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Town of Burns  
2010 Budget Hearing/Special Town Meeting Minutes

The special town meeting to approve the 2011 highway expenditures, the 2010 levy and town officer salaries was called to order at 8:52 P.M. on Wednesday, December 01, 2010 by chairman Kitzmann immediately following the adjournment of the budget hearing held at 8:00 PM. All board members were present.

**Proposed Budget:**

The proposed 2011 budget was reviewed and discussed during the budget hearing.

**Old Business:**

No old business was discussed.

**New Business:**

1. Gary Schomburg motioned to approve highway expenditures up to \$239,060.10 to go forward while looking into other options to cut costs down the road. Scott Everson second. Voice vote, motion carried.
  
2. Motion by Doug Schwarz to approve the town meeting resolution - Whereas, the State of Wisconsin has imposed levy limits under s. 66.0602 of the Wis. Statutes for the tax levies in 2009 and 2010; Whereas, s. 66.0602 (5) of Wis. Statutes allows the town electors in towns under 2,000 in population to exceed the maximum allowable levy limit by adoption of a resolution at a town meeting of the electors; Whereas, the town board has adopted a resolution supporting an increase in the town tax levy which would exceed the maximum allowable state levy limit for the Town of Burns; Whereas, this Special Town Meeting of the electors has been called and noticed to consider the adoption of a resolution to endorse the town board's resolution to exceed the state levy limits; specifically by increasing the town tax levy for 2010 (collected in 2011) by 22.98 percentage increase over the last year's levy; Now, therefore, the special town meeting of the Town of Burns, La Crosse County, Wisconsin, by a majority vote of the eligible electors voting on this 1st day of December, 2010 duly assembled and voting resolves and orders as follows: BE IT RESOLVED, the town electors of the Town of Burns, La Crosse County, Wisconsin endorse the town board resolution to increase the town tax levy for 2010 (collected in 2011) by 22.98 percentage over the past year's levy, which is an increase of \$36,385 over the 2009 town tax levy for a total town tax levy of \$160,392 for 2010. Jerry Niedfeldt second. Show of hands, 20 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstain, motion carried.
  
3. Motion by Doug Schwarz - Whereas, s. 60.10 (1)(a) of Wis. Statutes authorizes the town electors of a town to adopt the town tax levy at a town meeting of the electors; Whereas, a special town meeting of the electors has been called for this 1st day of December, 2010; Whereas, the electors after proper notice have at a special town meeting [or referendum] vote authorized the Town of Burns to exceed the maximum allowable state levy limit; Now, therefore, the special town meeting of the Town of Burns, La Crosse County, Wisconsin, by a majority vote of the eligible electors voting on this 1st day of December, 2010 duly assembled and voting resolves and orders as follows: BE IT RESOLVED, the town electors of the Town of Burns, La Crosse County, Wisconsin hereby adopt the town tax levy for 2010 to be collected in 2011 at \$160,392. Tom Bramsreiber second. Show of hands, 4 in favor, 17 opposed, motion failed. Motion by Jerry Niedfeldt with the hopes the board will make cuts to go along with the levy the board has set of \$197,257. No Second. Motion failed. Motion by Gary Schomburg to postpone item #3 until after item #4. Bill Brewer second. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.
  
4. Motion by Jerry Niedfeldt to raise the board salaries in April 2011 to: clerk @\$10,000, chairman @ \$5,000, treasurer @ \$5,000, and each supervisor @ \$2,500. Second by Doug Swartz. Voice vote, 1 nay the rest ayes, motion carried.
  
3. Motion by Bill Brewer to set the levy at \$197,257; Whereas, s. 60.10 (1)(a) of Wis. Statutes authorizes the town electors of a town to adopt the town tax levy at a town meeting of the electors; Whereas, a special town meeting of the electors has been called for this 1st day of December, 2010; Whereas, the electors after proper notice have at a special town meeting [or referendum] vote authorized the Town of Burns to exceed the maximum allowable state levy limit; Now, therefore, the special town meeting of the Town of Burns, La Crosse County, Wisconsin, by a majority vote of the eligible electors voting on this 1st day of December, 2010 duly assembled and voting resolves and orders as follows: BE IT RESOLVED, the town electors of the Town of Burns, La Crosse County, Wisconsin hereby adopt the town tax levy for 2010 to be collected in 2011 at \$197,257. Second by Jerry Niedfeldt. Show of hands, 16 in favor, 3 opposed, 3 abstain, motion carried.

**Adjournment:**

Motion by Linda Saley to adjourn. Second by Gary Schomburg. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried. Town budget meeting adjourned at 10:19 PM.

Jane Esser – clerk  
Approved: \_\_\_\_\_