

**Budget Public Hearing Minutes
November 18, 2013 at the Rockland Town Hall
Called to order by Chairman Cashman at 7:30 p.m.
Adjourned at 7:58 p.m.**

The Clerk, Treasurer, and all Town Board members were present. Also present were, Annie Brewer, (Wrightstown Spirit), Terry Vertz, Randy Hansen, Bob Gerbers, Dorothy Cashman and Steve Gander.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Clerk Charette provided a Power Point presentation and hard copies to electors which provided the budgeted income and expenditures for 2013 along with the actual income and expenditures of the Town through October 2013. Chairman Cashman and Clerk Charette walked the electors through the presentation which demonstrated the proposed budget for 2014, including a request to exceed the highway/roads expenditure above \$5,000/mile and which requested a 5% increase above the allowable levy for 2013 collected in 2014. Chairman Cashman explained that the Board was requesting a 5% increase above the allowable levy which equaled \$20,630.00 due to an increase in expenditures which would not be covered by projected income in 2014. It also was explained how this increase would affect a taxpayer's bill and what taxpayers in surrounding communities were currently being taxed.

Clerk Charette provided Resolution #2013-7 wherein the Town Board took formal action supporting an increase in the state allowable tax levy for 2013 payable in 2014 and which requested that the electors consider taking such action. Clerk Charette read the two resolutions that would come before the residents for a vote at the Special Elector meeting immediately following the public hearing. Resolution #2013-8, which is hereby incorporated herein, endorses Resolution #2013-7 and authorizes the town tax levy for 2013 to be increased by 5% over the allowable levy, which is an increase of \$20,630.00 over the allowable 2013 town tax levy for a total town tax levy of \$433,233.00. Clerk Charette also read Resolution #2013-9, hereby incorporated herein, which would have the town electors adopt the town tax levy for 2013 to be collected in 2014 at \$433,233.00.

Public Input

Supervisor Schwalbach explained that the Town's tax levy rate was right around the average for towns located in Brown County. The town's share of the tax bill is approximately 14%.

Adjournment

M/M by Chairman Cashman to adjourn at 7:58 p.m.; seconded by Supervisor Van Vonderen. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

All minutes have been taken truthfully and honestly and to the best of my knowledge and ability.

Jann B. Charette,
Town Clerk

Minutes approved as written / with corrections (**strike one**) by the Town Board on Monday, December 2, 2013.

Dennis J. Cashman
Town Chairman

