

Memorandum

To: Town of Osceola Residents

From: Steve Stroshane, Chairman

Date: November 8, 2010

Re: Significant Changes in Revenue and Expenses

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. \$33,000 will be used from cash reserves to be put towards highway construction and a dock at Poplar Lake
7. Village of Osceola will pay for road work completed on their portion of 248th Street near CTH M, expenses were paid by the town in 2010 in the amount of \$15,287.04
8. A Town Road Improvement (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 paying only maintenance fees in 2011 after a full assessment was completed in 2010.
 - b. Joint Court Costs were budgeted for in the amount of \$3,000. Still waiting to hear if the town will be included.
 - c. Election inspector's wages are \$1,500 less due to at maximum, two expected elections in 2011.
2. Public Works
 - a. Highway construction increased by \$214,445 which is partially due to the 240th Street TRIP-D project that will be supplemented by a grant in the amount of \$182,451.50 and cash reserves of \$30,000 was moved into highway construction.
 - b. No new major equipment budgeted for in 2011.
3. Health & Human Services
 - a. Gopher bounty funds were increased by \$1,000 to \$3,500.
4. Development and Planning
 - a. Funds were increased for consulting fees to begin implementing recommendations in the recently completed comprehensive plan.