

The Town of Lake Tomahawk held their Annual Budget Hearing on Wednesday, November 18, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Raymond F. Sloan Community Center. All notices were posted in accordance with the open meetings law and the media was notified. There were nine (9) people in attendance.

Present: Chairman George DeMet, Supervisors Larry Hoffman and Stephanie Sowatzka, Treasurer Michele Breheim and Clerk Sharon Trimberger Lintereur.

Chairman DeMet read the agenda for the Budget Hearing and led the people in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Review of the budget with public input. Chairman DeMet stated the levy is \$714,224.00, the same as 2020, therefore there will be no increase in taxes as far as the Town goes.

DeMet went through the budget page by page and asked if any questions after each department.

General Government: The salaries for Chairman, Supervisors and Clerk will be increasing in 2021 as well as the Assessor fees due to the fact that we have a new Town Assessor who needs to put extra time into taking care of Town properties that were previously handled by Ed O'Meara. The Election budget also increased due to the fact that we will be looking into purchasing voting machines in 2021.

Fire Department: When DeMet was going through the Fire Department budget, Mike Carlin, Assistant Chief, found an error for account 1442, Equipment Maintenance. There was only \$1,000.00 budgeted and it should have been \$10,000.00 due to the fact that safety equipment was going to be purchased in 2021 to comply with State laws. DeMet thanked Carlin and stated that would be changed from \$1,000 to \$10,000.

Road Department: DeMet stated that account 2028, Employee Health and HSA was going up substantially and more monies was needed to be budgeted for this account. DeMet told the electors that there were three full time road crew employees due to Greg Kuckkahn retiring and Greg had Medicare for the last five years of his employment. It was also noted that \$9,000.00 would be removed from this account and put into account 1442 for the Fire Department. \$100,000.00 was budgeted for Health and HSA insurance and with the final numbers we would need approximately \$85,000.00 so \$9,000.00 was removed and the new amount is \$91,000.00 in account 2028. Rick Mazurczak asked what roads the Town would be working on in 2021. DeMet stated Lark Road and West Rapids. DeMet asked if there were any other questions.

Information Booth: no change

Cemetery: no change

Parks: Rick Bullock stated that account 3481 Equipment Additions was increased to \$7,000.00 due to COVID19 and what was needed as far as CDC requirements. Account 3498 Other Special Projects was decreased to \$3,000.00 so that it was clear where the monies were being spent.

Website: no change

Debt Reduction: no debt

DeMet asked if there were further questions. There were none.

Adjourn Budget Hearing: 7:20 p.m.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

DeMet called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m.

Rick Bullock made a motion to approve the Budget and tax town levy to be paid in 2021 pursuant to Sec. 60.10 (1) (a) of the Wisconsin Statutes. Seconded by Rick Mazurczak, the Lake Tomahawk electors at the meeting all voted to approve the 2021 Budget and tax town levy, all ayes, motion carried.

Purchase of lot LT 33-15 which intersects with Main Street and Choate Boulevard for \$343.00. This lot is 40' x 60' and DeMet has been working with Mike Romportl from the Land Information office. Mazurczak made a motion for the Town to purchase LT 33-15 for \$343.00, seconded by Rick Bullock, all ayes, motion carried.

Acceptance of real estate and assets of Lake Tomahawk Historical Society: DeMet stated the Historical Society needs help and the Town would like to take over the Historical Society. There are two buildings involved along with all artifacts and the Sunflower boat. At the present time there is \$30,584.58 in monetary assets which would be used for upkeep and maintaining the building with the Town's help. DeMet spoke with Greg Harrold, Town Attorney, and this would be legal to take over the Historical Society. The buildings are not being taxed and no sanitary fees. The only outgoing monies would be Wisconsin Public Service and insurance. DeMet also stated that the State will take over the buildings if the Town doesn't take it over. Rick Bullock made a motion to accept the real estate and assets of Lake Tomahawk Historical Society, seconded by Mike Carlin, all ayes, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned: 7:30 p.m.

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Approve the Minutes of the last Budget hearing held on November 13, 2019: DeMet made a motion to approve the last Budget hearing minutes of November 13, 2019, seconded by Sowatzka, all ayes, motion carried.

Pursuant to Section 60.10 (1) (a) WI stats. Adopt the 2021 Town Tax Levy to be paid in 2021. DeMet made a motion to accept the Town Tax Levy, Hoffman seconded, all ayes, motion carried.

Adjourn: 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Trimberger Lintereur, Clerk