

**Town of Otter Creek – November 10, 2020**  
**– Budget Hearing**  
**- Special Town Meeting**  
**- Regular Town Board Meeting**

**Attendees:**

Chairman Mark Warner\*

Supervisor 1 Cecil Hayes\*

Clerk/Treasurer Bev Bernier\*

Patrolman Gary Anderson

Guests, Bob Bernier, Jeff Dehnhoff, Dylan Derringer, Lori Sudbrink

\*Board Members

Absent: Supervisor 2 LeAnn Ralph\*

**BUDGET HEARING**

The Budget Hearing Meeting was called to order by Chairman Warner at 7:13 p.m. on Tuesday, November 10, 2020. In attendance were three board members, plus five interested people. Clerk had posted notices on the Town Hall door, the Town Website, and in the Colfax Messenger.

The 2021 proposed budget was presented by Bernier, Clerk-Treasurer, and some discussion followed. This year's allowable tax levy for Otter Creek is \$112,955, the same as 2020, as allowed by the State of Wisconsin. After some discussion, there were no changes to the budget as it was presented.

Warner made a motion to adjourn the Budget Hearing Meeting at 7:25 p.m. Hayes seconded, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted – Bev Bernier, Clerk/Treasurer

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

The Special Town Meeting was called to order by Chairman Warner at 7:26 p.m. on Tuesday, November 10, 2020. All people as noted above were in attendance, plus advertising as noted above was done so as stated.

Hayes made a motion to accept the 2020 Town Tax Levy as \$112,955 allowable figure to be used in the 2021 budget pursuant to Section 60.10(1)(A) Wis. Stats. Warner seconded the motion. Carried. Opposed – 0.

Warner made a motion to adjourn the Special Town Meeting at 7:28 p.m. Hayes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted – Bev Bernier, Clerk/Treasurer

**REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING**

The Regular Town Board Meeting was called to order by Chairman Warner at 7:28 p.m. on Tuesday, November 10, 2020. Same people were in attendance, plus advertising had been done as stated above.

Meeting minutes were not read by Bev Bernier as Warner, Ralph and Hayes reviewed the minutes prior to tonight's meeting and agreed that the minutes did not need to be read. **Hayes motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Warner seconded. Motion carried.**

Hayes made a motion to adopt the 2021 budget and 2020 tax levy to be paid in 2021 as presented. Warner seconded the motion. Carried. Opposed – 0. Motion carried.

Discussion and possible Resolution on closing part of 1090th street. Hayes drove several roads, visited with local people in Spring Valley, Elmwood, Plum City area. Some bigger hills there. Hayes spoke to an attorney and public works director. He does not see a reason, based on what he has seen and heard, why we would not proceed to close a portion of the road. Process opens the door to the public to provide input, farmers may use the road, etc. **Hayes made a motion to adopt the resolution, seconded by Warner. Opposed – 0. Motion carried.**

Possible action on purchase of **solid waste and recycling equipment** – **move to November meeting.**  
Possible action on **2021 per capita payment to the Colfax Responsible Unit** – **move to November mtg.**  
Possible action on **intergovernmental agreement** between the Town of Otter Creek and the Village of Colfax Responsible Unit. – **move to November meeting.**

**WoodWind Park** (Meagan and Paul Frank) – Beer and Wine License Application received – discuss bartender fee for special events. **Hayes made motion to authorize publication.**

**Building Inspector** – monthly Activity report from Fred Weber for October  
10/2/2020 Coombs Permit Issued New Home Construction  
10/9/2020 Zarovsky Electrical Hook-up Passed  
10/9/2020 Zarovsky Permit Issued Remodel  
10/14/2020 Coombs Footing Passed  
10/15/2020 Warner Rough Electrical Passed  
10/15/2020 Warner Rough Construction Passed  
10/19/2020 Kuesel Final Inspection/Occupancy Passed  
10/23/2020 Coombs Electrical Hook-up Passed

AEA – post cards went out to Otter Creek residents eligible to apply to the program

Newspaper ad – Spring Election and Caucus – typically hold at Jan 12, 2021 meeting

Road Work/Equipment – several thousand dollars to fix the 410J. Wrong part initially sent. Salt/sand started coming 11/10, balance arriving on 11/11. Beaver still causing some issues. Gary needs diesel fuel. Put new blades on the grader, new blades on the plow. Mileage – will be between \$200 and \$240/month. The tractor was a big part of October mileage and there were five weeks in the month. Truck will be about 5500 miles per year. Backhoe was used for patching.

Damage to road from skidder – Harnish. Trailer and skidder were both off. Gary will keep track of costs and provide for billing. 3 tons of blacktop, 5 tons of limerock. 3x750. 100 for backhoe, 85/hour. Warner to obtain copy of sheriff report, Gary to get photos, provide everything to Bernier for billing.

Public comments – none.

Auditing of bills for payment  
Any other business  
Adjournment  
Financial Report

Clerk went through the finances.	Equipment Account -	\$31,294.98
	Tax Account -	\$61,573.31
	Checking Account -	\$45,692.07

Motion to accept the treasurers report made by Hayes, seconded by Warner. Motion carried. Warner moved to adjourn the monthly meeting, seconded by Hayes. Meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted – Bev Bernier, Clerk/Treasurer

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