

Town of Dovre  
Budget Hearing and Special Town Meeting of Electors

Public Budget Hearing – 6:00 p.m.

The Dovre Town Board met at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday December 1, 2016 at the Dovre Town Hall located at 304 25 ½ Street for a Town Board Meeting. 3 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 6:00 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 Trowbridge second by Nyhagen to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried, unanimous yes vote.
2. Budget Hearing
  - a. Presentation of proposed budget by chair and clerk; the clerk reports the change in the property tax levy is mostly based including NIS values due to the completion of the NIS plant and an increase of the personal property value of the sand plants; a majority of the budget will go to road maintenance with a small amount set aside for some work around the town hall. Also, the board had the option to increase the levy by the debt service amount – the principal and interest payment of the new town hall – which was about \$23,000 but chose not to and instead make the payment through the normal collections. Supervisor North asked if omitted taxes will come online this year? Consultant LaFond reports they will. Bomar sent a notice to NIS and they will send them a bill once the taxes have been computed. Consultant LaFond states that the the mill rate has decreased because of the value of the sand plants but might not continue next year due to the decreased value of personal property and the possibility of the DOR reducing the manufacturing real estate assessments by about 10% like they did this year. Supervisor North wanted to clarify that even though the board did not approve the debt service levy that does not mean a future board can't approve it, but once the town hall is paid off it cannot be added to the levy.
  - b. Public hearing on proposed budget
    - i. Resident Cathy Albrecht asked what expenses are included in the administration, clerk/treasurer, legal/consulting and public works – highway amounts. With the board's permission Consultant LaFond will send Ms. Albrecht a complete copy of the budget with all of the breakdowns
    - ii. Resident Romaine Quinn asked about the fund balance and if there is excess where would that come from and what account it would go to. Consultant LaFond reported it would go to the general fund
3. Close Budget Hearing: Motion by Trowbridge second by North to close the budget hearing. Motion carried, unanimous yes vote.

Special Town Meeting of Electors – Immediately following budget hearing

Chairman Trowbridge called the meeting to order at 6:28 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

1. Consider approval of the Town of Dovre tax levy to be paid in 2017 pursuant to Section 60.10(1)(a) of the Wisconsin Statutes. Motion by Resident Al Albrecht second by Resident Cathy Albrecht to approve the tax levy of \$408,086 as presented. Hand vote count - All in favor 10; opposed – 0; Motion carried.
2. Adjourn: Motion by Trowbridge second by North to adjourn at 6:31 p.m. 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