

**Town of Namakagon
Minutes of Public Budget Hearing 7pm
November 12, 2020**

The meeting was called to order at 7:01pm. Present were Robert and Corrine Rasmussen, Jack and Carol McGregor, Jim Krueger and Arlene Skultety. Robert Rasmussen presided as Chair for the meeting.

Chairman Rasmussen presented the budget. Arlene Skultety explained the changes in the budget from last year as follows:

For the 2021 Revenue side:

41000 General Property Taxes: Includes a 16.73% Increase to include tax money coming in for the Town Hall Roof Repairs and possibly upgrading the kitchen. The \$1,145 was the allowed increase and the additional \$70,000 is the requested levy increase.

NOTE: The cost for this \$70,000 levy increase will be \$27 per \$100,000 of property taxes. You might not see this cost exactly as property taxes are not just based off of a town levy, but also school levy, WITC levy, state levy and County levy.

43000 Intergovernmental Revenues: There is an increase in income here as the town will be pursuing TRIPP money for Lake 5 and Birch Bend Road repairs.

48000: Miscellaneous Revenues: There is a decrease in income here because of the decreased interest income rates.

For the 2021 Expenditure side:

51000 General Government: There is an increase in expenses here to include the Town Hall repairs of \$70,000. There is less of an increase because there was a decrease in Election expenses. There were 4 elections in 2020, and there will be only 1 election in 2021(April), possibly 2(Feb Primary).

52000 Public Safety: There is an increase in expenses here due to an increase in Fire Department allotment from \$80,000 budgeted in 2020 to \$100,000 in 2021 AND an increase in Ambulance Service Subsidies from \$34,450 in 2020 to \$47,110 in 2021.

53000: Public Works: There is an increase in expenses here due to Road Construction expenses for work on Lake 5 and Birch Bend Road AND also an increase of \$5,000 for Airport Expenditures for equipment.

(This was an error noticed from last year) - 56000 Conservation & Development: There is a decrease in expenses here due to a decrease in Lake Monitor expenses – For some reason this extra expenditure was left in this category last year, but it was not needed. The expense was at \$20,000 in 2020 and reduced to \$12,000 for 2021.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:11pm.

Respectfully Submitted by

Laura Bjork, Town of Namakagon Clerk