

**2024 Budget Hearing – November 14, 2023**

Posted October 23, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. at the Town Garage, Buffalo Bay Store, Peterson Foods and the Town website. Published in the Ashland Daily Press on October 27 and October 31, 2023.

Eight Town Electors were present.

Supervisor and Vice-Chairman Mark Bugher called the Budget Hearing to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Center. Supervisors Jeff Benton, Larry Meierotto and Don Sullivan were present as well as Clerk/Treasurer David L. Good and Deputy Clerk Judy Meierotto. Chairman Paul “Rocky” Tribovich was excused.

Documentation of hearing and electors meeting notices – Clerk Good stated the following notice was posted, placed on the Town website as noted above. A detailed 2023 and 2024 budget document was posted on the Town website on October 23, 2023.

|                                | General Fund | Current Budget   | Proposed Budget  | %Change      |
|--------------------------------|--------------|------------------|------------------|--------------|
|                                |              | 2023             | 2024             |              |
| <b>Revenues</b>                |              |                  |                  |              |
| General Property Taxes (Levy)  |              | \$132,755        | \$132,755        | 0.00%        |
| Other Taxes                    |              | \$0              | \$0              |              |
| Intergovernmental Revenues     |              | \$322,077        | \$285,445        |              |
| Licenses & Permits             |              | \$4,674          | \$4,515          |              |
| Public Charges for Services    |              | \$120,820        | \$116,810        |              |
| Excess Revenues to Reduce Levy |              | \$0              | \$99,108         |              |
| Other Financing Sources        |              | \$3,500          | \$5,900          |              |
| <b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>          |              | <b>\$583,826</b> | <b>\$644,533</b> | <b>10.4%</b> |
| <b>Expenditures</b>            |              |                  |                  |              |
| General Government             |              | \$151,376        | \$150,574        |              |
| Public Safety                  |              | \$55,801         | \$58,592         |              |
| Conservation & Development     |              | \$0              | \$0              |              |
| Public Works                   |              | \$220,292        | \$262,890        |              |
| Culture, Recreation, Education |              | \$72,239         | \$67,802         |              |
| Capital Outlay                 |              | \$0              | \$30,000         |              |
| Debt Service                   |              | \$84,118         | \$74,675         |              |
| Other Financing Uses           |              | \$0              | \$0              |              |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>      |              | <b>\$583,826</b> | <b>\$644,533</b> | <b>10.4%</b> |

Clerk Good provided a brief overview of the budget explaining the various increases and decreases. It was pointed out that the Town levy will remain the same as the prior year.

Bugher asked if anyone had any questions or comments.

A motion to adjourn the Budget hearing at 6:40 p.m. was made by Meierotto and seconded by Sullivan. The motion carried.

Minutes Respectfully Prepared by:

David L. Good – Clerk/Treasurer

**Town Electors Meeting – November 14, 2023**

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Supervisor and Vice-Chairman Mark Bugher called the Electors Meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. at the Community Center.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those present.

Vote to adopt the 2023 Town Tax Levy to be paid in 2024 pursuant to section 60.10(1)(a) of Wisconsin State Statutes – A motion was made by Judy Meierotto and seconded by Larry Meierotto to set the 2023 tax levy at \$132,755 which is payable in 2024. Bugher called for a vote. The motion carried by a vote of 8-yes, 0-no and 0-abstentions.

Approve Minutes of the April 18, 2023 Annual Meeting - A motion was made by Jeff Benton and seconded by Larry Meierotto to approve the minutes. The motion carried by a vote of 8-0-0.

Bugher called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made by Larry Meierotto and seconded by Don Sullivan to adjourn at 6:44 p.m. The motion carried by a vote of 8-0-0.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by:

David L. Good – Clerk/Treasurer

Proof of Posting; I, David L. Good, Clerk/Treasurer for the Town of Russell certify that the minutes of the Electors Meeting held November 14, 2023 were posted at the Town Garage and on the Town website at 4:00 p.m. on November 16, 2023.