

Public Hearing for 2011 Proposed Budget

The Public Hearing of 2011 Proposed Budget was called to order at 7:30pm on November 16th. All board members were present.

Chairman Hesse explained that the proposed tax levy of \$265,196.00 was the maximum allowed under state law. The budget was reviewed all present.

Several members of the Farmington volunteer fire department were in attendance. Jennifer Goodenough spoke concerning the amount budgeted for the fire department and requesting an increase due to the high costs of fire fighting, maintaining the vehicles, and training. She stated that most of the fire fighters are using gear that needs to be replaced and that they have new volunteers on a waiting list until gear becomes available for them to use. In January 2011, they are borrowing equipment from a neighboring department to send 3 members to a training session. She had further researched the budgets of several area fire departments of comparable size and learned that they have a much higher operating budget. Her request is for an increase of \$5000.00 which will cover the cost of gear for two fire fighters.

Supervisor Glennie suggested that the highway/roads budget could be reduced by \$5000 and that amount added the fire department budget.

Motion to adjourned at 8:03pm made by Glennie, seconded by Kirchner.

Special Town Meeting of Electors

The Special Town Meeting was called to order. Jennifer Goodenough moved to approve the tax levy of \$265,196.00 for 2010 taxes to be collected in 2011. Seconded by Matt Paulson. No further discussion. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.