

**Town of Grant
9011 County Road WW**

**Budget Public Hearing, Special Town Meeting, Special Town Board Meeting
November 23, 2010**

Present: Schwab, Kertis, Goska (7:45pm), Raasch and Zimmerman.

Chairperson Schwab opened Budget Public Hearing at 7:15pm.

Budget Hearing

The Proposed Budget for 2011 is \$653,495.00 compared to \$660,000.00 for 2010. There were no comments from Board Members. Schwab opened the floor to comments from electors. Pat Barten asked how the mill rate is determined. Zimmerman explained that all numbers come from State, County and School Districts and a formula is used to figure the mill rate for State, County, Town, School Districts and MSTC. Another concern from Kitty Gross and Charles Gussel was the \$9,190.00 amount under Conservation & Development for 2011. Zimmerman explained that with the Budget set up in QuickBooks and following the Form C format, that Zoning Administrator and Plan Commission expense were posted under Conservation & Development, with a few other items being moved around also. Question was asked about how much does the Town have in Reserve? Raasch reported around \$60,000.00. Schwab asked three times for additional comments, with none the Public Hearing was closed at 7:30pm.

Special Town Meeting

Schwab opened Special Town Meeting at 7:31pm.

Adopt the 2010 town tax levy to be paid in 2011: The Mill Rate for the Town of Grant is \$1.696682 compared to \$1.665111 in 2009. The assessment value has dropped below 90%, therefore the Town of Grant will have a total reevaluation in 2011.

Motion: (Eldred Getzloff, Sharon Schwab) Accept the Mill Rate of \$1.696682 with the General property taxes held at \$653,495.00. Carried. Unanimous Ayes.

Authorize the town board to hire town officers as employees of the town: Board members could work as employees of the town and receive part-time wages. Schwab indicated that the Wisconsin Towns Association recommends that Board Members be hired as employees of the Town because they are covered under the insurance.

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

Compensation of Elected Officials: It was requested that Town Board Members wages be increased, since there hasn't been an increase for more than 6 years. The proposed increase of 5% as follows: Chairperson- \$310.00, Supervisors-\$175.00each, Clerk-\$720.00 and Treasurer-\$0.00, per year. This is a total of \$1,380.00 per year.

Motion: (Kitty Gross, Dorothy Raasch) An increase of 5% in wages for the following elected officials: Chairperson - \$310.00 increase to \$6,510.00 year; Supervisors - \$175.00 increase to \$3,675.00 year; Clerk - \$720.00 increase to \$15,120.00 year and Treasurer no increase for \$6,400.00 year. Carried. 6-Yes; 3-No.

Pat Barten had requested that compensation motion be counted by paper ballot, with a total of 9 ballots cast: 6 -yes; 3-no.

Motion:(Eldred Getzloff, Kitty Gross) Move to adjourn Special Town Meeting at 7:50pm.

Special Town Board Meeting

Schwab opened the Special Town Board Meeting at 7:51pm.

Motion: (Schwab, Goska) Move to adopt the 2011 Proposed Budget. Carried. Unanimous Ayes.

October 15, 2010 meeting minutes: December agenda

Transfer Station site plan: December agenda

Motion: (Goska, Kertis) Move to go ahead with Fall Newsletter, with Quality Printing and ODC mailing. Carried. Unanimous Ayes.

Small Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP): Schwab meet with Mr. Matthews and visited 7 areas in Town of Grant, that would possibly qualify for HSIP Grant. These areas need upgrades for guard rails, curve signs, reflective beams, etc. Some of the locations were: Oak St. (curve), Oak St./110th St., Mill Road (100th-110th). These projects would be done by the Town, engineered by certified engineering firm, which would indicate where items are to be placed. The Grant would pay 90% of project with a maximum of \$25,000.00 for the year. The town will proceed with preliminary HSIP Grant.

Electors at meeting were asked to wait out doors, while the Town Board went into Closed Session.

Motion: (Goska, Kertis) Move to go into Closed Session under authority of Wis. Statutes 19.85(1) (g) to confer with legal counsel for the Government Body who is rendering written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is likely to be involved. Carried. Unanimous Ayes.

Doors were posted with Closed Session signs by Zimmerman.

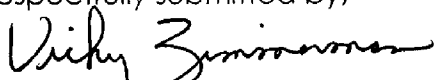
Motion: (Kertis, Goska) Move to come out of Closed Session. Carried. Unanimous Ayes.

Signs were removed from doors and Electors still available were allowed to come back into Town Hall. Schwab explained that the Board had conferred with Legal Counsel .

Motion: (Goska, Schwab) Move to take action on item #6, to have Legal Counsel send the letter to Lee & Julie Lampert, concerning Fire Run charges. Carried. Unanimous Ayes.

Motion: (Kertis, Goska) Move to adjourn at 9:00pm. Carried. Unanimous Ayes.

Respectfully submitted by,


Vicky Zimmerman, Clerk