

**TOWN OF SALEM  
BUDGET WORKSHOP OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2009 AT 6:00 P.M.**

**Chairman Linda Valentine opened this Special Meeting at 6:00 p.m. with the following present:** Josephine Weidman, Joe Meier, Pat O'Connell, Dennis Faber, Patrick Casey, Brad Zautcke, Cindi Ernest, Jack Rowland, Mike Slover, Mike Murdock, and Chris Lamb,

**Guests:** Crysti Neuman, Bill Carey, Jim Valentine, Dr. James Cross, and Deneen Smith.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Valentine.

**OPEN MEETING COMPLIANCE CHECK**

The agenda was posted by 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 20, 2009 at the Town Hall Municipal Building, Salem Post Office, Camp Lake Post Office, Wilmot Post Office, and the Trevor Post Office. It was also posted on the Town's website.

The purpose of this budget workshop was to present the budget and discuss the needs of each department. Further discussion by the Town Board followed.

Supervisor Faber questioned the Fund Balance amount of \$722,036.

Administrator Casey responded that there were a number of costs which were not budgeted and possibly need to be reclassified. These costs are related to the Highway/Fire building and the Community Park. When items like this are not budgeted, then they generally come out of fund balance. The fund balance should be at between 20 and 25%.

Chief Slover submitted a formal letter to the board, during this workshop, and expressed his concerns about including Fire/Rescue into the Town's General Fund.

Further discussion followed.

Resident Bill Carey stated that his understanding is that by moving the Fire/Rescue to the General Fund, it gets the Town off of having the 79 ½ cent mill rate. He gave a brief history of the Fire/Rescue mill rate explaining that it was done at a Town annual meeting. He feels this should go to the electors.

Discussion of the Fire/Rescue Department and Capital Projects Fund followed.

Chairman Valentine requested that at the next budget workshop that the Fire/rescue Department be set as a separate line item on the agenda.

Administrator Casey said that with the library, this version of the budget would go up .52 cents a thousand.

Discussion of the separate capital replacement and debt service funds followed with reference being made to WI. Statute 65.90.

Supervisor Weidman pointed out that the current mill rate is 2.385 and with this budget would go to 2.895. This is going up because the assessments have gone down.

Jack Rowland pointed out that twenty (20) years ago the mill rate was \$3.08.

Chairman Valentine pointed out that the Town Hall should have a generator.

Mike Slover replied that when the new Hwy/Fire building is complete, the fire generator can be moved to the Town Hall, but that extensive wiring will need to be done.

Chairman Valentine also wants the entrance to Town Hall fixed. The Town Board room needs cable TV and phones, and the screen moved on the wall, and CCLRD is not in the budget.

Administrator Casey stated that an item can't be put into the budget when the terms haven't been discussed.

Chairman Valentine also stated that the new terms from Sheriff Beth are an average of \$42.11 per hour and we were given the number of 19,000 miles at .25 cents a mile. The ticket revenues were recommended to come to the Town.

Further discussion of Public Safety followed.

Chairman Valentine asked that Public Safety be put on the next budget meeting agenda as a separate item. She also indicated she wants to pursue the status of a Town vs. a Village in the budget.

Supervisor Faber pointed out that we would need to cut a substantial amount out of the budget to do this.

The Town Board scheduled another Budget Workshop for Friday, October 23, 2009 at 1:00 p.m.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION BY Supervisor Meier, second by Supervisor Faber to adjourn this Budget Workshop.

UNANIMOUS VOTE – AYE

MOTION CARRIED

This Fiscal Year 2010 Budget Workshop was adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Cindi Ernest, Clerk