

**TOWN OF OSCEOLA
BUDGET HEARING
and
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

November 9, 2009

MINUTES

The Board of Supervisors of the Town of Osceola met for the annual Budget Hearing and Special Town Meeting Monday, November 9, 2009 at 8:00 p.m. at the Osceola Town Hall, Dresser, Wisconsin.

CHAIRMAN STEVE STROSHANE CALLED THE BUDGET HEARING MEETING TO ORDER AT 8:09 P.M.

Chairman Stroshane verified that the meeting notice and agenda had been posted Friday, October 16, 2009 & Friday October 30, 2009 at the Town Hall, the Dresser Post Office and Rural American Bank. The meeting notice was also published in the Wednesday, October 21, 2009 & November 4, 2009 publication of the SUN newspaper.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Steve Stroshane, Gene Lindholm and Bob Wright

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Lorraine Rugroden - Clerk/Treasurer, John Adam, Ron Strom, Dan & Susan Burch, Pete & Kathy Shay and Dodd & Nancy Knutsen

BUDGET HEARING

MOVED, SECONDED BY WRIGHT/LINDHOLM TO OPEN THE BUDGET HEARING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Copies of the proposed 2010 Town Operating Revenue and Expense budgets were available for all in attendance. Also, Chairman Stroshane prepared hand-outs to include Significant Changes in Revenue and Expenses for 2010 Budget, a Town Expense Summary and Frequently Asked Questions on the 2010 Town of Osceola Budget.

Everyone was asked to look over the budget information and ask any questions they might have. Significant changes to revenue and expenses were explained.

Revenue:

1. Property Tax Levy:
 - a. Levy increased 1.4% to \$455,504
 - b. Assessed valuation increased 1.4%
 - c. Mill rate stayed at \$1.76 / \$1,000 assessed valuation
2. State shared revenue slightly decreased below the 2009 level by \$2,502
3. Road aid increased 2% to \$128,705
4. Building permit revenue offsets building permit expense less administration fee.
5. Fire association loan repayment passes through to pay debt service on Dresser Fire Hall.
6. A Town Road Improvement Grant (TRIP) of \$18,831.62 was received for reconstruction of 248th Street in 2010.

7. \$20,000 is to be used from cash reserves to offset a one-time expense of town wide reassessment.

Expenses:

1. General Government
 - a. Town website was created in 2008 and continues to develop. On-going maintenance costs can be expected.
 - b. The Clerk/Treasurer position was changed from $\frac{3}{4}$ time to full time.
2. Public Safety
 - a. Lifelink contract increased to \$8/capita
 - b. D.O.G. fire assessment decreased by \$1,903
3. Public Works
 - a. Highway construction decreased by 2.6% which is partially due to extra funds budgeted in 2009 to correct a road deficiency in a development.
 - b. No new major equipment budgeted for in 2010.
4. Development and Planning
 - a. Funds were included to begin implementing recommendations in the recently completed comprehensive plan.

MOVED, SECONDED BY LINDHOLM/WRIGHT TO ADJOURN THE BUDGET HEARING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Being no further business to come before the Budget Hearing, the Hearing was adjourned at 8:24 PM.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

MOVED, SECONDED LINDHOLM/WRIGHT AND CARRIED TO CONVENE THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING AT 8:25 PM.

VOTE BY SHOW OF HANDS 12 YES, 0 NO.

MOVED, SECONDED LINDHOLM/WRIGHT AND CARRIED TO ADOPT THE 2010 HIGHWAY EXPENDITURES OF \$344,625.42 PURSUANT TO STATE STATUTE 82.03(2)(a).

VOTE AT 8:28 PM BY SHOW OF HANDS 12 YES, 0 NO.

MOVED, SECONDED NANCY KNUDSEN/SUSAN BURCH AND CARRIED TO SET THE 2009 TAX LEVY AT \$461,868.81.

VOTE AT 8:30 PM BY SHOW OF HANDS 12 YES, 0 NO.

ADJOURNMENT: MOVED, SECONDED DAN BURCH/RON STROM AND CARRIED TO ADJOURN THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING.

VOTE AT 8:31 PM BY SHOW OF HANDS 12 YES, 0 NO.

Being no further business to come before the Special Town Meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 8:31 PM.

APPROVED: 12/14/2009

Lorraine Rugroden, Clerk/Treasurer