

**MALABAR TOWN COUNCIL BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING**  
**August 9, 2011                      7:00 PM**

This meeting of the Malabar Town Council was held at Town Hall at 2725 Malabar Road.

**A.     CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Chair Thomas Eschenberg. The prayer and pledge were led by District 3 Council Member Steve Rivet.

**B.     ROLL CALL:**

MAYOR/CHAIR	TOM ESCHENBERG
VICE-CHAIR:	MARISA ACQUAVIVA
COUNCIL MEMBERS:	CARL BEATTY
	DAVID WHITE
	STEVE RIVET
	JEFF MCKNIGHT
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR:	BONILYN WILBANKS
TOWN CLERK/TREASURER:	DEBBY FRANKLIN

Clerk noted for record that and PW Dir Tom Miliore is also present.

**C.     WORKSHOP ACTION:**

**1.     Review 2011/2012 Fiscal Year (FY) Proposed Budget**

Mayor stated normally they don't allow public speaking at workshops. He will allow. Has three speaker cards and will take in order.

Bud Ryan was on the committee. Regarding the Fire Dept acct 522.1200 there was discussion about this at the Citizen's Advisory Board. They didn't know what this person did. Mayor didn't even know. Their recommendation was to delete. Then at 9AM the next morning, he called Chief Joe Gianantonio and when he asked for job description for position and he learned it is a very important position and he talked to the Mayor. There were only seven members present and he got in touch with four of them and they all agreed it should not be removed. This particular item should not be deleted from budget. Ryan said position should stand. He wanted Council to have the background.

Bunnie Knudson, 2480 Hunter Lane, Malabar

Wanted to talk about acct 574.4800, promotional activity. As a member of the Special Event Committee, they want to make this a special deal as it is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Council supported a two day event just recently. Then they received a recommendation to cut by 5K. How can they do a 2-day event and do something extra for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary on 5K? Can't see doing it for this. This will not work. It would be less for even a one day event. Asked Council to keep it at the 10K.

Wayne Abare, group met and agreed on recommendations. He wanted to go over general recommendations on overhead. Keep the same millage and take what it needed from reserves. One member recommended. Look at some of the line items, the actual is like half or less. A good starting point would be to work against the actual. If you could add a column next year with a no millage increase, that would be helpful.

Went over the individual recommendations. (attached to minutes with pink sheet.) If this is tight. Then cut for one year. Part time Acct Clerk – it is the wrong year to do this. These are what came out of the seven - member committee meeting.

David White said that he has spoken to Debby and Bonnie about this. He asked Debby to speak to this. Franklin said that the idea was to bring in an experienced govt acct clerk to start utilizing the financial software and do the acct receivable, bank reconciliations and run reports until the accountant

is satisfied that it is covering everything. We pay for the software now and are not utilizing as it is only me and there is not enough time in the day. She does much more than just finance stuff in her position. And there are constant interruptions. The Accountant creates the financials in his software. She realizes this is another bad year but they ask for this before and it was put off. Until the person is up to speed and has been shown to be competent, we will still need the accountant. So no money savings for first year. But would be using software we are paying for.

Abare continued: that the Mayor's suggestion was to have the Attorney present at every other Council meeting. If an item needs his attention then move it to the next meeting.

519.4600 – repair and maintenance. Actual show that it might work.

Postpone beautification project. Even with some of the material and labor as free, push out one year.

522.1200 Bud already talked about that. TA said that the FD Sec is a part time person – not fulltime.

524 – life and health – make an effort to re-shop that. It seemed high

539.5200 – 500 could be cut.

541 the next 6 items

Grading – do themselves with Gradall and save 5K

Millings could be reduced by doing it themselves same with paving

Take out contingency – thought it wasn't spent last year.

Machinery and equip – postponing box blade purchase for a year.

Buying the tractor and head – pay for it outright and save the interest.

Next three are parks –

One member thought the pesticides could be cut by 50%

Cut mowing and do in house

Greenway and trail dev – can save \$500 there

574-4800 – recommendation was to go back to a one-day event when things are so tight.

Beatty asked about 514.3100. He has had conversation with Atty Karl Bohne about paying him to attend and sit through while we read proclamations, etc. He is not utilized when there are awards, and eagle scouts projects and presentation, etc. Do the same as we do with the engineer – shift over to once a month.

Rivet said then we can have action items only one time a month. He is concerned about that. Beatty said Atty Karl Bohne is open to this; he has talked to him about this. Even the alternate non-action meetings we can do some of these things. McKnight agreed with both of them and said what about putting the action items up front and then release him. It would save 50% of meeting time but not his salary because he also writes ordinances and resolutions and does research.

McKnight asked Mayor if we could change the line up of the meeting. Rivet said the only thing more expensive is to not have an Attorney when you need one. Mayor agreed that maybe we could rearrange the mtg. Save one hour of his time for his – 20 mtgs at \$135 per hour.

TA said the millings are for PW to do road repairs.

Mayor wanted to thank citizens who participated in the process. He did sit in on their meeting with the seven of them. It was enjoyable for him. They were serious about what they were doing.

Council will give great weight to their recommendations.

Bud Ryan had one additional comment – the insurance cost for one individual. He was covered on his wife's policy when she worked at a bank and the employer paid for her coverage but they had to pay for the majority of the cost for his insurance. Thinks that maybe that should be the standard of the Town. Share a larger portion. Cover the employee and then let them cover their family. Acquaviva said that the amount shown is just the 75% the Town pays. The cost is actually 25% more, since the employee picks up that share. TA clarified that every employee pays 25% of their health and dental coverage. The ones that have no family are still paying 25%.

7:30 pm Fire Chief Dennis Covey arrived.

Mayor restated that if they want to reduce they need to look for large items to cut.

David White said the property values continue to go down and ask Franklin to show examples. Franklin did an overview of a tax bill showing the total ad valorem of 1916.77 and of that total the portion Malabar gets is 176.48 for their Ad valorem.

She then showed a snapshot of Malabar's total property value – Market Value of 302M, Assessed Value of 273M, minus all exemptions - (homestead and extra 25K, State land, Malabar Town titled land, EELs land, churches, schools, etc) that total 58M and the remainder is 215M which reflects what the millage is calculated on. She showed how the roll back rate of the past due to rising property values is now a roll forward rate due to falling property values and is calculated on the overall tax value bottom line. Due to calculations out of the control of the local government, when you look at individual properties the calculations may differ. The examples are attached to the minutes. She only got the time to look at this today and that is why it was not in the packet.

She then showed the Florida Dept of Revenue stats showing the breakdown on the types of real property tax payers make up in Malabar. Only 45.08 % are homesteaded residential properties. She also showed another stat from DOR on the last two year's property value decline at 16.59%. The property values declined another 19% this year. Then she showed the total millage paid by each city and unincorporated area of Brevard county. Malabar taxpayers pay a total tax of 16.2594 mils in Ad Valorem taxes but of that only 1.6630 comes back to Malabar as Ad Valorem taxes. The rest goes to the County, St John's, F.I.N.D.; Schools have three taxes, etc.

Mayor said that the millage rate is going to cause some property owners to pay more under Save Our Homes program. His value was just met this year. Mayor said in dollars to remember that a 1/10<sup>th</sup> of a mil is about 16,000.00.

David White said that with property values continuing to go down and with the same millage rate assigned, fewer dollars will be brought in.

Jeff McKnight likes the Mayor's recommendations.

TA said for the 2<sup>nd</sup> budget draft she waited to get Mayor's and then reduced revenues and reduced some of the expenditures they had talked about and had consensus on from last workshop – 7K on mowing and 1K from Trails and Greenways but the rest of the cuts are not her place to do it.

When she brings budget to the governing body, it is one that maintains the Level of Service (LOS) and is fiscally sound. It is not her place to make cuts. She works with Franklin to determine what monies we need to cover the expenditures. It is not a reasonable request to ask her to create a bare bones budget with the same millage as previous year.

Mayor said she did what most administrative leaders would do. It is Council's responsibility to take it from there.

Mayor asked Council to look at revenues.

324.3100 McKnight asked why it went down so much. T.I.F.T Projects we completed this year. Ok  
329.4000 where does this come from? Staff projects two pre-development meetings. It is an educated guess based on traffic coming in. TA knows of one possible project. We have no way to know exactly – no crystal ball. Developers come in all the time and propose projects.

Expenditures:

511 – Legislative

511.4000 - Mayor will knock out travel to FLC conf next year – he dropped it from 1840.00 to 800.00

511.4010 - Mayor thinks we should send one representative to the FLC conf. Rivet disagreed and said look at the explanation – that is an area we can cut – no direct benefit to residents. Think it should be cut to one thousand. – proposing to drop to 2000. Agreed.

511.4900 – 4950 discretionary accts. Delete all of them for one year.

TA said once this is updated, did Council prefer the budget to come to them electronically and hard. Rivet, Acquaviva and White would like both. McKnight said he would like it in Excel. Beatty also wanted his in Excel.

512 – Executive,

512.5100 TA said she could reduce office supplies – it is for cartridges for printer. Mayor said look for 1000 or more to cut. Car allowance is by contract and has been reduced voluntarily and she is paying taxes on it. Mayor's budget total was a tad higher by 100.00

513 – Finance and Administration,

Again Franklin was asked about the Accounting Clerk she has in budget. The financial software we purchased is not being utilized. If we wait until next year then it will then be another year to see if it works. White suggested budgeting for a partial year. Franklin agreed we could start the person for part of the year. TA said we can't start at last quarter and expect all information should be put in last quarter.

Mayor asked why Franklin can't do what Kabana did. Franklin said Kabana was good at Excel and could make numbers match at the bottom of the reports. She created Excel reports to balance the IMS reports. We could not reproduce that. The IMS and the Excel were not producing the same results. That is why Council approved the new finance software. Mayor said when Susan was here we didn't have an accountant. TA said that is when they brought him in – because they were behind in the reports. TA said Susan did more on the accounting side and Franklin does more on the Clerk side. Records retention, public records, research. Franklin said she also does much more wider range of things than Susan did; well failure at park and fire station, water testing, etc. Susan also had given more assignments to Deputy Clerk and she felt overwhelmed. Franklin has taken those off her and she now has two primary work duties – acct payable and utility billing and also does Park Board secretary duties.

Marisa Acquaviva stated Franklin always fills in. When Denine was out and when someone calls in sick, she is there to pick up the slack. Mayor stated that TA and Franklin do share duties since TA no longer has an administrative assistant. The assistant probably handled a lot of the day to day that now gets shared. Mayor wanted everything out in the open.

TA admin asst has been cut but not to never be put back in. TA said once we get the Acct Clerk then we can isolate the tasks that the person would be responsible to perform. TA said can't start for now and show a savings on accountant. Jeff McKnight said keep it in there and then reduce accountant by that amount and let them know ahead of time and make it happen.

Leave it in for now. And cut 10K from Augie. Mayor questioned the current split of 75/25 based on the two funds. TA said he has to deal with the receipts from 193 water customers. We have had issues in the utility dept. Mayor said accountant shouldn't be comparing entries on each receipt.

TA will talk to Augie about what the amount of the cut he can make. What is his estimate? Mayor said do the accounting clerk.

Acquaviva said that the part time help under 1300 should be monitored more closely. TA said we used persons for projects like pulling stuff for the audit. Carl Beatty said that regarding the part time acct clerk. In 1995 they changed the Charter to provide for two positions Treasurer and Clerk. He asked if they are we overdue in looking for a treasurer. The Charter now allows for the separation of the two duties. Start funding for that now with the acct clerk and work into that position. He said there are a lot of interruptions - put acct clerk in separate room in back. If you are answering the phone and front window and inputting data mistakes are going to happen. Move to look for a part time treasurer

513.4900 reduce to 2K

Find out from auditor what real number is going to be.

513.6400 laptop for Deputy – laptop is from 2003. It has old software and no internet card. The cost is for unit, operating system, and to migrate the files over. Mayor said we can get one for 400.00 and license should be with town.

Laptop stays in at 1000.00.

Check on the Microsoft license – separate one for each computer?

Get the description in the difference on the operating system and the software. Franklin was just stating what TA said at last meeting.

514 – Legal –

Cut 135 x 24 = about 3500 off his line item – leaves 31,500.00.

Mayor said do we need code enf. TA said she has issue going on now with animals and we will need to go to SM and person making complaint. It has to do with dogs. Right to use property, etc. TA Will need Town Atty for a hearing. SM charges 175/hour and that is a good rate. Marisa Acquaviva said we have used Town Atty more this year with the lawsuit, the stacks of legal opinions, he is doing more. Mayor asked if TA expected more labor issues. TA will work with new legal program offered by FLC through FMIT but there is some items that they recommend you use your labor atty. Cut to 500

515 – Comp Plan

519 – General Government

4600 – suggested taking 2K from that – building and Isuzu take it out

6300 – take off the 5K for one year. Jeff said then we can advertise for donations of labor and material.

3100 – we have spent 3K for first part of the year. The topography project. Mayor is suggesting reducing the number by whatever we paid for topo – about 2100. Rivet said make it 3500. Ok

4300 - Mayor thinks electric is high. Rivet said it looks conservative. – reduce by \$500

4900 – paid for Mr. Dean and upgrade memory on public computers.

Discussed the need for the repair of the rear windshield wiper. Not critical. Mayor is concerned with the high mileage – may be in need of major repairs.

4600 - Building maintenance – Carl Beatty said the duct work is the old metal type and there are ways to seal those and there are ways to fix the ductwork. Also the insulation. The mice have nested. Whatever value it had was lost. He has talked to Building Official about how to make repair – can cut a strip in the roof and blow in insulation. Bring it up to a R19. That being #1. Then the AC will actually work. Some employees were closing the vents. He has been in the attic and if the wind shifts, he gets a chill. Get estimates on the costs. We just cut 2K on repair and maintenance. TA said she has had the AC rebalanced. Mayor said get cost to do installation.

522 – FD

TA said she is responsible for the reports that go to the state and she would not support removing that position. Carl Beatty stated he knows what she does. The citizen committee has removed that recommendation.

Jeff McKnight said on both FD and PW pay off loans early. What we are gaining in interest is negligible. Get the interest payment out of there. The mini-pumper is almost paid off. The big one is the ladder truck. Get it paid off.

Pay off the truck and continue to budget the principal to repay the reserves.

Get the numbers on that – we will provide to Council

The amounts are negligible on the others that will be paid off in early 2012. The wildland truck is not paid off until Oct. and the pumper in Jan.

Dan Welton, prior Asst Chief at MFD spoke to Council. He is showing a saving by doing simple things – like in 3440 – save 5K there. Can now be performed in house.

4600 - Repair and maintenance. Get rid of fork lift. He thinks we should keep the fire inspection.

Reduce 3440 by 5K.

Dan Welton explained the monthly and weekly training done with Anthony Gianantonio. Now we have our own guys doing the drill planning and they are doing that. So a chunk can go away. The one thing he forgot about for FF1 training can't be done in house. 5K may be over zealous. Not having to pay for the weekly oversight. The CPR training is done in house and the cards we must pay for.

Jeff McKnight asked about the paying for physicals. Dan said at IHB they have to have a NFPA physical and their background check paid for up front. Once they have met all the requirements and done their time, they can apply for reimbursement. We are paying 300 per volunteer and then were losing them. TA said these are young people who do not have jobs and savings. We are not sending them for physical until they complete orientation. We lose them around orientation time. Mayor said make an estimate. Average of two persons a month for physicals at 120 per physical.

Welton said prior to duty they have to have full physical. For volunteer they have to have a fit face test – mask fit test. In order to become a fire fighter they have to have a baseline. 120 x the number of 21 recruits. Dan Welton said the initial physical is absolutely necessary. Dan Welton said we don't have a corporation that we can apply to for reimbursement. We just lost three recently to full time jobs. Dan Welton said he is with Satellite Beach now and they have two volunteers from the community and the rest are short timers. It is sad but it is true. High turnover rate. Don't want to turn away someone because they can't afford a physical.

Discussed the fire fighters physicals. The current year budget was zero because we wanted them to come with physicals. Take off a 1000.00. Jeff McKnight said we should encourage them to come with a physical. Mayor said don't do pay per call until the physical is paid for. Trade night stipend.

Cut 3440 – cut 3000

Cut 3100 – cut 1000

3410 – netDirective - Mayor asked why that is so high. TA said they have training computers. Also the Chief's computer was so full of viruses they had to purchase a new computer and change the format. There was also something in system that allowed some email was being removed. They charge 100/hr. Then we had to go thru and do the migration onto the new computer. Then hooked up finger print time keeping to the computer. Mayor said it is almost 10K just for the FD. Last two years they have held their cost or given 10% discount. Have you looked at doing a RFP? Then paying on Town Hall computers on top of that. You could hire a PT IT person for here. Hire as a subcontractor it would be less than 26K. She will put out RFP for both an in house PT IT and as a subcontractor.

TA then explained using contractor type help vs. casual help. She said a past casual laborer was great but waited 13 weeks and then applied to get unemployment. She wants to do as a 1099 person. Mayor said there is some law on how much direction a person is given. TA would like to find a person to try out for awhile. We thought we had a great guy in PW and they called us and there was no loss.

Jeff McKnight is doing 1099 work with the government right now.

David White would like to increase the Fire Chief's salary and he thinks he goes beyond his efforts to save money and his efforts should be compensated. Mayor asked if he had a number in mind.

Mayor said we started paying Chief about 8 years ago to justify Chuck for his loss of towing work on his business. It escalated from there. Welton recommended a 4K increase. After a while you make efforts to save money. If you don't feel like you are getting compensated.

TA relayed that it was an issue to get candidates to come in the door - they asked about salary and then left it there when they learned the amount.

Dan Welton also made similar recommendation last year for Chief Gianantonio. The Chief is the manager of the biggest department of the Town with four paid fire fighters and 25 others he is responsible for managing and is responsible for life and death. He makes less than the PT secretary and yet puts in more hours. If anything happens he is crucified. Just like Joe and Dan were. The next person that comes in. Dan Welton relayed that one candidate for Chief was a retired Chief from Satellite Beach but he looked into it and if he put in the hours he would be getting 3/hr. Should be equal to PT secretary.

Mayor said Town can't pay him enough. Chief is going to make the decision to work here based on other things. It is a volunteer fire department.

Marisa Acquaviva said make cuts elsewhere and give to our people and look where we can come up with money to pay employees. Jeff McKnight said the stipend is brand new and the Chief is brand new. David White would not want to lose a good person. The PT Secretary is not a volunteer she is an employee. TA said the stipend was put in 2002.

Mayor said the stipend wasn't to pay the person – it was to reimburse for his costs. This whole thing has evolved over the years. TA said you wouldn't evolve with your people and leave out the leader. David White said why not reward them too.

Jeff McKnight said the decision we will have to make at some point is – do we want to remain a volunteer fire dept or do you want to go to the county. We have to control the costs. Unless we want to go to a fully paid dept.

The Chief has more responsibility. If we are going to propose anything make it bonuses not raises. David White is ok with that. Mayor said his budget provided for 16K to possibly be used in this manner. David White said moral can only go so far.

Mayor said how many employees actually live in Malabar and how are residents going to look at that. Jeff said what? You are raising my taxes and only one person is living here. The rest is going out of town. Giving raises when many don't have jobs. Marisa said employees of other cities live here. They do not see the Mayor's point. TA said there are regular employees, good hard working employees that have served the town well and may also be looking at the revolving door.

Mayor said that this is not the year. Marisa Acquaviva said it is not his decision – it is Council decision.

TA asked about shopping for health insurance. We got a zero insurance increase this year. The percentage for dependent coverage. It is not uncommon for employee to pay higher portion on the dependent coverage. She paid 50% coverage on her kids. When you see 19,000 going towards one employee.

Mayor said that is no different than the EEC. Earned income credit. Mayor said it is the ones that can least afford to pay more. Marisa Acquaviva said when we say shop around – another group is parent and child. Mayor asked how she covers insurance. She has 5 persons and pays 1800. She shops it all the time. We don't get dental – pay outright for services. They have younger people. TA said the Town's workforce is older. What about getting another policy for her. TA said we can't pull a separate policy for one person. Marisa Acquaviva said there may be other HIPA involved issues.

The 50% on the child is a possible – some is spouse and some is kids. Health ins is an Achilles heel.

Nothing else from FD.

524 – BD

Not much here except the health insurance they just discussed.  
Also have eng in here.

524.4000 – take off 1000 from this.

524.4910 – remove that –save 6K

524.4400 – correct the page. Get new page with correct rental number

539 – Public Works (PW)

5200 – reduce by 500 – we have had some purchases.

541 – Streets and Roads

All of council and the Clerk have wrong pages for this department. TA gave correct pages to clerk and she made copies for all.

7110 - See if we can pay off Gradall in this budget and leave principal in NEW budget to pay back reserves. See if we can save money on interest. Correct the description – change from 5 yr lease to 2 yr purchase for principal and interest.

3410 – was for the subcontracted grading. We put in for the box blade so we should buy the box blade. TA talked to Mr. Wilbur to explain the different type of box blade. David White said if we get the box blade can we cut the grading. If we get a really bad road we will come back to council.

6410 – leave the \$2800 in for machinery and equipment and then remove the 5K for grading

4620 - Remove 10K for millings. We bought more millings just in July. We spent less in previous year because we paid to have it graded. We are doing it ourselves.

4630 – paving and capping cut by 50% - Mayor asked what paving we could do with 10K. TA explained we save up the aprons when we replace pipes and then have contractor stage once and do them all at once.

4920 - Eliminate the contingency – another 5K – if we need it we will come back to council.

Something about correcting acct 541.4660 it needs to be corrected to the 4900 line item

Mayor has question on used tractor with new mower deck. If we get tractor and save the interest. TA said we can get a new tractor and new head. It would be 45K instead of 47K. TA explained she used that price for the last workshop. She just got new pricing on a new tractor with a new mower head and both are less than the first estimate for the used tractor and new head. Council still wants to make the



purchase outright and save on the interest. Keep the principal amount budgeted to repay reserves over five years.

Carl Beatty said it is probably a 4 wheel drive. PW Mgr Tom Miliore said it is not a bat wing; it travels behind and can move around and also drop down the side of the ditch. It is not a 6' ditch hog. The trimming on the side is now being done by hand. Tom Miliore said with the weight of the tractor and the mower head they need to go with 4 wheel drive. They discussed the side loading. Otherwise the tractor gets pulled.

Jeff McKnight said take it out of reserves and pay it back to ourselves over five years at 5.5% interest.

Keep box blade,

David asked about 6300 – that is TIFT. The money carries forward if it is not spent. Ok

4300 – electric for street lights. Mayor thought this was too high. TA said this is pretty stable cost.

541.7120 is listed twice in budget page on definitions.

Carl Beatty said west Atz, west Hall have tendency to ravel and if we were to go in and re-oil them via spray and sand it, that would extend the life of the road. Do this project as a special project. TA asked him to take a look at the roads and see if they are in need of the repair. Jeff said do this at a regular meeting. Enough interest yes.

#### 572 – Parks

We already took out the 7K and zeroed out the 1000 for grn way,  
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4300 - Mayor said one should be increased. He thought electric should be increase by 500 and take to 1600. Franklin said this is the cost at the Park when people use the park and the electric and we were trying to recover some of the costs but had to stop. The bounce houses do take electric.

3440 - The Mayor questioned the 6K to treat the soccer field. Maybe we can't afford the soccer field. TA said that maybe we could partner with Palm Bay and share on this and ditch spraying. She may be able to bring more pricing. She will get a number on this. Jeff McKnight said we should assess the users of soccer field more. 3440 – reduce by 50%. Not yet – TA will get price from Palm Bay.

TA said they just got email from soccer club regarding signs that are pulled up when placed in the ROW. PW waited until the 30<sup>th</sup> when the sign up is over, but they interfere with the mowing. Mayor said they are in violation of Code. TA said now the baseball registration is doing the same thing.

TA said this has always been incorporated with the park mowing. We got separate contract for fertilizing when the mower contractor notified her that they were quitting the area.

#### 574 – Special Events

Mayor says we will collect it on the ticket sales and vendors and take the expenses. Make rev a 9350 – no leave the rev and keep the 10k.

Marisa Acquaviva said we could take Rossman's recommendation on raises or bonuses. Jeff McKnight said a one-time pull from reserves rather than raising the mil. Mayor said his memo also provided for bonuses.

Marisa Acquaviva asked if Jeff would ever support an increase in millage. He stated that if we are not increasing services then we should not increase millage. If we add services we could then increase millage.

Mayor said back in the 1990's and mil was at 1.something. And one year they got it up to 1.44 and then on up. The people voted. The last meeting in Sept and the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and had a tie vote. Mayor didn't think he could vote on a tie. Facing a govt shutdown. Compromised finally and agreed to raise millage but won't spend it. Jeff said there have been more years where the millage has increased than when it has stayed the same. Franklin said she is working on a history on the budget that will lay out the millage each year.

**D. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, **MOTION:** McKnight / White to adjourn this meeting. **VOTE:** **All Ayes.** The meeting adjourned at 10:40 PM.

BY: Thomas M. Eschenberg  
Mayor Thomas M. Eschenberg, Chair

ATTEST BY:

Debby K. Franklin  
Debby K. Franklin, C.M.C. Town Clerk/Treasurer

8/15/11  
Date Approved