

**Public Budget Hearing**  
**Tuesday, November 14, 2023**  
**Townsend Town Hall**  
**6:00 pm**

Chairperson Monica Zeller called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

Pledge of Allegiance

(Ziegler posted the notice for the Public Budget Hearing and Special Town Meeting of the Electors, October 27, 2023, at the Townsend Post Office, Townsend Town Hall, Laona State Bank, Townsend, and [www.townsendwisconsin.org](http://www.townsendwisconsin.org))

Zeller touched on some of the items to impact the 2024 budget: Income- State shared revenue is up \$40,000; we will receive \$19,000 from LRIP and the new Short-Term Rental/Room Tax is expected to generate \$42,000. Expenses – all hourly employees will be given evaluations and raises; public works is reduced – cost savings for new gas tank, reduce the costs at the recycle center, and LRIP will help with road repairs.

Janet Opiela asked what the Ambulance budget is - \$150,000.00, same as 2023. Roger White asked why the town did not give what the ambulance requested (\$190,000.00). Zeller said the board has yet to meet with the ambulance board and will continue to discuss their needs.

The 1<sup>st</sup> payment for the grader is not due until 2025, however the board will make a principal payment of \$55,000.00 in March. The Fire truck payment will be \$23,333.50 principal/\$9070.12 interest.

Claude Bowman made the motion to close the budget meeting at 6:27 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Habeck – M/A

**Special Town Meeting of the Electors**  
**Tuesday, November 14, 2023**

This meeting is to adopt the 2023 Town Tax Levy of \$617,157.00 to be paid in the 2024, pursuant to Section 60.10(1) (a) of Wis. Stats.

Zeller asked for all in favor to adopt the Town Tax Levy to raise their hand. 37 Aye's, 1 Nay, 3 abstained.

Kathleen Marsh made the motion to adjourn at 6:28, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Claude Bowman – M/A