

PUBLIC HEARING AND SPECIAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES

Saturday, November 19, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. – Wascott Town Hall

Public Hearing

- 1) Call to Order - Chair Jan Jenson called the Public Hearing to order at 10:00 a.m.
- 2) Purpose of Hearing - The Public Hearing is designated for public comments on the 2023 proposed budget. The Public Hearing does not conclude action or decide any outcome; that remains for the relevant body to do at a later time. Motions and voting are out of order.
- 3) Presentation of the Town Board's proposed 2023 Budget and Recommended 2022 Town Tax Levy - Clerk/Treasurer Atkinson presented the 2023 Proposed Budget on behalf of the Board highlighting the following –
Revenues - Town tax levy decreased from \$738,986 to \$726,887; State Highway Aids (GTA) increased from \$540,302 to \$550,983.
Expenditures - Public Safety - debt will increase due to the purchase of a Tender.
The **2023 Budget is \$1,778,350** with a **Town Tax Levy of \$726,887** - which is the allowable limit.
The year-end 2022 fund balance is estimated at \$482,947. Outstanding debt at year's end (2022) is at \$221,043.
- 4) Public Comments on the Proposed 2023 Budget – As the Clerk presented the budget, the public was encouraged to ask questions during the presentation.
- 5) Adjournment of Public Hearing – A Steve Trainor/Fred Atkinson motion to adjourn at 10:25 a.m. and convene to the Special Town Meeting.

Special Town Meeting Minutes

1. The meeting was called to order by Chair Jenson at 10:26 a.m.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. Verification of qualified electors present at meeting – 9 resident voters; 1 non resident.
4. Verification of public notice and approval of agenda – **A Fred Atkinson/Jan Newsome motion to approve agenda; motion carried by a voice vote.** Clerk/Treasurer Atkinson verified there was proper public notice given.
5. Approve minutes of the Special Town Meeting of November 13, 2021 – **A Jan Newsome/Pete Stopinski motion to approve the Special Town Meeting Minutes of November 13, 2021; motion carried by a voice vote.**
6. Review procedural rules for conduct of the Special Town Meeting - Chair Jenson reviewed the procedures of the Special Town Meeting commenting the Chair presides at the meeting and the town clerk serves as the clerk. The residents of the Town Meeting adopt 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) Approve Resolution 2022-11 - Authorize the Town Board to appropriate monies for certain conservation projects, civic donations, and cemetery improvements in the 2022 budget (Stat. 60.10(3)(b) – A Jan Newsome/Steve Trainor motion to approve the 2023 civic donations in the amount of \$9,700.
Hand Vote: Yes - 9; No - 0; Abstain - 0; motion carried.
 - b) Approve Resolution 2022-12 – Electors to Adopt the 2022 Town Tax Levy Collected in 2023 pursuant to Sec. 60.10(1)(a) of the WI Statutes – A Steve Trainor/Pete Stopinski motion approving the 2022 Town Tax Levy in the amount of \$726,887. **Hand Vote: Yes - 9; No - 0; Abstain - 0; motion carried.**
8. **A Steve Trainor/Pete Stopinski motion to adjourn meeting at 10:34 a.m; carried by a unanimous voice vote.**

Respectfully submitted,

Jeannette Atkinson
Clerk/Treasurer

Posted this 21st day of November 2022 at the Town Hall, Fire Department,
Stop-A-Sec, Backwood's Bar & Grill and the town's website – www.townofwascott.org