

Memorandum

To: Town of Osceola Residents

From: Steve Stroshane, Chairman

Date: November 10, 2008

Re: *Significant Changes in Revenue and Expenses*

Revenue:

1. Property Tax Levy:
 - a. Levy increased 2.3% to \$455,504
 - b. Assessed valuation increased 2.3%
 - c. Mill rate stayed at \$1.76 / \$1,000 assessed valuation
2. State shared revenue slightly increased above the 2008 level
3. Road aid increased 3% to \$126,199
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. Engineering Service\Comp Plan Reimbursement is \$4,500 which is due to grant money for completion of comprehensive plan and offsets 60% of the cost of plan completion.
7. Reimbursement of \$20,000 from the developer in Poplar Lake Estates is expected compensate the Town for repairs to the roadway.
8. Interest income is expected to significantly decrease in 2009 to \$10,000.

Expenses:

1. General Government
 - a. Town website was created in 2008. On-going maintenance costs can be expected.
 - b. Audit firm was bought out by larger company resulting in price increase.
2. Public Safety
 - a. Lifelink contract increased to \$8/capita
 - b. D.O.G. fire assessment increased only \$458
3. Public Works
 - a. Highway construction increased 10% but the majority (\$20,000) of the increase is to be funded by the developer for repairs to 205th Street.
 - b. No new major equipment budgeted for in 2009.
4. Development and Planning
 - a. Comprehensive plan started in 2008 will be completed in 2009. The project is 60% grant funded.
 - b. Increase planning commission per diem to \$25/meeting