

Minutes
Town of Oshkosh

Budget Public Hearing – November 28, 2022 - 5:30 p.m. – Town Hall

PRESENT: Chair Jim Erdman, Supervisor Matt Merten, Supervisor Bill Demler,
Treasurer Laura Hunt, Clerk Jeannette Merten, and an audience of 8.

Chair Erdman called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2023 Proposed Budget details were available for inspection during the public hearing.

Garbage and Recycling charges.

Due to increased diesel fuel costs, the town has seen an initiated fuel surcharge on invoices in the spring of 2022. Even though the board renegotiated the existing contract during the bin roll-out and implementation, the fuel surcharge cap was changed from \$3/gallon to \$4.50/gallon last spring and yet the cost had risen beyond the \$4.50/gallon. To cover this increase, the 2023 yearly charge for garbage and recycling will increase from \$214/yr to \$247/yr. The CPI cap in the agreement remained at 3%.

Levy summary:

- Oshkosh Area School levy increased +\$374,654.00
- Winneconne Community School levy increased +\$355.86
- Fox Valley Tech College levy increased +\$4,467.07
- Winnebago County levy increased +\$69,418.85
- Butte des Morts Sanitary District increased +280.46

The proposed town levy includes the allowable levy increase of +7,164 plus a +\$120,000 exceeding the levy limit amount. The proposal raises the town levy to \$514,986.00. The \$120,000 exceeding levy limit is to do the purchase of a new fire truck engine replacing a 27-year-old engine truck.

Levy Credits:

State school credit aid increased +\$13,387.90.

Lottery Credit;

Oshkosh Area School \$262.22 (last yr \$250.20)
Winneconne School \$173.65 (last yr \$188.72)

First Dollar Credit;

Oshkosh Area School \$79.89 (last yr \$70.54)
Winneconne School \$52.90 (last yr \$53.21)

Because our equalized value is below the 90% that the State of Wisconsin allows, a revaluation of properties field work will begin next year. The new valuations and notifications will be implemented in the year 2024. The cost for a re-valuation is estimated at around \$70/k - \$75/k, and to split the cost into two years.

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49 Fire Chief Steve Gawarecky and Jason Selwitschka were in attendance to discuss
50 and answer questions regarding their department budgets and main concerns.

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52 Much of the discussion, questions, and answers, were concerning paying for the
53 new fire truck. Other topics included how an exceeded levy limit works in future
54 years, and the process for budgeting and setting the levy.

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56 After this hearing session is closed, the Special Town Meeting of the Electors will
57 come to order.

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59 **Motion made by Demler, M. Merten seconded, to adjourn.**
60 **The motion carried unanimously.**

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62 Meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

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Jeannette Merten
Town of Oshkosh Clerk