



"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 10, 2022 AT 7:00 P.M.
BUCHANAN TOWN HALL, N178 COUNTY RD N, APPLETON, WI 54915**

PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING

- 1) **Open Public Hearing:** Chairperson Greg Sprangers opened the public budget hearing at 7:00 p.m.
- 2) **Pledge of Allegiance:** Pledge Recited.
- 3) **Presentation of Proposed 2023 Budget for the Town of Buchanan:** Sprangers reviewed the meeting agenda and procedures. Interim Administrator Veleker presented the proposed 2023 budget and explained the proposed revenues and expenditures. Veleker answered questions during the presentation.
- 4) **Public Hearing on Proposed 2023 Budget:** *Motion by Tom Walsh/Karen Lawrence at 7:26 p.m. to open the Public Hearing on the Proposed Budget. Motion carried 8 to 0.*

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

- Tom Walsh, N320 Breezewood Dr, Appleton stated that he is fine with the increase for the Stormwater Utility fund however he would have liked more information on why the increase. He mentioned that Chairperson Sprangers would like to defund the deputies. The Town lowered their cost and has better coverage in the current contract. Going backwards would be irresponsible.
- Joe Coenen, N1657 Outagamie Rd, Kaukauna mentioned the cost for the yard waste sticker. He is concerned that if it is too high it will discourage some from getting the sticker and there could be more dumping in the ditches on the east side of Town. He stated that Outagamie Road needs improvements, he mentioned that the portion that isn't in front of his home is in really bad shape. He asked about the \$50,000 in the budget for the traffic lights on KK. He was told that is for the engineering cost. He also mentioned solar arrays and how they can not raise the assessed value of the property.
- Chuck Kavanaugh, N940 County Rd ZZ, Kaukauna stated that he would like the Clerk/Treasurer to get a merit increase along with the cost of living increase.

- 5) **Adjourn Public Hearing:** *Motion by Karen Lawrence/Paul Knuppel to adjourn the public hearing at 7:32 p.m. Motion carried 9 to 0 by the raising of hands*

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

- 1) **Open Special Town Meeting:** Motion by Karen Lawrence/Paul Knuppel at 7:33 p.m. to open the special Town Meeting of electors.
- 2) **Establish the compensation of the elected town officials for the terms of office to begin in April of 2023, pursuant to section 60.32 of the Wisconsin Statutes.** Sprangers reviewed the current compensation amounts stating Supervisor 1, Supervisor 3, and the Chair 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 Joe Coenen/Paul Knuppel to keep the salary for the position of Supervisor 1 and Supervisor 3 at \$5,400. Motion passed 6 to 2 by raising of hands.

Motion by Joe Coenen/Chuck Kavanaugh to keep the Town Chair salary at \$9,800. Motion passed 5 to 2 by raising of hands with one abstaining.

- 3) **Adopt the 2022 town tax levy to be paid in 2023 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.** Sprangers presented the requested tax levy and Resolution 2022-09 stating this is within the guidelines of Wisconsin Statutes.

Motion by Tom Walsh/Karen Lawrence to approve a Town tax levy of \$2,652,911 via Resolution 2022-09. Motion passed by a raising of hands 8 to 0.

- 4) **Adjourn Special Town Meeting:** *Motion by Karen Lawrence/Paul Knuppel to close the special Town Meeting of Electors at 7:38 p.m. Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.*

Cynthia Sieracki, Clerk
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