

TOWN OF BELGIUM
SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES
August 25, 2010

Call to Order: Chairman Francis Kleckner called the Special Town Board meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Supervisors Bill Janeshek and Tom Winker, Clerk Ginger Murphy, Treasurer Janet Coeur, Dennis Dimmer, Jeff Coeur, John Riordan, Charles Bichler, and Rodney Schroeter from The Sounder.

Fire Truck Purchase: The purpose of this public Special Town Board meeting was to receive input and decide how to pay for the purchase of a heavy-duty rescue and pumper fire truck. It was decided at a meeting on August 10, 2010, between the Town Board, the Village Board and the Belgium Fire Department to remove the expense of repainting the truck. This issue may be addressed in a future budget. Breakdown is now as follows:

Truck Cost	\$235,000.00
Foam System	13,000.00
Hose Replacement	3,300.00
Flight	<u>1,924.77</u>
	\$253,224.77

The Town's share of the expense is 60% of the total equaling \$151,934.86.

Tom Winker reported a conversation he had with Gwen Evans representing an anonymous person with possible interest in donating money for the truck. The Clerk also responded to Ms. Evan's email informing her that the full portion of the Town's share of the truck was needed.

Several funding options were discussed, and the general consensus of residents present was to expense the total amount of the truck in the 2011 budget to avoid paying interest. Expensing the total purchase in 2011 will cost Town taxpayers approximately \$.56 per thousand dollars assessed value. The Chairman felt that with current economic times it was best to extend payment over two years.

Motion by Janeshek to acquire a 2-year loan from Port Washington State Bank at 3.75% interest rate and to exceed 2011 allowable levy limit by at least the purchase price of the truck; motion second by Winker; Winker and Janeshek voted in favor, Kleckner voted against. Motion carried.

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Ginger Murphy, Clerk