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## Town of Franklin Board Meetings

### Budget Workshop And Special Town Board Meeting October 4, 2010 - 7:00 Pm

#### Board members present:

Supervisor Arthur P. Willman, Jr.  
Councilman Allen Berg  
Councilman Clifford Smalley  
Councilman Donald Hamm  
Councilman Bradley Merrill

#### Others Present:

Highway Supt. Jacques DeMars, Budget Officer Richard Meagher, Town Clerk Sandra Oliver, Les Parker, Doris Hamm, Donald Goff

### BUDGET WORKSHOP - HIGHWAY FUND

#### CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Arthur P. Willman, Jr. called the Budget Workshop to order at 7:00 PM, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited, the Clerk called the roll, introduced guests and declared the full board was present.

#### 2. 2011 TENTATIVE BUDGET REVIEW

Budget Officer Richard Meagher presented the Highway Fund 2011 Tentative Budget to the Board. He explained the tentative budget was assembled from input gathered from department heads. He reviewed the General Fund portion of the 2011 Tentative Budget line by line, and following discussion, adjustments were made.

#### 3. ADJOURN WORKSHOP AT 9:27PM

Motion to adjourn Budget Workshop (B.Merrill-C.Smalley m/s/p) ALL AYE

### SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

**CALL TO ORDER**

Supv. Willman called the Special Board meeting to order at 8:46 PM.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING ON 2011 PRELIMINARY BUDGET.** Supv. Willman requested a motion scheduling the public hearing on the 2011 Preliminary Budget for 7PM Wednesday, November 3, 2010. (B.Merrill-A.Berg m/s/p) ALL AYE

**RESOLUTION NO. 75 PUBLIC HEARING ON BUDGET SCHEDULED NOVEMBER 3, 2010** WHEREAS, the Town Board, along with Budget Officer and department heads have held workshops to review, discuss and revise the 2011 Preliminary Budget; and WHEREAS, in accordance with policy, the Tentative Budget will be adopted as the Preliminary Budget; and WHEREAS, public comment is necessary prior to adoption as Budget; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, a public hearing on the 2011 Preliminary Budget will be held at 7:00 PM Wednesday, November 3, 2010, and the Clerk is authorized to publish notice thereof.

Those voting aye:

Supervisor Arthur P. Willman, Jr.  
Councilman Bradley Merrill  
Councilman Allen Berg  
Councilman Clifford Smalley  
Councilman Donald Hamm

Those Voting nay:

None

Those Absent:

None

Those Abstaining:

None

**3. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS**

**Q/C:** 2.5% is good, but no increase would be better. If I understand correctly, \$30,000 is what it would take to make that flip to 0% increase. I encourage you to reduce the budget further. A general issue is unfunded mandates but the increase in pension costs should have come as no surprise, and in general, those things get treated like they're off the books. Everyone says their hands are tied. I know you can't renegotiate contracts but they must be taken into consideration at the time when negotiations take place. This is a responsible budget, though.

**4. ADJOURNMENT.**

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM. Motion to adjourn (B.Merrill-C.Smalley m/s/p) ALL AYE

Respectfully submitted, Sandra J. Oliver, Town Clerk

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