea what's going to happen with the total cost. It could skyrocket. It's just so volatile. I would recommend you leave that amount in there.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Okay.

Line Item 658:

Commissioner John C. Kenny: 658 – Computers, pages and internet. I know that next year we're going to need to change some work stations, some work stations have to be upgraded.

Commissioner Todd Howell: Okay.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: So I know they're only about \$1,800.00 a piece or something like that. I know it's not big bucks but.

Commissioner Todd Howell: A lot of this year's budget we already spent \$22,600.00.

Maria Bucsanszky: And actually, if I may interject, I just received a \$16,000.00 bill from United Computer for the server upgrade and everything else. That was not included in the \$22,000.00 figure.

Commissioner Todd Howell: So we're way over. Well we won't have to upgrade the server again though, right?

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Not for six or seven years.

Commissioner Todd Howell: So if we leave \$25,000.00 in there that would be sufficient?

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Yes.

Commissioner Todd Howell: Is that the recommendation Maria?

Maria Bucsanszky: Yes, I think the charge is about \$518.00 a month for the normal maintenance.

Commissioner Todd Howell: Right.

Maria Bucsanszky: And then we have that 24/7 service. That's about \$6,000.00 I think. Well it's fair to leave it the same for normal activity.

Commissioner Pat Kenny: Do you want to take \$3,000.00 from fuel, dump it into computer, pages and internet?

Commissioner John C. Kenny: No.

Commissioner Pat Kenny: Then just leave it all the way it is.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: I would leave it the way it is.

Commissioner Pat Kenny: Okay.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: I'll explain it in the total line.

Commissioner Pat Kenny: Okay, gotcha.

Line Item 670:

Commissioner John C. Kenny: 670 – Fire prevention.

Commissioner Todd Howell: It looks like we're pretty much on the money.

Commissioner Pat Kenny: Yes.

Commissioner Todd Howell: I would leave it.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Okay, preplanning.

Commissioner Todd Howell: We didn't spend anything, did we?

Commissioner Pat Kenny: My recommendation Mr. President, I think just leave it. In this row we really haven't spent too much on it. I'd like to drop that to nine, take the two from there and put it up in 512 if we could.

Commissioner Todd Howell: There you go. I think that would be a good idea.

Commissioner Pat Kenny: See what they spend next year out of the \$9,000.00 and then think about it for next year what we need to do with it.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Everybody okay with that?

Commissioner Todd Howell: Yes I am.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Okay.

Line Item 675:

Commissioner John C. Kenny: 675 – Is that still going to be needed next year?

Commissioner Pat Kenny: That's the (inaudible) and Grant.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Oh yes, but doesn't that go for the repeater system and stuff like that?

Commissioner Pat Kenny: I'd go with the ten grand until we find out what's going on. Did we get a bill for them yet? We got to do it for next year yet what the budget was. I didn't make the last meeting.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Okay, leave it then.

Commissioner Pat Kenny: Leave it for now. I can always try to pump them.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Okay.

Line Item 700:

Commissioner John C. Kenny: 700 – This is our last payment?

Maria Bucsanszky: It is. There was a twenty dollar pay line item.

Line Item 705:

Commissioner John C. Kenny: 705 is the interest and that pays that off.

Line Item 706:

Commissioner John C. Kenny: 706 – I see we have money proposed for the engine reserve and what would that give us for a total there Maria if this was successful?

Maria Bucsanszky: I believe right now we have a hundred in there in the engine reserve currently.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Okay, so if this went three down we would have \$250,000.00?

Maria Bucsanszky: Correct.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Which is about half of what.....

Commissioner Todd Howell: I think you should leave it there.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Yes, that's fine.

Commissioner Pat Kenny: Actually if we were going to do it and we did a lease, working with that \$250,000.00, depending about how much an engine would be we'd

probably get at least three years out of that \$250,000.00 and then the truck will become due.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Okay.

Commissioner Todd Howell: The first item was traffic signal project. Can we eliminate that now?

Commissioner Pat Kenny: It's gone.

Line Item 710:

Commissioner John C. Kenny: We don't have anything for 710 for 2011?

Maria Bucsanszky: That can be eliminated that whole line.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Everybody in agreement?

Commissioner Todd Howell: Yes.

Commissioner Ken Gardner: That's for cars and stuff that would come from the future for anybody?

Maria Bucsanszky: Yes, that's true.

Commissioner Ken Gardner: Where are we with the cars now? I mean I know we got the two brand new ones. How old are the Durango's?

Commissioner Pat Kenny: The Durango's are.....

Maria Bucsanszky: 2003.

Commissioner Pat Kenny: 2003, correct.

Commissioner Ken Gardner: And how about the other?

Commissioner Pat Kenny: The Crown Vic is same as the Excursion.

Maria Bucsanszky: 2005.

Commissioner Pat Kenny: Yes. That was bought, I believe, five months after the Excursion. Right now the chief's car is the oldest one and that just got a facelift so we're good with that.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: What about next year, right Maria. Could we use the money, how would this go because we were going to lose that \$55,000.00 in Bond, right?

Maria Bucsanszky: Correct.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: So at \$55,000.00 it wouldn't help us if we purchased something for 2012, correct?

Maria Bucsanszky: Purchased a.....

Commissioner John C. Kenny: A new car.

Maria Bucsanszky: SUV that does not help, no. It needs to be a Bondable asset. A vehicle under \$60,000.00 would need a voter question and a separate Line Item as you see here. 710 was the actual dollar amount plugged into the budget so the voters can see the amount of the vehicle. But in terms of a calculation adjustment it does not help.

Commissioner Ken Gardner: But what about the Line Item itself? Do we need to put something in there to keep the reserve alive and keep the Line Item so that if we want to build a fund there to pay cash for a car in the future.

Maria Bucsanszky: Then you can leave this Line Item opened for whatever dollar amount the Board wishes and then it would be known as another new car reserve. We'd have to rename it.

Commissioner Todd Howell: Are you thinking of replacing one of the Durango's?

Commissioner Ken Gardner: I'm just looking at the budget. With all of these new rules I'm just familiarizing myself with them too as they're changing to see if there's any sense, you know, in keeping a particular Line Item by name and if that will help us by saving up and then having it in the budget and then not have to go to a special question or something in the future. I'm afraid that if you take the Line Item out and don't call it something that they might, the way this whole thought process is going.

John Ur: I agree it would be good to keep the Line Item opened even if you put a hundred bucks or five hundred bucks in it.

Commissioner Ken Gardner: Something.

John Ur: By the end of the 2011 budget there's extra money you can partially fund that car and spread it over two or three budgets.

Maria Bucsanszky: We would still need a ballot question to purchase the car.

Commissioner Pat Kenny: I don't think.

John Ur: I don't think you need a question as much as it's got to show up in the budget that you're going to purchase the car.

Maria Bucsanszky: Okay.

John Ur: So you can use the money as an offset.

Commissioner Todd Howell: We didn't have a ballot question when we bought 135 and the Crown Vic.

Maria Bucsanszky: That's true.

Commissioner Todd Howell: We just bought them.

Commissioner Pat Kenny: In the budget there were Line Item for new cars.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Okay.

Commissioner Todd Howell: So maybe we should leave that new vehicle as a reserve we'll call it.

Commissioner Ken Gardner: We'll just shuffle something from someplace else.

Commissioner Pat Kenny: Take \$200.00 from medical transport and put it over there.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: How about if we take on utilities.....John and Maria are you okay if we took like \$5,000.00 from there?

Maria Bucsanszky: From utilities?

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Yes.

Maria Bucsanszky: Sure.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: We'll drop that to \$55,000.00 and then we'll put \$5,000.00 in.

Commissioner Todd Howell: New vehicle reserve we're going to call that?

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Right.

Maria Bucsanszky: Right.

Commissioner Todd Howell: Okay.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Okay.

Commissioner Todd Howell: And we're going to.....

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Go ahead.

Commissioner Todd Howell: Okay, I'm with you. Go ahead, I'm sorry.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: No, that's okay.

LINE ITEM 720:

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Line Item 720 – Rent and utilities.

Commissioner Todd Howell: He held the line I believe, right Maria?

Maria Bucsanszky: Yes, he did. The next five years is the same rent.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Okay.

Commissioner Todd Howell: And that includes the next Line Item, the car garage right?

Commissioner John C. Kenny: That's a future.

Commissioner Todd Howell: A future? Okay, the \$26,000.00 is from 400 School Street, right?

John Ur: Yes.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: The FPD car garage is a future for behind here. What do we have in there now Maria?

Maria Bucsanszky: We used some of that money for the solar panel project and I believe we have \$38,040.00.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Okay, so this will give us almost \$60,000.00.

Commissioner Todd Howell: So we're going to leave that as it is. 721 will be the same.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Yes.

Commissioner Ken Gardner: And Maria, the DCA told us that we can change that like we did the last time.

Maria Bucsanszky: Yes, that was part of the DCA instruction..

Commissioner Ken Gardner: Now were there any restrictions that will have to go for some type of capital something?

Maria Bucsanszky: They consider the solar panel project if possible.

Commissioner Ken Gardner: So if we wanted to for a car or something like that we may be able to fall under that same presumption law.

Maria Bucsanszky: Yes.

Commissioner Pat Kenny: Move it from there to the other one.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Okay.

LINE ITEM 712:

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Line Item 712 is the Trunking System Compliance.

Commissioner Pat Kenny: That should be able to come out.

Commissioner Todd Howell: We're not going to need any more additional funds?

Commissioner Pat Kenny: No.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Now I'm going to ask the million dollar question.

Commissioner Todd Howell: Go ahead.

Commissioner Pat Kenny: What's that? Is it coming on?

Commissioner John C. Kenny: No, is there any maintenance that we're going to have to be concerned about?

Commissioner Pat Kenny: Everything we have should be under a two year warrantee, everything. So right now everything, as far as the trunking system, upgrades and stuff like that of software, should be coming out of Town Hall on their system as far as I know. No one has said to me that we need to do it. If you want to put something in there to play it safe I have no problem with that.

Commissioner Todd Howell: Well you want to keep the Line Item alive? We can put a grand in it just to keep it alive.

Commissioner Pat Kenny: Do you want to do this? Tell me what you want to do.

Commissioner Todd Howell: Go ahead I'm looking for guidance here.

Commissioner Pat Kenny: Do you want to take.....the problem I'm looking at it what's going to happen with buildings this year. We've been trying for three years and it doesn't fly. Do you want to take another \$10,000.00 from me and put it into there?

Commissioner John C. Kenny: No.

Commissioner Pat Kenny: Just in case.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: No.

Commissioner Pat Kenny: Where do you want to grab it from?

Commissioner Ken Gardner: What are you saying you want to do with the building then?

Commissioner Pat Kenny: I've been wanting to do the bathroom up here and I just have never been able to get it done and I know that that's going to be about \$35,000.00.

Commissioner Todd Howell: We were also recommended in that audit that we had done that of the boiler issue.

Commissioner Pat Kenny: Yes that's coming up.

Commissioner Todd Howell: I mean there are some expensive projects that I don't think we should take it out of repair and maintenance to the building.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: How about if you take \$1,000.00 from the car garage and we'll put just a \$1,000.00 into this trunking.....

Commissioner Pat Kenny: That's fine.

Commissioner Ken Gardner: Yes, but Jack, I mean that you can just pay out of equipment right?

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Okay, very good. The accountant just answered me. They said that you can just take this out of the building account and then it becomes a maintenance fee.

Commissioner Ken Gardner: Building or equipment or whatever.

Commissioner Pat Kenny: Or the radios?

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Yes.

Commissioner Pat Kenny: Okay.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: And we'll just take it from there.

Commissioner Pat Kenny: Because it's part of the building anyway. It's part of the building's infrastructure.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Right.

Commissioner Todd Howell: Okay, number twelve is going to come out.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Yes.

Commissioner Todd Howell: Okay.

LINE ITEM 711:

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Line Item 711 – Grant Expenses. That’s a simple thing. We got \$800,000.00 there. If we can get Grants.....

Commissioner Todd Howell: We can spend it.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: We can spend it. If we get more than \$800,000.00 well then we’re in a jam.

LINE ITEM 722:

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Then the truck leads to Line Item 722 and that’s cut and dry too.

Commissioner Todd Howell: That’s it. We’ve got to pay that.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Okay, so income. Am I correct Maria?

Maria Bucsanszky: That’s correct.

Commissioner Todd Howell: Back to the first sheet.

Commissioner Pat Kenny: We’re going in circles.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Alright, so we’ve got the trunking system reserve, which we lined that, we have health insurance the 1.5 percent offset which will be \$39,351.00 and I think that can only be used to health insurance premiums.

Maria Bucsanszky: That is correct. That is the fund that will be withheld from the employees.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Okay.

Maria Bucsanszky: That’s considered income.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Okay. The solar panel rebate, we won’t have that for next year. Utility credit reserve \$39,000.00. I guess that Maria is what is going to be reduced electrical consumption plus the SREC credits?

Maria Bucsanszky: That’s correct, the SREC credits.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Okay, we have the future PFRS reserve.

Maria Bucsanszky: That's the police and fire reserve that you've been setting aside a couple of years ago. We'll be using \$15,000.00 of it again to help offset taxation.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: And the traffic signal control that's zeroed out. The fund balance utilized would be \$370,000.00. The interest income we're still looking for \$30,000.00. Does that look like its real?

Maria Bucsanszky: No. In fact if we adjust that figure downwards maybe \$20,000.00 that we would have to use for the fund balance which \$370,000.00 would be the adjusting figure to \$380,000.00.

Commissioner Todd Howell: Is there any chance that we're going to get \$30,000.00?
Maria Bucsanszky: Not the way the interest rates are now, no.

Commissioner Todd Howell: What's a more realistic figure, \$20,000.00?

Maria Bucsanszky: Yes, because we're at \$16,000.00 through October.....

Commissioner Todd Howell: Then \$20,000.00 is about right.

Maria Bucsanszky: And if I replenish the retirement reserve that pays a higher rate of interest so we should be closer to \$20,000.00.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: So we need \$10,000.00?

Maria Bucsanszky: So if I review interest income \$20,000.00.....

Commissioner John C. Kenny: How about if we go to.....

Commissioner Pat Kenny: Well here's a suggestion.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: How about this, hold on, hold on.

Commissioner Pat Kenny: Go ahead.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: How about if we take, I know you guys talked about it before, but I mean there is still some hefty stuff here. What about we take professional services and we just drop that by \$10,000.00?

Commissioner Todd Howell: Well you're going to get \$9,200.00 more in revenue, am I right, from new construction, amount of permitted revenue increase.

Commissioner Pat Kenny: No, because we're still down.

Maria Bucsanszky: That is already in an account calculation.

Commissioner Pat Kenny: That's in there already.

Commissioner Todd Howell: Okay.

Maria Bucsanszky: \$928.00, that's not a lot of money.

Commissioner Pat Kenny: Dropping it into professional services, then I need that.

Maria Bucsanszky: But we're leaving interest income alone?

Commissioner John C. Kenny: No, drop interest to \$20,000.00 and then we're going to drop professional services to \$90,000.00.

Maria Bucsanszky: Okay.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: And then becomes a wash, right, or does that screw you up?

Commissioner Todd Howell: 509 – Professional, right. We're going to drop this to \$90,000.00, okay and then we can make this \$20,000.00.

Maria Bucsanszky: Okay, no change to the bottom line.

Commissioner Pat Kenny: Okay, that's all we had to do, change the \$30,000.00 to \$20,000.00 and change the \$100,000.00 to \$90,000.00.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Yes.

Commissioner Rich Gould: Retirement reserve was the same as last year.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: And we're going to get into LEA rebates. We got \$46,000.00 and I show \$34,000.00 actual in the ten months.

Maria Bucsanszky: We're due one more quarterly check so we will reach that figure.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Okay, that's good news.

Commissioner Todd Howell: Very good.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Permits, we budgeted for \$2,600.00 and we actually got \$8,400.00 year to date. Good job Rich. So we have some extra money in here that we're getting. Fines, we budgeted \$30,000.00 and so far this year we've gotten \$42,400.00.

Commissioner Ken Gardner: It's going to be a busy time now with the holidays, right. Don't they really hit them? People putting stuff in the middle of the aisles and all that jazz?

Commissioner Pat Kenny: I think some of these fines Rich, correct me if I'm wrong, some of the fines this year are cleanups from the last year or two.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Yes.

Commissioner Rich Gould: Yes, that's right.

Commissioner Pat Kenny: A lot of the new permit money is the new fireworks thing over at Arianna's. That's a hefty permit to get for them.

Commissioner Ken Gardner: That's a onetime thing or do they got to do that every year?

Commissioner Pat Kenny: What, the fireworks? If they have a wedding and somebody wants to pay the money.

Commissioner Ken Gardner: Oh every time, they got to have the permit every time.

Commissioner Rich Gould: Each permit is a different one.

Commissioner Pat Kenny: Unless they come and say we got three events going on and the next three weekends are fireworks, then he might say okay well I'm going to charge you once for the permit but they're also reimbursing us for all the overtime, whatever we have.

Commissioner Rich Gould: Yes.

Commissioner Ken Gardner: You better watch out the Councilmen don't send you any hate mail over them because there's a lot of ba boom, ba boom going on. It looks good from my house but the closer you get.

Commissioner Pat Kenny: The town approves it too before it even comes to us.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Okay.

Commissioner Todd Howell: What's miscellaneous?

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Miscellaneous?

Commissioner Todd Howell: That it produces so much money.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Is that reimbursement maybe from like the county and stuff for.....

Maria Bucsanszky: Miscellaneous would be cost recovery money or for example we sold Engine 11. That type of activity.

Commissioner Todd Howell: Okay.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Okay.

Commissioner Pat Kenny: We finally got the Hess money back.

Maria Bucsanszky: That too.

Commissioner Pat Kenny: From five years ago.

Commissioner Todd Howell: Really.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: So the amount to be raised by taxation is \$6,197,859.00 which is about \$23,000.00 less than last year's?

Maria Bucsanszky: Correct. John just brought that to my attention so there is one way to adjust for that but you would be actually less in taxation than this year. If you want to be status quo then leave it at \$6.2 million as 2010 is you would need to change fund balance \$350,000.00. That will raise taxation up to \$6,217,859.00. So you're very comparable to this current year taxation and the tax rate is .86.

Commissioner Todd Howell: Same as this year.

Maria Bucsanszky: So it's still at 083.

Commissioner Todd Howell: I think we should do that.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: How did a zero increase because.....

Maria Bucsanszky: Well .855 is really .86 and if I use less fund balance that brings up taxation a little bit to be even with this year so we're at the same taxation rate.

Commissioner Todd Howell: That sounds good to me.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Whatever you want.

Commissioner Todd Howell: Well what it does is it impacts next year total line. Whatever we do this year impacts what is available.....

Commissioner John C. Kenny: No, no, no, I agree with you. I just want to make sure. I don't want something to go wrong here then all of a sudden we go up and we agreed that we weren't going to go up.

Commissioner Todd Howell: We're not going up.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: No, no, I know, but I was just waiting for that answer.

Commissioner Todd Howell: We're not going up and I think if we can use a little less fund balance, only \$20,000.00 out of \$6,000,000.00.....what is that.

Commissioner Pat Kenny: I'm talking to myself.

Commissioner Ken Gardner: How is that reported Maria? I mean now is it reported as the .86 or what?

Maria Bucsanszky: In the actual budget now?

Commissioner Ken Gardner: You know for the town to see or if somebody, for whatever, will print it up.

Commissioner Todd Howell: \$20,000.00 will not change it one penny.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Yes, I know.

Commissioner Todd Howell: If you want to leave it the way it is I'll go along with it.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: No, no, Maria's looking up some numbers but the point that they are saying is when it was printed out last year did it say .86 to the world.

Commissioner Pat Kenny: Actually I thought we were at a different number and actually after the ratables came in, or something came in, we were different.

Maria Bucsanszky: Well that's always a danger if you leave it like that.

John Ur: There's one positive thing to say is that your taxation has not gone up in actual dollars but you've got to reduce your taxation by \$3,000.00 or \$4,000.00 whatever it is.

Commissioner Todd Howell: We could say that we held the Line.

John Ur: And the next part of that is the rate per hundred which is another.....

Commissioner Pat Kenny: We didn't go to CAP.

Commissioner Todd Howell: We held the line.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: We all feel in pretty good agreement. Could you get us that information and e-mail that out to us Maria?

Maria Bucsanszky: Yes, tomorrow morning, first thing.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Okay, and then we all can see it.

Commissioner Todd Howell: I'm very good with this.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Okay, so we're going to wind up that we're still going to be down in taxation. Did we hit the full CAP?

Maria Bucsanszky: No, we're under CAP by \$350,000.00.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: We're under CAP by \$350,000.00, under the two percent CAP, we're less than taxation from last year and we have a zero tax increase.

Commissioner Ken Gardner: You said \$350,000.00?

Maria Bucsanszky: Correct, that's what we're under CAP by.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Everybody okay with it? Do we need a meeting next week or do you guys just want to wait for the number from Maria and then we'll adjust if need be and we can, I guess, adopt.....

John Ur: Introduce.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Introduce....

Maria Bucsanszky: We can do that at the December meeting.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Okay.

Commissioner Pat Kenny: Then it would have to go to the DCA for approval.

Maria Bucsanszky: And we adopt it at the January public hearing.

Commissioner Todd Howell: Anything that will be done will be fine tuned in other words. Tweak, we'll call it tweaking.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Right.

Commissioner Pat Kenny: I don't think there's another district out there that can be able to say, in this town, that you're under the CAP, you got less taxation and a zero percent increase.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Okay.

Commissioner Pat Kenny: If there is, then God bless them.

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Alright then, with that, because that's all this meeting can be, do you want to read off the final tally number Maria for the official tape?

Maria Bucsanszky: For the official numbers?

Commissioner John C. Kenny: Yes.

Maria Bucsanszky: Okay, it would be amount to be raised by taxation of \$6,217,859.00.

Commissioner Ken Gardner: Would you do that again, I'm sorry.

Maria Bucsanszky: Sure, \$6,217,859.00. We are under CAP by \$350,000.00. The tax rate will be a zero increase, it will remain .86. So actually the taxation is lower in 2011. The 2011 taxation figure is about \$2,000.00 lower than 2010.

Commissioner Ken Gardner: Last year we only budgeted \$106,000.00 of fund balance? It was the year before that was more, is that what it says?

Maria Bucsanszky: No, actually fund balance technically was the trunking system reserve of \$340,000.00 in 2010, the future police and fire reserve of \$15,000.00, the \$106,200.00 and \$280,000.00 of retirement reserve. So this year we're actually (inaudible) about \$700,000.00, \$741,200.00 of surplus in the year 2010. In the year 2011 you will be using \$645,000.00 of surplus.

Commissioner Ken Gardner: At least it's less.

Commissioner John C. Kenny made a motion to adjourn the budget meeting which was seconded by Commissioner Richard Gould and carried unanimously at 8:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



John Ur
District Clerk