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Boy Scout Troop 660 visits Firestone officials to earn badges

Settling into the Firestone Board of Trustees seats, six Boy Scouts from Troop 660 visited with Firestone elected officials on Feb. 8, 2012. The visit allowed the Scouts to work toward their Second Class Rank Requirements, as well as earn Communication Merit and Citizenship in the Community badges.

Firestone Mayor Chad Auer, Mayor Pro-tem Paul Sorensen and Trustee Matt Holcomb answered questions for the Scouts regarding their roles as elected officials.

“This is important work because I’m able to help make vital decisions for the Town,” Auer said in response to a question of why he wanted to become mayor. “For me, it’s an honor to be a part of the decision-making process.”

Sorensen provided further details on the role they play in setting ordinances. “Ordinances are like rules for the Town,” he said. “We are in charge of setting all of our ordinances so the community operates successfully.”

Holcomb outlined the agenda process for the meetings, while giving details about the different topics they would cover that evening, including a discussion on water uses. One Scout even commented that he knew that Firestone’s water comes from Carter Lake.

The Scouts were eager to learn about the pay elected officials receive, as well as how to run for office.

Troop 660 is primarily comprised of 11-year-olds from the Carbon Valley area, and lead by Scoutmaster Jonnie Smurthwaite.

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