

November 17, 2009

Public Budget Hearing, as published in the Antigo Daily Journal and posted at Mike's Service, Bob's Northern Lights, Strong's and the town hall, was called to order at 6 P.M. by Chairman Casper Buettner. Also present were Supervisors Susan Hawley and William Majest, Linda Frank, treasurer and Mary Lee Heise, clerk. Townspeople present included Dave and Judy Peterson, and George Rock.

The purpose of the budget hearing is to review the 2010 budget and answer any questions pertaining to same.

The clerk reviewed the 2010 budget with those present after giving an overview of the spreadsheet before them. The 2010 proposed levy, intergovernmental revenues, licenses and permits, public charges for service and miscellaneous revenues were all reviewed for the revenue portion of the budget.

Expenditures reviewed included general government, public safety, public works, health and human services and miscellaneous expenditures. Under the public works section, a discussion was brought up of an increase in Alex Emerich's wages. After a review of his wage increases over the years, and taking into consideration the request by Alex for a 49 cent per hour raise, the board, upon motion by Supervisor Hawley and the seconded by Supervisor Majest approved the wage increase of 49 cent per hour wage increase. The budget was amended to include the wage increase which would total \$960.00 per year, plus amended the withholding for the wage increase by \$73.44 for a total of \$1033.34. The amount listed on the budget was reduced by \$1033.34, to balance the public works portion of the budget.

The proposed amount for revenues and expenditures for 2010 is \$417,418.00.

The budget hearing was then adjourned upon motion by Supervisor Hawley and seconded by Supervisor Majest, motion carried.

Public Meeting to approve the 2010 Levy and Highway Expenditures was then called to order.

The 2010 Levy for the Town of Wolf River is set at \$115,740.53. A motion was made by Supervisor Hawley and seconded by Supervisor Majest to approve the 2010 levy, motion carried.

Highway Expenditures ó A motion was made by Supervisor Hawley and seconded by Supervisor Majest to approve the highway expenditures as changed at the public budget hearing, motion carried.

A motion was then made by Supervisor Hawley to adjourn the meeting. Her motion was seconded by Supervisor Majest, motion carried.

After a short break the monthly town board meeting was called to order.

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Frank, treasurer and Mary Lee Heise, clerk. Also present were David and Judy Peterson, George Rock, Jim Tilkens, Robert Winat from the Department of Transportation, and Butch Perrot of B&B Containers.

The agenda was discussed and the clerk explained that under unfinished business, item c., the update on Comprehensive Planning looks as if it includes the discussion on the meeting concerning A-1 and A-2 zoning and the new zoning maps, when in fact; they are two totally separate issues. Thereafter, the agenda as corrected, was approved upon motion by Supervisor Majest and seconded by Supervisor Hawley, motion carried.

The minutes of the October board meeting were approved upon motion by Supervisor Hawley and seconded by Supervisor Majest, motion carried.

The treasurer's report was read by Treasurer Linda Frank. Linda explained how the M.B.N.A. money market was closed and the money transferred to the town's checking account in order to pay for the new fire truck. She also explained that because the closing of the M.B.N.A. account took some time to complete, \$100,000 was transferred from the town's savings account to cover the check for the fire truck of \$198,650.00. Now that the transfer from the money market has been completed the \$100,000 will be put back into the savings account. Thereafter a motion was made by Supervisor Hawley and seconded by Supervisor Majest to approve the treasurer's report, motion carried.

Non-board member business:

Robert Win at of the Department of Transportation came before the board concerning a setback on property along highway 55. There has been a request to remove the 50 foot setback. The board was presented maps showing to show where the road was supposed to be instead of where it actually is. According to Mr. Winat, the board has to agree to remove the setback. After further discussion, Supervisor Hawley made the motion to remove the 50 foot set back restriction on Lot 1 of the Certified Survey Map in conformance with Chapter 236.295(2). The motion was seconded by Supervisor Majest, motion carried. The Rescission of Highway Setback form was presented to the Chairman for his signature. It was signed by the chairman and then the clerk and will be recorded at the county. Mr. Win at then explained that a new survey map would then be prepared to show the proper placement of the road.

Jim Tilkens asked if the consent for a continuing easement on Fish Hatchery, Bank Road and Wolf River Drive for use as snowmobile trails could be included in the agenda item listed under 7 b. He was informed that this new matter would have to be on the December agenda.

Unfinished business:

Signs for the Sawyer Lake boat landings ó the clerk is working with Ryan Brown from the DNR office to have metal signs made by the state.

Woodward property update ó All correspondence in this matter has been forwarded to the county zoning office in October. The clerk contacted them on the 12th of November and the response she received back on the 13th was that no one from the zoning office had gone out to inspect the property.

Comprehensive Planning Update ó A plan must be in place on January 1, 2010. Discussion on history of comprehensive planning. Judy Peterson, who is on the committee for comprehensive

planning also made comments. Also read was the opinion from Robin Stowe, the county's corporate counsel. His opinion also includes a "Reservation of Rights" that will be included on the county's Comprehensive Plan.

Clerk Mary Lee Heise explained that she is in the process of reviewing the comprehensive plan in order to fully understand it and get the answers the board may have concerning it.

New Business:

2010 Budget has been adopted.

Jim Tilkens, representing the Boulder Lake Snowgoers, came requesting the Snowgoers again be granted use of North White Lake Drive as a snowmobile trail. A motion to approve the use of North White Lake Drive as a snowmobile trail for the 2009-2010 season was made by Supervisor Majest and seconded by Supervisor Hawley, motion carried. Dave Peterson made the comment that the arrows marking the trail should be green and not orange. The other easement matters, pertaining to snowmobile trails, will be on the December agenda.

Butch Perrot of B&B Disposal came before the board concerning his discussion at the October meeting about a fee adjustment. Due to the rising fees to get rid of recyclables an adjustment is needed to cover these costs. The board approved the additional charge of \$3,263.35 for 2009, upon motion by Supervisor Hawley and seconded by Supervisor Majest. The 2010 budget was adjusted during its preparation to reflect this increase.

General Building and Plant has new toilets have been purchased and installed.

Jim Tilkens stated that he met with Alex Emerich and Ryan Brown regarding a citizen's advisory committee. They have set the date of January 11th at 7 P.M. for their first meeting. This will be a preliminary organizational meeting. The meeting will continue to be the 2nd Monday of each month, which ends up being the day before the regular monthly town board meeting. The clerk will post these meetings.

Highway has the small town truck has been prepared. All but a small portion of the cost was covered under warranty. The town's current highway mower needs to be replaced. It has had to be repaired 5 times. The shaft on the mower keeps breaking. The board was given permission to look into the purchase of a boom mower. The estimated price is \$16,000. (This amount is listed in the budget under highway equipment.) A mower of this type would be safer for Alex to use. The board will be shopping for this type of mower over the winter months, in order to get the best price.

Poor Farm Road has the clerk contacted the Wisconsin Town's Association concerning the closing of this road during the winter months. The response from the Town's Association was that there was no legal way to do this. George Rock suggested taking this road off of our list of roads for which we get state highway aids and then we would not have to maintain it, including plowing. Another suggestion was to contact the Department of Transportation to see if making it a "seasonal road" would be possible.

The clerk will check into this before the next board meeting.

Insulation of the south portions of town's highway building has Pete Roskopf is helping spray foam insulation which should be an improvement in keeping those portions of the building warmer.

Rescue Squad has The squad is waiting for their new ambulance to arrive. The crew all received their H1N1 shots.

Fire Department ó The new truck has arrived and the old one has been sold and has been picked up by the new owner. We would have received \$3000.00 for a trade in on the old truck, but were lucky enough to sell it for over \$5,000.00, thanks to the efforts of Alex Emerich and Ryan Brown.

Recycling Center ó Everything is going well. The Center is open up on Wednesdays and Saturdays now for the winter months. George Rock stated that he felt the road should be graded before we get snow.

Cemetery ó nothing new to report except that the board has received many good comments about the trees that were removed.

Correspondence: The clerk read a letter that was sent to the post office and land records and regulations in Antigo concerning the change of Place Road to Walters Road. This change has also been made on our road rating system with the state.

Treasurer Linda Frank addressed the need for a charge to replace tax receipts that are lost by property owners. The county no longer automatically sends an extra copy. The treasurer will have to download a copy from a CD she will get from the county. After discussion it was decided that \$1.00 would cover the cost of getting the copy and postage. In order to get a receipt, the property owners now have to send a self-addressed stamped envelope in with their payment. These changes will be included in the letter the treasurer sends out with the taxes.

Towns Association meeting on Bio-fuels, shore land and wetlands regulations, broadband internet, and energy conservation/energy efficiency. This meeting will be held on December 3rd in Carter. The chairman and town clerk will attend.

Clerk discussed information received thru the town's email concerning the possible change to a county assessment of property system. This is something new and much more information must be received in order to assess the pros and cons of this matter.

The bills for November were approved upon motion by Supervisor Hawley and seconded by Supervisor Majest, motion carried.

Motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Hawley and seconded by Supervisor Majest, motion carried.