

TOWN OF DOVRE
TOWN BOARD MEETING

The Dovre Town Board met at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday November 1, 2016 at the Dovre Town Hall located at 304 25 ½ Street for a Town Board Meeting. Zero Town of Dovre Residents and Guests signed in and were present. Names of persons present at the meeting are on file with the Clerk/Treasurer.

Chairman Trowbridge called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Roll call: Supervisors – Al Nyhagen – James Plummer – Mitch Hanson – Dan North and Chairman Dean Trowbridge are all present. Also Present - Clerk/Treasurer – Kelly Phillips and Consultant Greg LaFond.

Pledge of Allegiance

1. Approval of Agenda: Motion by North second by Nyhagen to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried, unanimous yes vote.
2. Budget discussion and possible modifications
 - a. Consultant LaFond – assessed value of the town is projected to decrease based on what the DOR does with the sand mines; DOR reduced land values and real estate 10% this year for them; the only reason we gained is because NIS came online; anticipates a 5% decline but could be more depending on what the DOR does
 - b. Consultant LaFond suggested adding the debt service to the levy for the town hall payment and stated that the residents would pay 45% and the sand plants would pay 55%; Supervisor Hanson asked how much that would amount to per household and Consultant LaFond said \$0.20/\$1000; Supervisor North asked once the town hall is paid off can the board keep adding the amount or not; Consultant LaFond says no, once it's paid off you can't add it; Supervisor North asked if this board does not choose to add this amount to the levy, could a future board add it and Consultant LaFond says yes; Supervisor North also said that residents may ask why the board is levying for the debt service when they have all this royalty funds; Consultant LaFond suggests not paying down the loan until the board knows what is happening with the sand plants
 - c. Consultant LaFond – looking at the budget notice, the property taxes shows a 9.18% increase but that will be due to the increased valuation of the sand mines; overall the taxes went up 14.61% but that is due to the debt service and the omitted taxes; residents may wonder why on this presentation there is an increase of revenues and expenditures of 33% but that would be because of a transfer in from royalties and an extra payment of the town hall; Consultant LaFond created an "option A" which he strongly suggest using, which would remove the commitment to the extra payment of the town hall
 - d. Supervisor Nyhagen – option A is good, but the debt levy was the kicker; Supervisor Hanson – not sure about the debt levy because it was never discussed when building the town hall; Supervisor North – other discussions about the budget did not include the debt levy and is reluctant to add it this year; discussion continued about whether or not to add a debt service levy to the budget; motion by North second by Trowbridge to adopt "option A" for the budget hearing that would remove the debt service levy of \$29,532 and increase the transfer in royalty fund balance written as \$90,000.00 and

increase to \$120,000.00. Roll call vote Trowbridge – Yes; Nyhagen – Yes; North – Yes; Plummer – Yes; Hanson – Yes. Motion carried.

3. Adjournment: Motion by Hanson second by Trowbridge to adjourn. Motion carried, unanimous yes vote.

Minutes are not official until approved by the board at the next meeting

Kelly Phillips
Clerk/Treasurer
Town of Dovre Barron County