

MINUTES of the TOWN OF VERONA
BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING AND SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
Town of Verona Town Hall, 7669 County Highway PD, Verona
Tuesday, November 20, 2018 at 7:00 PM

Citizens Present: See sign in sheet
Staff Present: Arnold, Wright

AGENDA

1. Call to Order/ Convene Special Town Meeting of the Qualified Electorate Pursuant to Sec. 60.12(1)(c), Wis. Stats. – Board Chair, Mark Geller, called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.
2. Consider a Motion to Confirm/amend the Suggested Agenda – Mark Geller explained that the Clerk/Treasurer, John Wright, had recalculated the potential levy and the number on the agenda (\$1,092,353) should be substituted with \$1,092,334. Motion to approve by Bill Keen. Second by Deb Paul. Motion carried.
3. Approve Meeting Minutes from 11/21/2017 – Motion to approve by Enburg. Second by Keen. Motion carried.
4. Presentation of 2019 Budget/Review on Long Range Funding Issues – Mark Geller gave a presentation covering the Town's current financial standing, challenges related to increasing costs, and the proposed 2019 general fund budget.
5. Public Hearing Regarding Proposed 2019 Town General Fund Budget – Mark Geller opened the public hearing at 7:45 p.m. Deb Paul expressed disappointment that the Board had not opted to pass a resolution suggesting that the levy be increased beyond the standard levy limit. Mark Geller responded that before doing that the Board wanted to have people understand the issues. Also, next year there is no road rebuilding project identified (however, there is increased funding for maintenance). When a project is scoped for 2020 a levy increase may be needed. Deb also asked about how the cost of senior services is calculated. Amanda Arnold responded that it's based on the number of people eligible for services, not the number that uses them. Laura Dreger asked if funds were being put aside for staff benefits upon retirement, and Amanda responded that in 2019, \$10,000 are earmarked for that fund. There was a discussion about the hours of service that the Town pays for to have Town specific deputy coverage. Dale Beske asked about the amount of net new construction. Bob Kohlenberg said he supported the cost for the sheriff coverage. He had questions about the boundary agreement and the continued loss of land to annexation. Tom Mathies wondered if the Town could explore hiring a social worker and run the senior services out of the Town Hall and thus avoid the overhead of the senior center. He also asked about what roads had been identified for chip sealing in 2019. Staff listed some, but a definitive list has not been identified yet. Lastly, Tom suggested that before the Town Board pay for the portion of Range Trail that was paved by the City of Verona in the summer of 2018 that they require that the City agree to a maintenance agreement for section of road by Cathedral Point. Manfred Enburg talked about the need for stormwater management planning.
6. Close Public Hearing/Reconvene Town Meeting – Mark Geller closed the public hearing at 8:23.
7. Adopt the 2018 Town Tax Levy to be Paid in 2019 Pursuant to Sec. 60.10(1)(a), Wis. Stats. for the Proposed Amount of \$1,092,334. Motion to approve by Tom Mathies. Second by Bill Keen. Motion carried.
8. Motion to Adjourn Special Town Meeting - Motion by John Senseman. Second by Mike Duerst. Motion carried at 8:25 p.m.

Approved:

11/19/19



Amanda Arnold
Administrator, Town of Verona