

Town of Dovre
Budget Hearing and Special Town Meeting of Electors

Public Budget Hearing – 5:00 p.m.

The Dovre Town Board met at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday November 14, 2017 at the Dovre Town Hall located at 304 25 ½ Street for a Budget Hearing and Special Town Meeting of the Electors. 5 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 5:00 p.m.

Roll call: Supervisors – Al Nyhagen – Mitch Hanson – Dan North and Chairman Dean Trowbridge are all present. Supervisor Jim Plummer was absent. Also Present - Clerk/Treasurer – Kelly Phillips

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 – Supervisor North will present the budget information. The town assessor does not assess manufacturing – that is the Department of Revenue. Since last year, the values of manufacturing real estate and personal property have decreased 16%. The budget shows that general transportation aids and shared revenue makes up a majority of the intergovernmental revenues. The decrease in public charges for services is a result of discontinuing residential snow plowing. The last payment from Superior Silica is in 2019. The state determines the allowable levy limits and the board has decided not to increase the levy to include the payment for the town hall. The payment will be made with regular revenues. The board anticipates the royalties from the sand companies will decrease in the future. This budget includes new reserve accounts – emergency road funds; small tools & equipment and a vehicle replacement fund. It also includes a payment to pay off the town hall with royalty funds transferred in after the expiration of the PVG program in December of 2017. There is an increase in public works expense which is due to a staff transition for the impending retirement of the current patrolman. The town budgeted \$325,000 for road projects in 2017 and \$350,000 for road projects in 2018
 - b. Public hearing on proposed budget
 - i. Resident Tim Nelson asked how much the town is budgeting to plow roads. Supervisor North says we don't have that broken down in the budget
 - ii. Resident Art Harelstad asked if the budget includes royalties from the sand companies. Chairman Trowbridge says no, those dollars are deposited into designated fund accounts until the PVG program expires and then the board can approve and transfer them in as revenue if needed
 - iii. Resident Cathy Albrecht asked if 90-120 days of training a new patrolman is excessive. Chairman Trowbridge says he and the board do not think so, there is

different equipment that needs to be trained on in addition to all of the other patrolman's job duties.

3. Close Budget Hearing: Motion by North second by Nyhagen 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 5:28 p.m.

Roll call: Supervisors – Al Nyhagen – Mitch Hanson – Dan North and Chairman Dean Trowbridge are all present. Supervisor Jim Plummer was absent. Also Present - Clerk/Treasurer – Kelly Phillips

1. Consider approval of the Town of Dovre tax levy to be paid in 2018 pursuant to Section 60.10(1)(a) of the Wisconsin Statutes: Motion by Resident Tim Nelson second by resident Al Albrecht to approve the tax levy of \$409,800 as presented. Hand vote count - All in favor 10; opposed – 0; Motion carried.
2. Adjourn: Motion by Resident Art Harelstad second by Supervisor North to adjourn at 5:33 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