

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

November 8, 2010

MINUTES

The Board of Supervisors of the Town of Osceola met for the annual Budget Hearing and Special Town Meeting Monday, November 8, 2010 at 8:00 p.m. at the Osceola Town Hall, Dresser, Wisconsin.

CHAIRMAN STEVE STROSHANE CALLED THE BUDGET HEARING MEETING TO ORDER AT 8:00 P.M.

Chairman Stroshane verified that the meeting notice and agenda had been posted Friday, October 15, 2010 & Friday October 29, 2010 at the Town Hall, the Dresser Post Office, Rural American Bank and the website. The meeting notice was also published in the Wednesday, October 20, 2010 & November 3, 2010 publication of the SUN newspaper.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Steve Stroshane, Gene Lindholm and Bob Wright

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Lorraine Rugroden - Clerk/Treasurer, Ron Gamache, Bev Kobs, Janis Masek, Dodd & Nancy Knutsen, Susan Burch, Pete & Kathy Shay, Cindy Stimler & Bill Perron, John Adam, Marcia Dressel, Amy Middleton and Daniel Burch.

BUDGET HEARING

MOVED, SECONDED BY LINDHOLM/STROSHANE TO OPEN THE BUDGET HEARING. MOTION CARRIED 3 - 0.

Copies of the proposed 2011 Town Operating Revenue and Expense budgets were made available for all in attendance. Chairman Stroshane explained the significant changes in revenue and expenses for 2011 budget. A town expense summary and frequently asked questions of the 2011 budget were reviewed.

Everyone was asked to look over the budget information and questions were asked. Significant changes to revenue and expenses were explained.

Revenue:

1. Property Tax Levy:
 - a. Levy decreased 0.28% to \$460,557.37
 - b. Assessed valuation decreased 0.28%
 - c. Mill rate stayed at \$1.75 / \$1,000 assessed valuation
2. State shared revenue increased above the 2010 level by \$8,947 due to an increase in utility payment gained from the addition of Poplar Lake Substation
3. Road aid increased 3% to \$132,926.43
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 re-construction of 248th Street in 2010.
7. \$33,000 is to be used from cash reserves will be put towards highway construction and a dock at Poplar Lake
8. Village of Osceola will pay for road work completed on their portion of 248th Street near CTH M, paid by the town in 2010 in the amount of \$15,287.04
9. A TRIP-D grant was awarded for reconstruction of 240th Street between CTH MM and HWY 35 in the amount of \$182,451.50. Construction will begin in 2011.

Expenses:

1. General Government
 - a. Assessor fees are down 56 % due to a full assessment completed in 2010 and will be back to paying only maintenance fees in 2011.
 - b. Election inspector's wages are \$1,500 less due to a maximum of two expected elections in 2010.
2. Public Works
 - a. Highway construction increased by \$214,445 which is partially due to the 240th Street TRIP-D project of which the town was awarded a grant in the amount of \$182,451.50 and \$30,000 from cash reserves was moved to highway construction.
 - b. No new major equipment budgeted for in 2011.
3. Development and Planning
 - a. Funds were increased for consulting fees to begin implementing recommendations in the recently completed comprehensive plan.

MOVED, SECONDED BY LINDHOLM/WRIGHT TO ADJOURN THE BUDGET HEARING. MOTION CARRIED 3 - 0.

Being no further business to come before the Budget Hearing, the Hearing was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

**MOVED, SECONDED STROSHANE/LINDHOLM AND CARRIED TO CONVENE THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING AT 8:30 PM.
VOTE BY SHOW OF HANDS 17 YES, 0 NO.**

Chairman Stroshane explained highway expenditures and answered numerous questions before the following motion was made.

**MOVED, SECONDED STROSHANE/ADAM AND CARRIED TO ADOPT THE 2011 HIGHWAY EXPENDITURES OF \$563,560.34 PURSUANT TO STATE STATUTE 82.03(2)(a), \$8,998 PER MILE.
VOTE AT 8:40 PM BY SHOW OF HANDS 10 YES, 6 NO, 1 ABSTAINED. MOTION PASSED.**

Town residents worked to try to find a way to fund for two additional board members in the 2011 budget while the majority of Town Board members were not in favor of budgeting for two additional board members.

Amended Motion

MOVED, SECONDED BY STIMLER/PERRON TO ADJUST THE 2011 TAX LEVY TO \$472,797.37 TO ESTABLISH FOR 2 ADDITIONAL SUPERVISORS.

VOTE AT 9:00 PM BY SHOW OF HANDS 2 YES, 13 NO 2 ABSTAINED. MOTION FAILED.

MOVED, SECONDED STROSHANE/KOBS AND CARRIED TO SET THE 2011 TAX LEVY AT \$460,557.37.

VOTE AT 9:00 PM BY SHOW OF HANDS 10 YES, 0 NO 8 ABSTAINED. MOTION PASSED.

(Number of eligible voters increased to 18, before motion was voted on.)

ADJOURNMENT: MOVED, SECONDED KOBS/MIDDLETON AND CARRIED TO ADJOURN THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING.

VOTE AT 9:01 PM BY SHOW OF HANDS 18 YES, 0 NO.

Being no further business to come before the Special Town Meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 9:01 PM.

APPROVED: 12/13/2010

Lorraine Rugroden, Clerk/Treasurer