



"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 7, 2024 AT 6:00 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 6:00 p.m.
- 2) **Pledge of Allegiance:** Pledge Recited.
- 3) **Presentation of Proposed 2025 Budget for the Town of Buchanan:** Chairperson Coenen reviewed the meeting agenda and procedures. Administrator Brown presented the proposed 2025 budget and explained the proposed revenues and expenditures for the different funds. Brown explain the tax levy and the decrease for 2025, he added that Buchanan has the lowest tax rate in the area. Brown reviewed the General Fund Highlights and Capital Improvement Project Fund for 2025. Brown also discussed the debt that the Town has and explained the future borrowing. The Town is very fiscally responsible.
- 4) **Public Hearing on Proposed 2025 Budget:** *Motion by Ted Erdmann/Jim Burke at 6:12 p.m. to open the Public Hearing on the Proposed Budget. Motion carried 9 to 0.*

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

- Jenny Rottier, W2876 Emons Rd, Appleton asked about the funds for the Main St Park. Administrator Brown reviewed the grants and the funding.

- 5) **Adjourn Public Hearing:** *Motion by Ted Erdmann/Jim Burke to adjourn the public hearing at 6:15 p.m. Motion carried 9 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 Jim Burke/Ted Erdmann at 6:15 p.m. to open the special Town Meeting of electors. Motion carried 9 to 0 by voice vote.*
- 2) **Establish the compensation of the elected town officials for the terms of office to begin in April of 2025, pursuant to section 60.32 of the Wisconsin Statutes.** Coenen reviewed the current compensation amounts stating the Chairperson, Supervisor 1 and Supervisor 3 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 Ted Erdmann/Jim Burke to keep the salary for the position of Supervisor 1 and Supervisor 3 at \$5,400. Motion passed 9 to 0 by voice vote.

Motion by Ted Erdmann/Donna Evers to raise the salary for the position of Town Chairperson to \$14,000. Motion passed 9 to 0 by voice vote.
- 3) **Adopt the 2024 town tax levy to be paid in 2025 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 2024-14 stating this is within the guidelines of Wisconsin Statutes.

Motion by Jim Burke/Ted Erdmann to approve a Town tax levy of \$2,906,588 via Resolution 2024-14. Motion passed 9 to 0 by voice vote.

- 4) **Adjourn Special Town Meeting:** *Motion by Ted Erdmann/Jim Burke to close the special Town Meeting of Electors at 6:31 p.m. Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.*

Cynthia Sieracki, Clerk
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