

**Town of Namakagon
Minutes of Public Budget Hearing 7pm
November 18, 2021**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm. Present were Kathy Sill, Tom Biasi, Dave Haan (non-resident), Joanne Schultz, Robert and Corrine Rasmussen, Jack and Carol McGregor, Jim Krueger, Arlene Skultety and Clerk Laura Bjork (non-resident). Robert Rasmussen presided as Chair for the meeting.

All the proper postings have been done. Chairman Rasmussen presented the budget. Laura Bjork explained the changes in the budget from last year as follows:

For the 2022 Revenue side:

41000 Room Tax - Private Forest Crop/Managed Forest Land: added \$4,000 into the budget (not budgeted last year)

41000 General Property Taxes: Includes a 20.04% Increase to include tax money coming in for the Ambulance subsidy increase to \$70/parcel totaling the town a \$53,840 increase and also to help with the purchase of a new town truck. The \$2,533 was the allowed increase and the additional \$100,000 is the requested levy increase.

NOTE: The cost for this \$100,000 levy increase will be \$38 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.

43300 Other Federal Payments: Added \$12,979 for ARPA Grant Funds

43534 Trip Money: Added \$225,000 for projects on Garmisch Road costing \$320,000 (50/50 grant, \$160,000) and Birch Bend Road costing \$130,00 (50/50 grant \$65,000). Birch Bend income will be transferred to Highway savings for work to be done in 2023.

43790 Other Local Grants: Added \$5,000 for the Bayfield County Infrastructure Grant

For the 2021 Expenditure side:

51000 General Government: There is a decrease in website expenses as the Clerk has taken on that responsibility, increase in Clerk and town maintenance wages, increase in election expenses as there will be more elections this year, increased to include a generator for the Town Hall and Shop,

52000 Public Safety: There is an increase in ambulance subsidies.

53000: Public Works: There is an increase in Road crew wages and health insurance, increase in road construction to allow for work on Garmisch road, expenses for recycling services increased due to cost of republic service and extra dumpsters.

55000 Culture and Recreation: Increase in library expenses to cover cost of room sponsorship (\$10,000 for 3 years).

57000 Capital Outlay: Highway Equipment increased due to purchase of a new truck and Parks Outlay increased due to Fitness Park.

58000 Debt Service: Decreased due to last year of loan payment.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:06pm.

Respectfully Submitted by

Laura Bjork, Town of Namakagon Clerk

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