

PUBLIC HEARING AND SPECIAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES

Saturday, November 11, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. – Wascott Town Hall

Public Hearing

- 1) Call to Order - Chair Jim Boughner called the Public Hearing to order at 10:07 a.m.
- 2) Purpose of Hearing - Chair Boughner reviewed the process for the Public Hearing commenting motions and voting are out of order.
- 3) Presentation of the Town Board's proposed 2018 Budget and Recommended 2017 Tax Levy - Clerk/Treasurer Atkinson presented the 2018 Proposed Budget on behalf of the Board. The Town's finances remain very stable with a healthy fund balance. Referring to the 2018 Proposed Budget Summary, the Clerk provided some of the following details - on the Revenue side, General Property Tax Levy went down from \$715,700 to \$684,887 due to a decrease in debt payments; GTA (General Transportation Aids) had an increase of \$37,686 and cash reserves of \$120,000 will be applied for the purchase of a new Highway Tandem Truck. On the Expenditure side, Public Works increased by approximately \$25,000 and Capital Outlay decreased substantially.

The **2018 Budget is \$1,463,987** with a **Town Tax Levy of \$684,887** - which is the allowable limit. **The year-end 2017 fund balance is estimated at \$633,431.** Outstanding debt at year's end is at \$562,947.

- 4) Public Comments on the Proposed 2018 Budget – As the Clerk presented the budget, the public was encouraged to ask questions during the presentation. Minor inquiries of various budget line items, was clarified by the Clerk.
- 5) Adjournment of Public Hearing – following adjournment, a Special Town Meeting was called to order.

Special Town Meeting Minutes

1. The meeting was called to order by Chair Boughner at 11:15 a.m.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. Verification of qualified electors present at meeting – 12 registered voters
4. Verification of public notice and approval of agenda – **A Patti McDermott/Steve Trainor motion to approve agenda; motion carried by a voice vote.**
5. Approve minutes of the Special Town Meeting of November 12, 2016 – **A Chuck McDermott/Patti McDermott motion to approve; motion carried by a voice vote.**
6. Review procedural rules for conduct of the Special Town Meeting - Chair Boughner commented the Town Meeting adopts the Town Tax Levy. However, the Town's budget is adopted by the Town Board.
7. Specific matters for discussion and possible action by the qualified electors present:
 - a) Authorize the Town Board to appropriate monies for certain conservation projects, civic donations, and cemetery improvements in the 2017 budget (Stat. 60.10(3)(b)) – **A Janice Newsome/Bob Beglinger motion to approve the 2018 civic donations in the amount of \$7,200; motion carried by a voice vote.**

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- b) Approve Resolution 2017-11 – Electors to Adopt the 2017 Town Tax Levy Collected in 2018 pursuant to Sec. 60.10(1)(a) of the WI Statutes – A Bob Beglinger/Chuck McDermott motion approving the 2017 Town Tax Levy in the amount of \$684,887.

Discussion – *Bob Beglinger* commented he felt the budget to be a good one and had only one comment – would like to see the debt be decreased.

Number of town electors voting aye – 11; Number of town electors voting nay – 0; Number of town electors abstaining - 1. Motion carried.

8. **A Ron Burnside/Chuck McDermott motion to adjourn meeting at 11:35 a.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Jeannette Atkinson
Clerk/Treasurer

(Posted this 28th day of November, 2017)
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McNamara's and the town's website – www.townofwascott.org