

## **SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

### **TOWN OF VERONA**

**October 13, 2018 6:30 PM**

Town Hall, 7669 County Highway PD, WI 53593-1035

Present: Geller, Maxwell, Dreger, Duerst, Enburg

Absent: None

Staff Present: Arnold, Wright

Also Present: see sign in sheet

1. Call to Order/Approval of the agenda – Mark Geller called the meeting to order at 8:06 a.m. Motion to approve the agenda by Enburg. Second by Duerst. Motion carried. Mark Geller explained that no final decisions would be made on the budget today. Instead, the goal is to give staff direction on priorities when producing a draft budget. Amanda Arnold gave a presentation that summarized reserve balances, cash on hand, income projections for 2019, and three potential budget scenarios (a “status quo” scenario, “all needs” scenario, and a “combination of increases and cuts” scenario).
2. Discussion of 2019 budget issues – The conversation covered many topics. Of particular focus were the following:
  - The Board directed staff to get more information about when the Sherriff’s deputies work for the Town. If they are working on their schedule in off hours, they would be more dispensable. If the Town can choose the hours, a focus should be put on generating more ticket revenue. The Board was split on the value of the deputies in a tight budget.
  - The goal for public works road funding is to move it from approximately \$350,000 per year to \$400,000. Manfred suggested that maintenance (chip sealing) be approximately \$200,000, that the Road Patrolman have \$80,000 for wedging and patching, and that \$120,000 be set aside for reconstruction each year (reconstruction projects may take a few years to fund).
  - Adding to the leave/health care escrow and the capital equipment escrow is mandatory every year.
  - There was continued support for hiring a second public works staff person, but the Board felt office staff hours should be reduced as work is shifted.
  - There was general support for suggesting that the levy be raised at a special Town meeting. Debt might be considered if it could be attributed to a specific project. John Wright didn’t have all the information he needs from the Department of Revenue to project how much the levy would have to be raised to meet needs. However, he and Amanda will refine the budget based on the discussion of the Board, calculate a potential increase and present it at a meeting that was set for Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup>.
3. Adjourn – Motion by Dreger. Second by Duerst. Motion carried at approximately 10:15 a.m.

Approved: 11/13/2018

Submitted by: Amanda Arnold, Planner/Administrator