

PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING
Tuesday, November 16, 2021
Townsend Town Hall
6:00pm

Chairperson Carla VanCamp called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Roll Call: Supervisor Joe Heyrman, Chairperson Carla VanCamp, Treasurer Beth Hartman, Clerk Linda Ziegler, Supervisor Linda Adamczyk via telephone due to illness. 38 citizens

Verification of proper notice: Ziegler posted the agenda on November 2, 2021, at the Townsend Town Hall, Townsend Post Office, Laona State Bank, Townsend location, www.townsendwisconsin.org, The Green Bay Press Gazette November 2nd and the Lakes Country Beacon November 15.

Mike VandeWalle questioned the validity of the notice due to clerical error with the proposed budget year. Roger White made the motion to adopt the 2022 budget notice with correction, 2nd by Tim McGuire 38 yea, 0 nay – M/A

VandeWalle made the motion to suspend reading the 2020 Public Budget Hearing minutes, 2nd by Tom Derrickson, 38 yea, 0 nay – M/A

VanCamp state the 2022 levy limit is \$576551.00 and increase of \$28,018.00 from previous year. This is due to a clerical error with the 2021 statement of taxes and the outstanding ambulance loan. The town board adopted Resolution 3-2021 to use previous years unused tax levy on October 31, 2021 in the amount of \$92.00.

The budget reflects wage increases for the highway, landfill, cleaning, and election workers. The roadwork for 2022 includes repair to the west entrance of the fire department building; blacktop on Archibald Parkway, Topper to Appleton In; Sawyer Lake Rd #55880 to Forest Hill Rd; and culvert patches on Sunset Bay In and Forest Hill. The town is waiting to hear from the forest service for a grant to repair Presbyterian Rd in 2023.

VanCamp stated that the fire department budget included money for the stabilizer to the ladder truck; 2 sets of turnout gear; garage door openers; and repairs to the dry hydrants. Fire Chief Dawn Herlache asked the board if they budgeted for the new fire truck. Chris Karch asked when the special meeting would be to discuss the new fire truck. There is money in the depreciation fund, but the board has not finalized their decision.

The Ambulance will receive \$125,000.00. Derrickson asked why they are not receiving the \$135,000 they asked for. \$10,000.00 will go into the depreciation fund in case they need it at the end of 2022.

Line 134, Other Financing uses, there is a big increase from 2021 to 2022. Hartman explained that this is the first payment from the American Rescue Plan (\$51863.00). The town will be receiving another payment in 2022 along with more information as to how this fund can be spent. Until then, it will not be utilized.

Tim McGuire made the motion to adjourn the budget hearing at 6:45, 2nd by Clare Huisman, 38 yeas, 0 nays – M/A

***Minutes approved November 15, 2021
Linda Ziegler, Clerk***