



Emerald Lake Village District
Hillsboro, New Hampshire, 03244
Budget Hearing 2011

BUDGET HEARING ON; March 02, 2011
Meeting came to order at 7:00pm
Pledge of Allegiance
Moment of Silence

Emerald Lake Village District Administrator Jim Coffey opened the meeting by explaining the purpose of the budget hearing.

The hearing is to review the Articles to be presented at the annual meeting and to review the revenue and budget of the Village District.

Jim explained our revenue comes primarily from taxes and water fees.

Jim explained how to read the spreadsheets and budget forms which is the MS-36.

Article # 3. Jim explained Eugene Edwards the Districts road manager asked for an annual increase of \$6,000.00. Eugene (Skip) has not had a raise in three years. Jim said Skip has been "eating" the increase in the fuel costs. The increase would be \$500.00 extra per month. Commissioner Denise DeForest made a motion to accept the rate increase for Mr. Edwards. Commissioner Bob Hutchinson seconded the motion. All in favor.

Jim said our taxes will not increase this year. He said last year's taxes were spiked by the Hummingbird Bridge Article. He said the taxes should decrease by .30 to .40cents per thousand. He also stated the water rates will not go up.

Article #6 requests \$22,000.00 for capital improvements. Bob Hutchinson stated the Meeting House well is now producing 11 gallons per minute but is permitted for 50 gallons per minute. Having this well repaired will give the District approximately 72,000.00 gallons of water per day.

Bob was asked if the water ban will be lifted again on weekends this summer. He said he didn't think it would be a problem.

Article #7. Jim said the sum of \$5,000.00 is requested to finish off putting generators at all the wells in the District.

Article #8. Jim said in the past Village Districts could not have their own planning board. He encouraged the residents to have one of our own. The board would consist of one Commissioner and four appointed residents.

Article #9. The sum of \$7,000.00 is requested for the dredging of the inlet. This amount includes all engineering and permit costs as well. Jim said the issue is DES will not allow the District to file an application for the dredging until the primary source of the problem is corrected. The problem is the town of Hillsboro's Gould Pond Bridge culvert. Jim said there is a warrant article appropriating funds to fix the culvert in this year's Hillsboro town budget.

*Clerk's Note; Any Article not mentioned in the minutes had no discussion following the reading of the Article.

At 7:55pm. Commissioner Bob Hutchinson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Denise DeForest seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted by
District Clerk
Patricia Stefanelli

Approved By:

Bob Hutchinson

Troy Cornock

Denise DeForest

Signatures on Original