



"In the Spirit of Town Government"

**TOWN OF BUCHANAN, OUTAGAMIE COUNTY, WI
MINUTES OF PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING AND
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING OF THE ELECTORS
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2023 AT 7:00 P.M.
BUCHANAN TOWN HALL, N178 COUNTY RD N, APPLETON, WI 54915**

PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING

- 1) **Open Public Hearing:** Chairperson Joe Coenen opened the public budget hearing at 7:00 p.m.
- 2) **Pledge of Allegiance:** Pledge Recited.
- 3) **Presentation of Proposed 2024 Budget for the Town of Buchanan:** Chairperson Coenen reviewed the meeting agenda and procedures. Administrator Brown presented the proposed 2024 budget and explained the proposed revenues and expenditures for the different funds. Brown also discussed the options for funding the Capital Projects. Brown added information on the Borrowing vs. having a referendum. Coenen gave additional information on the Capital Improvement Projects funding options and why borrowing is cheaper than a referendum and the affects it has on the property owner.
- 4) **Public Hearing on Proposed 2024 Budget:** *Motion by Ted Erdman/Chuck Kavanaugh at 7:36 p.m. to open the Public Hearing on the Proposed Budget. Motion carried 12 to 0.*

Coenen called for comments on the proposed budget as presented. The following spoke:

- Ted Erdmann, W2596 Hillside Dr, Appleton stated that the Chairman gave a great explanation on how they came to the discussion on the budget. Great job.
- Eric Schultz, W2637 Ruby Ct, Appleton stated that he appreciates the explanation and how the Chair made it clear. This was very good.
- Tom Walsh, N320 Breezewood Dr, Appleton commented that it is nice to see both parts answered: 1) what are we going to do? 2) how are we going to pay for it? Borrowing may not be popular but it is the right thing to do. He is glad that the projects will be continue to be done in the town.

- 5) **Adjourn Public Hearing:** *Motion by Ted Erdmann/Tom Walsh to adjourn the public hearing at 7:42 p.m. Motion carried 12 to 0 by voice vote.*

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING OF THE ELECTORS
OF THE TOWN OF BUCHANAN
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA**

- 1) **Open Special Town Meeting:** Motion by Tom Walsh/Jim Burke at 7:43 p.m. to open the special Town Meeting of electors. *Motion carried 12 to 0 by voice vote.*
- 2) **Establish the compensation of the elected town officials for the terms of office to begin in April of 2024, pursuant to section 60.32 of the Wisconsin Statutes.** Coenen reviewed the current compensation amounts stating Supervisor 2 and Supervisor 4 are the Board Members who are on the ballot for April. Any individual running for a position has the right to know the salary for that position. Any changes are only for those positions.

Motion by Tom Walsh/Chuck Kavanaugh to keep the salary for the position of Supervisor 2 and Supervisor 4 at \$5,400. Motion passed 9 to 3 by raising of hands.

- 3) **Adopt the 2023 town tax levy to be paid in 2024 pursuant to sec. 60.10(1)(a) of the Wisconsin Statutes. To be adopted via Resolution if State levy limits will be exceeded under section 66.0602 of the Wisconsin Statutes.** Coenen presented the requested tax levy and Resolution 2023-11 stating this is within the guidelines of Wisconsin Statutes.

Motion by Michael Brown/Jim Burke to approve a Town tax levy of \$2,801,820 via Resolution 2023-11. Motion passed by a raising of hands 12 to 0.

- 4) **Adjourn Special Town Meeting:** *Motion by Ted Erdmann/Jim Burke to close the special Town Meeting of Electors at 7:48 p.m. Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.*

Cynthia Sieracki, Clerk
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