

Town of Otter Creek – November 9, 2021

Otter Creek Town Hall

- **Special Town Meeting of Electors**
 - **Budget Hearing**
 - **Special Town Meeting**
- **Regular Town Board Meeting**

Attendees:

Chairman Mark Warner*
Supervisor 1 Cecil Hayes*
Supervisor 2 LeAnn Ralph*
Clerk/Treasurer Bev Bernier
Patrolman Gary Anderson

Residents attending: Bob Bernier, Kelley Hayes, Lori Sudbrink, Pat Sand, Joanne Hagen, Jon Hagen, Alethea Hintzman, Jared Hintzman, Corey Reisdorf, Jenifer Reisdorf, Randy Simpson,

Non-resident: Chuck Boyer

*Board Members

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING OF ELECTORS

The Special Town Meeting of Electors was called to order by Chairman Warner at 7:02 p.m. on Tuesday, November 9, 2021. In attendance were three board members, plus twelve residents and one non-resident. Clerk had posted notices on the Town Hall door, the Town Website, two additional places within the Town, and in the Colfax Messenger.

To consider the adoption of a resolution by the town meeting endorsing the town board resolution R-03-2021 which proposes that the town levy exceed the state allowable levy limit under s. 66.0602, Wis. Stat., specifically a proposed tax levy which would exceed the allowable town tax levy for 2021 by 14.7 percent, for a dollar increase of \$16,970.

Results of voting: ___7___ Yes ___8___ No

Warner explained some of the background on the DOT program. We are lower on our expenses than any of the surrounding townships, except for Peru Township. We have had the same tax levy amount for many years. Further discussion held.

Motion to open voting by Ralph, second by Warner, voting by a show of hands was selected by the attendees rather than paper vote, motion passed. Results of voting were to **NOT** approve adoption of the resolution to exceed the levy limit, voting results 7 aye, 8 no. Motion to adjourn the special town meeting of electors at 7:13 p.m. by Ralph, seconded by Hayes, motion approved.

Respectfully submitted – Bev Bernier, Clerk/Treasurer

BUDGET HEARING

The Budget Hearing Meeting was called to order by Chairman Warner at 7:13 p.m. on Tuesday, November 9, 2021. All people as noted above were in attendance, plus advertising as noted above was done so as stated.

The 2022 proposed budget was presented by Bernier, Clerk-Treasurer, and some discussion followed. After some discussion, there were no changes to the budget as it was presented. Motion to accept the budget as presented by Ralph, Hayes seconded. Motion passed.

Warner made a motion to adjourn the Budget Hearing Meeting at 8:05 p.m. Ralph, 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 8:05 p.m. on Tuesday, November 8, 2021. All people as noted above were in attendance, plus advertising as noted above was done so as stated. This year's allowable tax levy for Otter Creek is \$115,221, an increase of 2.002% for new construction, as compared to \$113,213 in 2020, as allowed by the State of Wisconsin. With adding on current debt of \$14,442, the total 2021 levy payable in 2022 is \$129,663.

Ralph made a motion to accept the 2021 Town Tax Levy as \$129,663 allowable figure to be used in the 2022 budget pursuant to Section 60.10(1)(A) Wis. Stats. Hayes seconded the motion, motion carried. Opposed – 0.

Warner asked for a motion to adjourn the Special Town Meeting at 8:06 p.m. Ralph made a motion to adjourn, 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 8:06 p.m. on Tuesday, November 9, 2021. 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. Ralph **motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Hayes seconded. Motion carried.**

Ralph made a motion to adopt the 2022 budget and 2021 tax levy to be paid in 2022 as presented, Hayes seconded the motion, motion carried, Opposed – 0.

2022 Building Inspector Contract – Fred Weber. No changes to his current fee schedule. Motion to approve the contract by Ralph, Hayes seconded, motion carried.

DOR approval of Chargeback request of Andy Reinolt taxes - \$512.57.

Standard Insurance 2022 Renewal Summary – rates remaining the same for next 3 years.

Zoning permits – Otter Creek Christian Church – expansion.

Dunn County D&A program – contact person is Mark Warner, Clerk Bernier is alternate contact.

Building Inspector – monthly Activity report from Fred Weber for October

10/15/2021 Gunderson Footing Passed
10/15/2021 Ingram Electrical Hook-up Passed
10/15/2021 Ingram Permit Issued Electrical Upgrade
10/15/2021 Gunderson Slab Plumbing Passed
10/29/2021 Swenson Basement Plumbing Passed

Road Work/Equipment – Road Work/Equipment – Waiting for snow. Salt sand is ordered, coming next week. Doing some brushing on 730th. Truck build date is pushed to December 10, 2021. Town truck was in for check-up, put in new batteries.

Public comments – Lori Sudbrink wants to know what is going on with the fence viewing request. Update requested. Mark was told by Dylan that the fence would be built, a crew was coming. Dylan has torn down the old fence but has not built the new fence. Jon put up a temporary electric fence at their expense. Mark will follow up. Bernier will send email letter for 11-17-21 at 8 a.m.

Auditing of bills for payment
Any other business
Financial Report

Clerk went through the finances.	Equipment Account -	\$33,878.30
	Tax Account -	\$122,509.63
	Checking Account -	\$21,869.91

Motion to accept the treasurers report made by Ralph, seconded by Hayes, motion carried. Ralph moved to adjourn the monthly meeting, seconded by Hayes. Meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted – Bev Bernier, Clerk/Treasurer

CONTACT PHONE NUMBERS IN ORDER OF CALLING:

Gary Anderson – 715-658-1483;	Bob Bernier – 715-577-6310;
Mark Warner – 715-658-1602, 715-556-6083 (cell);	Cecil Hayes – 715-577-6634 (cell);
LeAnn Ralph – 715-308-6336;	Town Shop - 715-658-1319;
Bev Bernier - 715-658-0131;	Chuck Boyer – 715-600-4149