

Town of Porter
Town Board Work Session
Friday – October 1st – 9:00 AM

Attendees: Merton K. Wiepert, Supervisor, Councilmen Joe Fleckenstein, Jeff Baker, Larry White and Tom Baia, Bookkeeper Norm Ault, Town Clerk Gail Zachary and Highway Superintendent Scott Hillman.

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Wiepert. Town Clerk Gail Zachary presented the 2011 Tentative Town Budget to the attending councilmen. Accompanying the budget was the following letter of explanation:

“2011 Tentative Budget Highlights

The budget shows a \$0.50 tax increase, making the Town tax \$1.75.

This budget includes a salary increase for all employees of 3%. There is no increase for the Planning Board or Zoning Board members, but each secretary was included in the 3%. All summer help rates were left the same as in 2010.

Susan Driscoll – in 2010 she passed a civil service test for her title of Real Property Appraisal Tech – Trainee. For 2011 she was raised from a grade 2 (clerk) to grade 3 which shows her increased responsibilities and title. We also received a letter from her supervisor requesting an increase for her.

Sally Hogan – her salary has been increased \$500 for 2011. Back in 2003 all Town Board members dropped off the Town health insurance and received a raise of \$2,066. Sally had been making about the same as the Board members, was also taken off hospitalization eligibility, and yet only received a raise of \$131.

The Town hospitalization has gone up 25%. This is an increase of \$48,000+.

The 2010 amount received from CWM was \$54,000 less than budgeted. We received \$220,000 and this year they anticipate about half of this in 2011.

Workman’s Comp will be going down in 2011 by about \$30,000.

State retirement will be going up appreciably in 2011, best guess is about \$20,000.”

Councilman Fleckenstein stated a \$0.50 tax increase is totally unacceptable and cuts are going to have to be made.

Supervisor Wiepert asked each board member to review the document and we will have a number of work sessions to hash out changes.

The work session was adjourned at 11:00 am.

Gail Zachary,
Town Clerk