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MEMBERS PRESENT

Councilwoman Nancy Kardash
Councilman William Rockhill
Councilman Ronald Scouten
Councilman Charles Scott
Supervisor Harold Entwistle, III
Town Clerk Tracy Northrop
Bookkeeper Dawn Campbell

MEMBERS ABSENT

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Supervisor Entwistle.

PLEDGE OF ALLIEGENCE:

Recited.

Supervisor Entwistle opened the meeting by reading the Public Notice. He stated the purpose of the meeting tonight was to go over the Highway and Fire Department budgets.

HIGHWAY:

Supervisor Entwistle, Highway Liaison, Nancy Kardash and Highway Superintendent, Bill Gardner met prior to the Budget workshop and came up with an agreement on the budget. They were able to save \$190,000 by working together.

The Bond anticipation loan for the bridges was discussed. When it was first financed, the first 5 years were at a very low rate. After 5 years, the rate increases. The Boards' goal is to put enough down this year and next year to get a 5% interest rate from Adirondack Bank.

FIRE DEPARTMENTS:

Supervisor Entwistle started off by saying he would like to sit down with all three fire departments to discuss the possibility of creating a fire district. He does not have enough information available as of yet, but is interested to learn more. This is something that could bring more money in for all three departments that they all need. Councilman Rockhill suggested setting a meeting with other the fire chiefs as well as other departments that have already incorporated a Fire District. Art Gleasman asked if there

would be a fire district Board of commissioners. Supervisor Entwistle stated if a fire district was created the Town Board would appoint the initial set of Commissioners. After that, they would be elected by the people.

Anthony Sege said once a fire district is formed, you cannot go back. Supervisor Entwistle will be have an informal meeting with Councilman Rockhill, and some of the fire chiefs as well as some fire fighters from Old Forge.

Supervisor Entwistle read a letter from Terry E. Lehnen, EMS Captain. The Board agreed to allow Supervisor Entwistle write a letter to her letting her know they are reviewing what was sent, but are looking for more information.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilman Scouten and seconded by Councilman Scott to adjourn the budget workshop. Roll call vote:

Councilman Ronald Scouten – yes
Councilwoman Nancy Kardash – yes
Councilman William Rockhill – yes
Councilman Charles Scott - yes
Supervisor Harold Entwistle, III –yes

With no further business the workshop was adjourned at 8:16pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Tracy M. Northrop- Forestport Town Clerk