

PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING for TOWN OF LINCOLN, KEWAUNEE COUNTY
Special Town Meeting of the Electors of the Town of Lincoln
Wednesday, November 17, 2021 @ 7:00pm

The Special Town Meeting of the Electors of the Town of Lincoln was called to order at 7:02p.m. by Town Chairman, Jesse Jerabek. Other Board of Supervisors (BoS) present: Jordan Nowak & Brent Eisenman. Public attendance: Tim Strnad, Town Treasurer, Joe Jerabek, Town Assessor, Mick Sagrillo, Jodi Parins, Starlyn Salemi, Lynda Cochart, and Dick Bultman. This special meeting of the electors was called pursuant to Sec. 60.12(1)(b) of Wisconsin Statutes by the Town Board for the following Purposes: to adopt the 2021 Town Tax Levy to be paid in 2022 pursuant to Sec. 60.10(1)(a) of Wisconsin Statutes and to approve the total 2022 highway expenditures pursuant to Sec. 82.03(3) of the Wisconsin Statutes.

1. Motion made to approve Special Town Meeting agenda as submitted (Nowak / Eisenman). Motion carried 3-0.
2. Review and Public Hearing of Proposed 2022 Budget: Expense / Revenue line items of proposed 2022 Town of Lincoln Budget were reviewed and adjusted per discussion by Board of Supervisors. Salemi questioned large expense for Tamarack and Cedar Roads when very little traffic besides farm trucks compared to other roads with homes and bus routes, etc., feels those damaging roads should be held accountable, and requested Board ask ELNA Farms for more road maintenance assistance. Cochart noted damage being done on Hawk Road and ability of township to recoup up to three times the cost of damages. Treasurer reviewed tax stuffer information re: road damage policy. Parins asked about ARPA funds being included in General Funds revenue and gave opinion against Cedar Road repair, noting town residents do not want to pay for damage done by big farms. Cedar Road project would be 1/50 of total roads in township, but use the whole of the 2022 budget for road maintenance. Chairman Jerabek reviewed Cedar Road project expenses, grant revenue, and time frame and noted haulers are not breaking any rules because State legislature allows for heavy trucks to drive on roads not constructed to handle weight. There is no enforcement by County of overweight trucks. Sagrillo recommended Plan Commission Chairman be compensated by assigned task; Chairman Jerabek did not wish to be compensated separately for his interim PC Chairmanship.
3. Treasurer Strnad reviewed tax levy calculation; levy for next year was set by the public and figured using base of \$76,917, plus \$17,855 for twelve loan payments, and \$4,314 for wind turbine adjustment for a total of \$99,086. Approximately 10% of property taxes collected remains in Town of Lincoln. Sagrillo suggested raising property taxes incrementally due to future loss of remaining wind turbine adjustments. Town Hall loan will be refinanced at a lower interest rate; the amount above takes this lower interest rate (and lower loan payment) into account. The interest rate will drop from 4.5% to 3.89%. Discussion on creating separate fund for rental income and interest in installing a playground at town hall. Motion made to approve the 2021 Town Tax Levy of \$99,086 to be paid in 2022 pursuant to Sec. 60.10(1)(a) of Wisconsin Statutes (Parins / Sagrillo). Motion carried unanimously.
4. Motion made to approve the total 2022 highway expenditures of \$232,875.00 pursuant to Sec. 82.03(3) of the Wisconsin Statutes (Joe Jerabek / Strnad). Motion carried 2 yes-1 no; 4 abstained.
5. Adjournment: 10:06pm: Motion made to adjournment (Nowak / Eisenman). Motion carried 3-0. Chairman Jerabek thanked all for coming. Salemi thanked Jesse Jerabek for all his hard work.

Minutes submitted by Town of Lincoln Clerk, Mary Ann Salmon, from audio recording of meeting.