

TOWN BOARD MEETING:

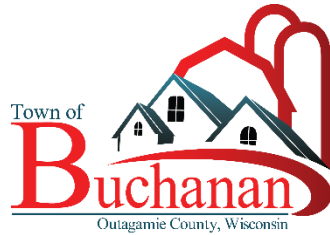
January 22, 2019

AGENDA ITEM #: 12b

ACTION TYPE:

Legislative

(For Approval/Denial)



"In the Spirit of Town Government"

AGENDA MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Town Chairperson and Town Supervisors
From: Tony Brown, Town Administrator
Date: January 22, 2019
RE: **Resolution 2019-01 Resolution for an Advisory Referendum Regarding Funding Mechanisms to Support Street Improvement Projects**

SUMMARY: The Town Board may choose to conduct an advisory referendum to determine what funding mechanisms for street improvement projects citizens prefer. The outcome would not be binding, it would merely be a reflection of what citizens who voted identified as their chosen option. In order to be able to have an advisory referendum the following items need to be approved at the January 22nd Board meeting:

- Review and adopt the advisory referendum wording. This has to be filed with the County Clerk by January 23, 2019 (see attached timeline of events).
- Review and adopt a resolution to be able to exercise the advisory referendum option.

In the first attached document you will see what is drafted as the wording for the advisory referendum. It begins by explaining the Town's lack of sufficient funding from current sources to be able to maintain and improve the road network. Then, it goes on to identify three potential alternative funding options: special assessments, a transportation utility fee and a property tax levy increase. Next, the question is asked and it is followed by an explanation of each answer response option.

The advisory referendum question is:

Should the Town of Buchanan rely principally on Special Assessments, a Transportation Utility Fee or a Property Tax Levy Increase to aid in the cost of street improvement projects?

- A. Special Assessments
- B. Transportation Utility Fee
- C. Property Tax Levy Increase
- D. None of the above

If the Town Board approves moving forward, the question language and explanation would be on the April 2, 2019 general election ballot.

POLICY/PLAN REFERENCE(S):

FISCAL IMPACT:

Is there a fiscal impact? No
Is it currently budgeted or planned? No
Amount: N/A

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Staff would like feedback from the Town Board about how they would like to proceed.

“Motion to approve the Advisory Referendum Question as presented and Resolution 2019-01.”

“Motion to table the item.”

AWB

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Attachments:

- 1. Advisory Referendum Question Language and Explanation**
- 2. Advisory Referendum Timeline**
- 3. Resolution 2019-01 Resolution for Advisory Referendum Regarding Financial Mechanisms to Support Street Improvement Projects**