

**TOWN OF OSCEOLA  
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING OF THE ELECTORS  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2019**

**MINUTES**

A Special Town Meeting on held on Monday, November 18, 2019 immediately following the Budget Hearing beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Osceola Town Hall, Dresser, Wisconsin.

Notice of the Special Town Meeting had been published in the SUN newspaper and posted at the Town Hall, Dresser Post Office, First National Community Bank and the website.

**ROLL CALL**

**TOWN BOARD PRESENT:** Doug Schmidt and Mike Wallis. Brandon Whittaker attended by telephone.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Jo Everson, Interim Clerk/Treasurer, Neil & Bekah Gustafson, Sandra Ball, Kim Kaiser, Tim & Lonnie Loesher, Eric Hallan, Mark & Denise Skjerven, Glyn & Cindy Thorman, Alice Moris, Tom & Gae Magnafici, Ed Everson, Diana Anderson, Linda Nelson, Katie Cronick, Kathy Cronick, Bernie & Kay Desmain, Jim Barlzak, Joyce Robinson, Deb Dibble, Mike & Jennette Rochford, Ginger Sajna, Phillip Mattison, Jon Cronick, Chelsea Knse, Sean House, Kirk Johnson, Pete Fehlen, Warren & Lynne Johnson, Richard & Charlene Berg, Jim Berg, Kevin McNutt, Mark Kuhl, Dani & Cory Pratz, Jeremy & Teresa Utre, Matt & Nicole Resind, Steve Heichel, Duane Wolter, Joel Pricing, George Asselanis, Michael Joe McClurg, Steph Anderson, Bria Claass, Webler Weingate, Dave Lindit, Trudy Lorenz, Zachary Selfors, Donna Berg

**CALLED TO ORDER**

Chair Schmidt called the Special Town Meeting to order at 8:10 p.m. The Notice was read into the record:

*Notice is hereby given that on Monday, November 18, 2019 immediately following completion of the Public Hearing on the proposed 2020 budget which begins at 6:30 pm, a SPECIAL TOWN MEETING of the ELECTORS, called by the Town Board pursuant to Wisconsin Statute Section 60.12(1)(c), will be held for the following purpose:*

1. *To approve the increase of the Town Tax Levy for 2019 by 12.54 percent over the 2019 levy limit which would increase the town levy by \$70,640.00 pursuant to Section 66.0602 of Wisconsin Statutes.*
2. *To approve the 2019 total Town Tax Levy to be collected in 2010 pursuant to Section 60.10(1)(1) of Wisconsin Statute.*

There were 56 eligible voting town residents in attendance.

The following motion was offered:

MOTION BY D. SCHMIDT, SECONDED BY M. SKJERVEN TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 19-12.

**RESOLUTION 19-12**

**A RESOLUTION FOR ELECTORS TO EXCEED THE LEVY LIMIT AT A SPECIAL TOWN MEETING OF THE ELECTORS**

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin has imposed levy limits under Section 66.0602 of the Wisconsin Statutes for town tax levies in 2019 and thereafter; and

WHEREAS, Section 66.0602(5) of Wisconsin Statutes allows the town electors in towns under 3,000 in population to exceed the maximum allowable levy limit by adoption of a resolution at a town meeting of the electors; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has adopted Resolution 19-10 supporting an increase in the town tax levy which would exceed the maximum allowable state levy limit for the Town of Osceola; and

WHEREAS, this Special Town Meeting of the electors has been called and noticed to consider the adoption of a resolution to endorse the Town Board's resolution to exceed the state levy limits; specifically by increasing the allowable town tax levy for 2019 (collected in 2020) by 13.62 percent;

NOW, THEREFORE, the special town meeting of the Town of Osceola, Polk County, Wisconsin, by a majority vote of the eligible electors voting on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2019 duly assembled and voting resolves and orders as follows:

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, the town electors of the Town of Osceola, Polk County, Wisconsin endorse the Town Board Resolution 19-10 to increase the town tax levy for 2019 (collected in 2020) by 13.65 percent over the allowable 2019 levy, which is an increase of \$70,640.00 over the allowable 2019 town tax levy.

Number of town electors voting aye: 5  
Number of town electors voting nay: 50  
Number abstaining or not voting: 1

MOTION FAILED.

Discussion followed, with the following motion offered:

MOTION BY K. JOHNSON TO APPROVE A ZERO PERCENT INCREASE TAX LEVY FROM THE 2019 LEVY OF \$558,174.00. SECONDED BY B. DESMAIN.

**RESOLUTION 19-13 A RESOLUTION FOR ELECTORS TO ADOPT THE TOWN LEVY AT A SPECIAL TOWN MEETING OF THE ELECTORS**

WHEREAS, Wisconsin Statutes Section 60.10(1)(a) authorizes the town electors of a town to adopt the town tax levy at a town meeting of the electors; and

WHEREAS, a special town meeting of the electors has been called for this 18th day of November, 2019; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Special Town Meeting of the Town of Osceola, Polk County, Wisconsin, by a majority vote of the eligible electors voting on this 18th day of November, 2019 duly assembled and voting resolves and orders as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED, the Town electors of the Town of Osceola, Polk County, Wisconsin hereby adopt the town tax levy for 2019 to be collected in 2020 in the amount of \$563,591.00.

Discussion followed, with clarification offered as to the intent of the motion. Discussion ended with G. Thorman calling the question.

Number of town electors voting aye: 22  
Number of town electors voting nay: 26

MOTION FAILED.

Discussion followed, with the following motion offered:

MOTION BY T. MAGNAFICI TO REDUCE THE 2020 BUDGET BY \$50,000.00. SECONDED BY A. MORRIS.

The motion was amended:

MOTION BY T. MAGNAFICI TO REDUCE THE 2019 LEVY BY 7.5% TO \$516,310.95 (SPECIFICALLY \$41,863.05), SECONDED BY A. MORRIS.

**RESOLUTION 19-13 A RESOLUTION FOR ELECTORS TO ADOPT THE TOWN LEVY AT A SPECIAL TOWN MEETING OF THE ELECTORS, AS AMENDED**

WHEREAS, Wisconsin Statutes Section 60.10(1)(a) authorizes the town electors of a town to adopt the town tax levy at a town meeting of the electors; and

WHEREAS, a special town meeting of the electors has been called for this 18th day of November, 2019; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Special Town Meeting of the Town of Osceola, Polk County, Wisconsin, by a majority vote of the eligible electors voting on this 18th day of November, 2019 duly assembled and voting resolves and orders as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED, the Town electors of the Town of Osceola, Polk County, Wisconsin hereby adopt the town tax levy for 2019 to be collected in 2020 in the amount of \$516,310.95.

Number of town electors voting aye: 36

Number of town electors voting nay: 9


Number abstaining or not voting: 4

MOTION CARRIED.

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION BY K. JOHNSON, SECONDED BY G. SAJNA TO ADJOURN THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING HELD THIS 18<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2019. MOTION CARRIED.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

  
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Jo Everson, Interim Clerk/Treasurer

**APPROVED: 12/03/2019**