

**TOWN OF RUSK**  
**Special Board of Supervisors' Budget Meeting Minutes**

**Date: Monday October 14, 2013**

**Time: 6:00 p.m.**

**Location: Rusk Town Hall, N709 CTH "F"**

**Present: Chair Lisa Dobrowolski, Supervisor Steve Styczynski, Supervisor David Franklin, Clerk – Pat Arnold, Treasurer – Donna Matus, and town electors Ray Scott and Jim Toman.**

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**1. Meeting called to order at 6:07 pm by Chairman Dobrowolski, followed by roll call**

**2. Determine date for Town Hall Clean up Meeting**

Date set for Tuesday, November 5 at 9 am to take inventory of items in the disposed/sold in the Town Hall.

**3. Review Budget needs for 2014**

Board reviewed each line item, making adjustment based on projected year end cost for 2013 and projected cost for 2014

**4. Set Tax Levy for 2014**

Motion by Lisa, 2nd by \_\_\_\_\_ to have the 2014 Tax Levy remain at \$180,000.00

Motion died for lack of a 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Motion by Dave, 2nd by Lisa to take a 5 minute break at 8:55 pm. Motion carried.

**5 minutes Break**

Motion by Dave, 2nd by Steve to ask to increase the 2014 Tax Levy by \$28,900, to bring the amount of usable income up to prior amount before the change of Special Fire District Levy Charge on Property Tax Bills. Motion by Dave to amend the motion to an increase of \$25,000. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve.

Discussion on why the increase is needed. Difficult to make a 5 year road plan without funding. Main function of a Town Board/Elected Officials is development/maintaining town roads and public safety.

When the government decided that the Fire Protection Special Charges would be included in the Levy amount rather than billed to property owners, the amount available to take care of the town roads was reduced by the same amount, which was over \$53,000 at that time. Currently the Fire Protection Levy is \$55,517. Is loss of funding, making it difficult to keep our town roads maintained?

Ayes – Dave and Steve, Nay – Lisa. Motion carried.

**5. Set Budget for 2014**

Preliminary Budget has been set. A final budget meeting to review documentation for the Special Budget meeting was set for October 22 at 5:00 pm.

**6. Motion by Steve, 2nd by Dave to adjourn at 9:25 pm. Motion carried unanimously.**

Properly noticed on October 11, 2013 at the following locations:

*Ponderosa, Narrows and Rusk Town Hall*

*Pat Arnold*

**Clerk – Town of Rusk**