

**TOWN OF GRANT
9011 COUNTY ROAD WW**

**BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING, SPECIAL TOWN MEETING,
TOWN BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 27, 2017
7:00pm**

Present: Schwab, Winkler, Yetter, Luecht and Zimmerman.
Residents: Charles Rickman, Kitty Gross, Kevin Peterson
Chairperson Schwab call the meeting to order @ 7:00pm.

Budget Public Hearing

- Chairperson Schwab opened the Public Hearing at 7:01pm. Copies of the 2018 Proposed Budget summary sheets were distributed totaling \$724,986.00, along with a line item proposed budget sheet. Clerk Zimmerman explained that the reason the General Property Taxes were up by 13.17% was because of a loan payment in the amount of \$35,000.00 that was added to the Levy. Also, this loan payment will be included for the next two years.
- The total revenues increase is due to increase in General Transportation Aids (\$22,000), County Bridge Aid (\$25,000) and 1st Responders County Grant (\$5,000.00). Increases in expenses for Public Safety include increase in Grand Rapids Volunteer Fire Department (GRVFD), Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department (PVFD) and United Emergency Medical Response (UEMR).
- Public Works increase from Levy increase was distributed to Hwy Maintenance & Hwy Construction for roads.
- Charles Rickman questioned why more than \$10,000.00 wasn't set aside for equipment fund?
- Schwab indicated that the Town Board had an obligation to repay back to the Park Fund in the amount of \$24,000.00 the amount that was used to help purchase property across 90th St. While looking for information the Clerk came across a Town Resolution from 2003 that indicated money would be paid back in April 2004 from the Town General Fund (the \$24,000.00 was never returned to the Park Fund Account).
- Clerk Zimmerman then went over the mill rate worksheet and indicated that the municipal tax mill rate for 2017 would be \$1.960469 compared to \$1.720599 for 2016. Even though the County and Municipal mill rates have increased for 2017 the overall tax rates were down because of lower school district mill rates and higher school tax credit. Mill rates by school districts are:
 - Tri-County School District: 2017 - \$15.10 vs 2016 - \$15.28
 - Wis. Rapids School District: 2017 - \$17.85 vs 2016 - \$18.02
 - Stevens Point School District: 2017 - \$14.66 vs 2016 - \$15.13

Schwab asked 3 times if there were any more questions. Hearing none the Public Hearing was closed @ 7:15pm.

Special Town Meeting

Chairperson Schwab called to order Special Town Meeting @ 7:15pm.

Motion: (Charles Rickman, Kitty Gross) Move to adopt tax levy for the Town of Grant 2017 to be paid in 2018 at \$1.960469. Unanimous Ayes. Carried.

Motion: (Kitty Gross, Vicky Zimmerman) Authorize the Town Board to hire Town Officers as employees if needed and to receive same hourly wage as part time employees. Unanimous Ayes. Carried.

Chairperson Schwab indicated that Special Town Meeting was adjourned @ 7:20pm.

Town Board Meeting Following Budget Hearing, Elector Meeting November 27, 2017

Chairperson Schwab call to order Town Board Meeting @ 7:20pm.

Review & Adopt 2018 Budget:

- **Motion: (Schwab, Yetter) Move to approve 2018 Proposed Budget with budget total of \$724,986.00. Unanimous Ayes. Carried.**

WisDOT Local Road Improvement Grants: (draft proposals due 12/4/17)

- **TRI Grant alternative to Oak St. reconstruction**
 - 2016-2017 Tri Grant for Oak St. in the amount of \$20,055.05 can be transferred to another project as long as it is an engineered project.
 - Winkler-Apply to Evergreen Ave. asphalt paving, road straightened.
 - Schwab-Only problem if culvert failed and needed to be taken out.
 - Yetter-Shouldn't be problem, Evergreen Ave project engineered, prepped and ready to go.
 - **Motion: (Winkler, Yetter) Move to take TRI Grant money for \$20,055.05 from Oak St. reconstruction to Evergreen Ave. asphalt paving. Unanimous Ayes. Carried.**
- **TRIP-D projects with preferred order:**
 - Applications due to Portage County Dec. 4, 2017. County will put in preferred order, but final decision is at State level.
 - 1) Mill Road (100th St-CTH F) – connector road, Nekoosa, Wis. Rapids
 - 2) Buena Vista Crossings @ 95th & 100th St.
 - 3) Elm Road (90th St.-100th St.)
 - 4) Oak St.

- Others: Lake Rd.(85th-CTH F); 90th St.(CTH W-Evergreen); 90th St.(Hwy 54-CTH FF) asphalt; 95th St – 4-mile.
- **Motion: (Schwab, Yetter) Preferred order for TRIP-D Grants: Mill Road, Buena Vista Crossings @ 95th & 100th Sts., Elm Road and Oak St. Unanimous Ayes. Carried.**

Supervisor Winkler had called Wis. Town Association Attorney and indicated that Treasurer doesn't need to be at Closed Session unless financial information is being discussed and would like Treasurer Luecht excused at this time. He also indicated that Clerk Zimmerman and Treasurer Luecht do not have voting authority on Board Decision, therefore have no say in discussions.

Chairperson Schwab informed Supervisors that Treasurer Luecht had information to present in Closed Session.

Supervisor Winkler said Treasurer Luecht will be excused from Closed Session after presenting information.

Closed Session

Motion: (Schwab, Yetter) Move to go into Closed Session @ 7:45pm under authority of Wis. Statutes 19.85(1) (f) considering medical history of specific person; (c) considering employment or compensation of any public employee over which the government body exercises responsibility (specifically work-load review of public works employees). Unanimous Ayes. Carried.

Front and back doors were posted with Closed Session signs.

Motion: (Schwab, Winkler) Move to come out of Closed Session @ 9:05pm.

Closed Session signs were removed from front and back doors.

Town Board Members were to look over materials received, no decisions were made.

Meeting was adjourned @ 9:05pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Vicky Zimmerman

Vicky Zimmerman, Clerk

Approved: December 13, 2017