

**BUDGET WORK SESSION  
HARRIS TOWN BOARD  
Thursday, February 10, 2011, 7:15pm**

The Harris Town Board met at 7:15pm on Thursday, February 10, 2011 at the Blandin Foundation for a budget work session. The following officers of the board were present: Supervisors Gary Rosato, Dennis Kortekaas and Larry Key, Treasurer John Jokela and Clerk Michele Smith. Absent: none.

Actual 2010 expenses by line item and fund were finalized and shared by Jokela. However, because the 2010 budget to actual reports weren't ready yet, the board considered each fund in total with regard to a proposed 2012 levy. Their goals were to:

- Keep the total levy the same as prior years, at \$845,000.
- Reduce funds balances that have an extraordinarily healthy balance
- Increase the Road Fund with any "excess" money created by reducing fund balances

The following items were considered during tonight's discussions

	General	Road & Bridge	Equipment	Cemetery	Recreation	Bldg & Grounds	Fire	Capital Imprv/Equip
Levied In 2011: T: \$845K	150,000	300,000	40,000	30,000	30,000	40,000	65,000	190,000
Anticipated 2011 yr end bal	148,000	267,000	100,000	96,000	(3,300)	15,000	3,325	384,407
Total Expenses In 2010	171,628	234,329	68,633 \$30,000 spent for new Terrex <b>NORMAL Op expenses are apx \$25-30,000</b>	25,132	58,281 \$30,000 spent on paving parking lot at Crystal Park <b>NORMAL Op expenses are apx 30-35,000</b>	43,188	73,211 2011 fire contract is 72,383	163,071 \$21,715 spent for new Terrex \$138,885 for Blaine property Balance for ICC student interns and SC planning <b>FOR 2012: 30,000 for Equip. anticipated expenses</b>
Proposed 2012 levy \$845K (in an attempt to reduce balances and get back to "levying operating expenses" amts)	100,000	430,000	0	0	50,000	40,000	75,000	150,000
<b>Anticipated 2012 yr end bal</b> (2011 bal, minus "normal" expenses as 2010, plus 2012 levy)	77,000	462,671	70,000	71,000	16,700	12,000	5,325	504,407

Reviewed anticipated 2011 year end balances, and average operating expenses by fund, and proposed some levies by fund such that healthy balances would be reduced, and extra money would be used to build up some not so healthy balances. And any thing "extra" would be put into Roads so that more improvement could be made.

<u>Fund:</u>	<u>2012 levy, compared to 2011 levy:</u>
General:	Decreased by 50,000
Road and Bridge:	Increased by 130,000
Equipment	0 levy for 2012, so decreased by 40,000
Cemetery	0 levy for 2012, so decreased by 30,000
Recreation	Increased by 20,000
Bldg & Grnds	No change
Fire	Increased by 10,000
Capital Improvement	Decreased 40,000 (Serv Ctr by 30,000 and non dedicated by 10,000).
Total	No change – same total levy as 2011

The board recognized that this "zero/reduced" levying would be the exception rather than the rule, and recognized that levies would need to be readjusted for 2013, to try to again get closer to levying for operating expenses and planned projects only in as many funds as possible. Overall, this may be a 2 year process to accomplish.

The budget session ended at 9:00pm. The date/time/place for the next budget meeting was set for Thursday, February 17, 2011 at the Blandin Foundation, starting at 7:15pm. The Board of Audit will also take place at the beginning of this meeting, to verify that the Clerk's and Treasurer's books balance for 2010.

John agreed to have actual income and expense figures dropped into the reports used for the annual meeting for the February 17<sup>th</sup> meeting, so that the above projected fund balances could be verified and adjusted as necessary.

Roads will be discussed, and Clerk Smith agreed to invite Julie Kennedy – SEH to that meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Smith, Clerk