



## TOWN OF CLAYTON

### Proposed 2010 Budget – Public Hearing and Special Town Electors' Meeting Meeting Minutes

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Town Office Building  
8358 County Road T  
Larsen, WI 54947

November 23, 2009  
7:00 p.m. – 8:25 p.m.

#### I. Call to Order

Called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Town Chairperson Luebke

Present: Town Chairperson Luebke, Supervisors Kiesow, Klingenberger, and Lettau

Absent: Supervisor Geise (Excused)

Staff Present: Town Administrator Johnston, Clerk/Treasurer Nester-Huebner, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Weichart, Public Works Foreman Pamentner

Meeting properly posted; three locations in the Town and published in newspaper.

#### II. Public Hearing on the Proposed 2010 Budget

Town Administrator presented the Proposed 2010 Budget detail.

- Budget Summary
- State's revenue limits for CY 2010 (Levy Limit = \$1,165,612.00)
- Town's debt service
- Estimated levy calculation
- Revenue budget
- Expenses (Budget for operating the Town)
- Capital Expenses
- Joanne Sievert, 7383 Murray Road, Neenah –
  - Question: What is the reason road construction is double what we paid for the last road we did?
  - Answer: The road must be completely rebuilt; engineering firm did soil borings throughout and the substructure of the road is in poor condition and is not built to today's standards.
- Bryce Adie, 3040 Windfield Drive, Neenah – Discussed a passing lane on State Road 76 at the intersection of Windfield Drive & State Road 76; he wants to see an increase in the transportation budget by \$75,000.00 to include a passing lane at this intersection.
- William Rubick, 7853 County Road T, Larsen –
  - Question: Asked about undesignated funds and why aren't they designated?
  - Answer: The dollar values are from the last audit and are as of December 31, 2008; the Town Board allocated those funds once they received the 2008 audit into different designations.
- Bruce Bondow, 3918 County Road II –
  - Question: Since the State's turn-lane requirement for turning into the subdivision is 1,000 cars, has staff looked at and evaluated this situation?
  - Answer: The Town has a counter that we could use; it is estimated that there may be approximately 300-400 vehicle trips in/out of the subdivision daily (each housing unit averages approximately 6 trips per day)
- Joe Slezak, 9425 Memory Lane, Neenah – Commented that he supports the motion would like to find a way to pass this motion, but to somehow also pressure the State to take some responsibility to construct roads to improve safety.
- Chuck Keely, 9407 Memory Lane, Neenah – Said he supports the passing lane; as the motion proposed, it would be spread out over the entire community; commented that the Board may be setting precedence if it does this; believes there were not any violations for passing on the right at this intersection
  - Question: What barriers exist that may prevent the passing lane from being completed?
  - Answer: The residents of the subdivision need to continue to advocate that this happen.
- Joanne Sievert – Stated to the Town Board if it does this for one, then others will request it; there are a lot of other subdivisions and areas in town that may request this same thing.
- Joe Slezak – Responded that this is why the State should put up the money for these turn lanes.

**MOTION:** (Bryce Adie, John Swenson [2998 Fairwinds Drive, Neenah]) I make a motion to increase the 2010 Transportation budget by an additional \$75,000.00 for the construction of a passing lane on the east side of Highway 76 at the T-intersection of Windfield Drive; the funding for the passing lane to be accomplished in the same manner as the borrowing for the Larsen Road construction project and the \$75,000.00 to be specifically designated for the passing lane.

CARRIED by raised hand vote (Yea = 33, Nay = 6, Abstain = 0).

- Susan Rubick, 7853 County Road T, Larsen –
  - Question: Budget Summary, second line item – why the reduction in Manufactured Housing revenue?
  - Answer: Approximately 40% goes to the Neenah School District, so we do not receive 100% of the money taken in.
  - Question: Park/Fire Impact Fees – why is there nothing listed for 2010?
  - Answer: We do not have an estimate of the number of homes that may be built.
  - Question: It's rumored that the Town of Clayton will drop out of County zoning, is this true?
  - Answer: There will be an opportunity for the Town of Clayton to do so if we would choose, but there has been no discussion as to whether or not the Town will do so; there will be one year from the approval of the new County Zoning Code to decide.
  - Question: How would we pay for our own zoning?
  - Answer: We would need to adopt the revised County zoning code and revise it as we see fit; looking at expense to the Town; we virtually do everything we would do if we would have control over the zoning; the primary benefit to move to municipal zoning is there would only be one place to come for zoning issues – currently there's duplication.
  - Question: Why is there is a tipping fee for 2010 and nothing in 2009?
  - Answer: 2010 has separate costs for garbage, recycling, and for tipping fees, whereas in 2009 the costs were combined.
  - Question: Why are the assessor fees increasing?
  - Answer: 2009 is a maintenance year; 2010 is part of the contract where 25% of the Town will be reassessed; a different 25% of the Town will occur in each of the next four years as an attempt to remain in compliance longer.
  - Question: Why is the Town Administrator health insurance cost up 250%?
  - Answer: We do not have a group policy; the State's plan allows you to opt into it as you want to, but it does not require everyone to join.

**III. Approve the Total 2010 Highway Expenditures (Transportation Budget)**

**MOTION:** (Joe Slezak, Janet Becker [3019 Fairwinds Dr., Neenah]) Approve the Total 2010 Highway Expenditures (Transportation Budget) in the amount of \$ 1,050,398.47 plus an additional \$75,000.00 for the proposed turn lane.

CARRIED by raised hand vote (Yea = 31, Nay = 4, Abstain = 0).

**IV. Adopt the 2009 Tax Levy to be paid in 2010**

**MOTION:** (Warren Griffith, Ray Darling [3014 Windfield Dr., Neenah]) Adopt the 2009 Tax Levy to be paid in 2010 in the amount of \$ 1,101,184.84.

CARRIED by raised hand vote (Yea = 34, Nay = 4, Abstain = 0).

- William Rubick –
  - Question: If we are paying off our debt in 2010, why are we increasing the budget?
  - Answer: The budget increase is 1.34%; this covers increasing operating costs; in 2011, the budget would be affected by a reduction in debt service where 2010 still has the debt in it
- Susan Rubick –
  - Question: Is there any place in this budget for the fire service to the east side of town?
  - Answer: If negotiations with the Town of Neenah work out, it can either come out of the contingencies, the designated fund balance carry-over, or the fire department budget. To date, we have not received a response from the Town of Neenah.
  - Question: Could it also be special assessed to the affected area?
  - Answer: Yes, though doing so has not been discussed at any length.

**V. Adjournment – 8:25pm**

**MOTION:** (William Rubick, Joanne Sievert) Adjourn.

CARRIED by voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted, Susan Nester-Huebner, Clerk