



**MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING – 2014 ANNUAL BUDGET
DEC. 3, 2013**

1. Meeting called to Order by the Chairman at 7:30 p.m.
2. The Chairman read the statement in compliance with C.231, PL.1975.
3. Roll Call: The following Commissioners were present: DePhillips, Gabbert, Kasparian, Kelaher, Plumley, Salazer and Chewcaskie. Commissioner DaPuzzo was absent.
4. The salute to the flag was led by Chairman Chewcaskie.
5. Chairman's remarks. The Chairman noted that attached for the meeting are the budget documents that are required by the Div. Of Local Government.
6. PUBLIC HEARING – 2014 ANNUAL BUDGET.

Discussion on the Resolutions by the Commissioners to amend and adopt the 2014 Preliminary Budget.

Commissioner DePhillips questioned the budget number of \$12,972,502 and wanted to know, year over year, what the number is by way of an increase or decrease.

Chairman noted that we had two numbers last year for our budget, the original 2013 budget and the budget which was subsequently amended in September. The original 2013 budget was \$17,203,490 which was amended to \$15,604,507 to allow us to refund the \$1.6 million back to the towns on their 2013 service charges.

A letter was sent to the towns by the Executive Director based upon the service charges. The 2014 amount due from the municipalities is \$11,999,923. This is a reduction of \$1,454,032 or a 10.8% as compared with the original 2013 budget. The difference in the amount charged to the municipalities between 2013 and 2014 is roughly \$140,000.

Commissioner DePhillips wanted to know the comparisons between the Capital

Budget from last year and this year.

The Treasurer noted that on page CB-2 of the Budget, the proposed 2014 Capital Budget includes a decrease in funding from other sources for capital projects from \$850,000 in 2013 to \$736,000 in 2014. No increase in service charges is required to fund capital projects.

Last year the proposed capital budget was \$1,000,000, of which \$850,000 came from the capital component of the service charges of our budget and \$150,000 was money from a previous bond authorization. We haven't moved ahead with many projects this year. The 2014 proposed capital budget is \$3,066,500 of which \$736,000 is from the capital component of the service charges. The additional \$2.33 million will be funded by bonding in early 2015.

The Chairman asked for any public comments. Having no comments the Chairman closed the public comment period.

7. Vote on the Resolutions:

Reso.#67A-2013. Amendment to 2014 Budget. This resolution is to amend the capital component of the 2014 Budget. Resolution was offered by Commissioner Kasparian, seconded by Commissioner DePhillips. All Commissioners present voted in favor of the resolution.

Reso.#67B-2013. Adoption of the 2014 Budget. Resolution was offered by Commissioner Kasparian, seconded by Commissioner Gabbert. All Commissioners present voted in favor of the resolution.

8. Public Comments. There were no public comments.

9. Adjournment. All Commissioners presented voted to adjourn the meeting and proceed into the Regular Meeting at 7:50 p.m.


Madeline Thumudo, Secretary