

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 17, 2020 following the adjournment of the Annual Town Board Meeting

Citizens Present: See sign in sheet

Staff Present: Administrator/Planner Gaskell, Public Works Director Barnes, and Clerk/Treasurer Withee

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 6:38 PM.
2. Presentation of the 2021 Budget – Chair Geller reviewed the draft budget. He stated that the 2021 levy is \$1,200,862. The town board will meet in December to approve the final budget. Revenues are up \$38,813 due to net new construction, which is approximately 4% over last year. The board has been trying to anticipate how the pandemic will affect future budgets, potentially a 5% reduction in state aid. License and permits have increased due to building permit revenue but is offset by building inspector fee. Expected total revenue is \$1,696,653. Expenditures in general government decreased slightly due to staff changeover and a retirement. Transfers represent money put into general fund. Expenditures also include \$40,000 toward the Valley Road Bridge Replacement for 2023. Capital expense this year was for a new snowplow for \$107,649. The town remains debt free and is working toward building up the fund balance to appropriate levels. Geller gave an overview of the town mill rate, the 2020 mill rate was \$18.23, and the proposed mill rate is estimated to be \$18.82 for 2021, this is an increase of \$0.59 for a \$250,000 this will be an approximate increase of \$148.65 in property taxes.
3. Public Hearing Regarding Proposed 2021 Town General Fund Budget.
 - Doug Maxwell asked about the increase in mill rate is due to the school system not due to the town increase. Geller stated that this is what drives the increase in the mill rate.
 - Mike Duerst asked if the Verona school district went up or MATC. Withee stated that the Verona School district did increase.
 - Maxwell asked if there is any other anticipated capital expenditures aside from the bridge. Geller stated that road construction is in capital expenditures.
 - Maxwell would like the CARES funding to be addressed. Proud of what we have been able to do with the funding. Gaskell stated most of the funds will show up in the 2020 amended budget. Town allocated \$38,000 we have been able to submit for the full amount. Improvements to town hall have included upgrade to HVAC and filter, telework equipment for staff to work from home, spent \$9,000 for equipment for the EMS district all ambulances are now fitted with a COVID respirators and sanitation supplies.
4. Chair Geller closed the Public Hearing.
5. Motion by Mike Duerst to adopt the 2020 Town Tax Levy to be paid in 2021 pursuant to Sec. 60.10(1)(a), Wis. Stats. in the proposed amount of \$1,200,862. Second by Doug Maxwell. Roll call, Tom Mathies, yes, Bill Keen, Doug Maxwell, Phyllis Wiederhoeft, Rosemary Bodolay, Dale Beske, John Senseman, Susan Pigorsch, Jo Tucker, Jason Penn, Mike Duerst, yes. Motion carried by roll vote all ayes – unanimous.
6. Motion to Adjourn Special Town Meeting – the Town Chair adjourned the Special Town Meeting/Public Hearing for the 2121 Budget at 7:10 PM.

Approved:

Teresa Withee
Clerk/Treasurer, Town of Verona