

Town of Stockbridge

Public hearing on Budget and Special Town Meeting minutes.

7:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 29, 2019

UNAPPROVED

Stockbridge Community Hall/Fire Station

Public hearing on the 2020 proposed budget was called to order by Chairman Ken Schaefer at 7 p.m. Present were Supervisors Mark Ecker, Dean Joas, Clerk Steve Phipps, Treasurer Ralph Schmid, Road Supervisor Jerry Ortlieb (JO) and 96 residents per the sign-in sheet and one non-resident per the sign-in sheet.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

The clerk properly posted the meeting.

Introductions were made of all town board members, officers and employees. And each of them participated in an overhead slide presentation on the following subjects: JO – road conditions, Ken – grants/non-taxpayer funding sources, Dean – expenditures, Mark – mill rates, Ralph – tax bill explanations and Steve – process to approve/deny proposal.

Questions/comments were entertained from the audience at any time. There were numerous questions from those in attendance and answers were given to the best of everyone's ability. Subjects included but were not limited to: taxing manure trucks, other funding sources, compromise, methods to fix roads, how this process works, road use, levy proposal too high, method of repairing roads not extensive enough, method of repairing roads too extensive, past year's fire department expenses, need and time-frame of road repair.

The budget meeting was adjourned at 8:22 and the special town meeting was called to order immediately thereafter by Ken Schaefer.

Ronald Schoen moved to pass a resolution to endorse the town board's resolution to exceed the levy limit and the motion was seconded by Tim Ecker. Full resolution is attached to these minutes. Seeing no discussion after a lengthy budget hearing, Ken called the vote. Two ballot clerks, Tim Nadler and Judy Hartl assisted the clerk in the paper ballot vote. Clerk Steve Phipps, Tim Nadler and Judy Hartl counted the ballots: 48 votes in favor and 43 votes opposing. Motion carried.

Ronald Schoen moved to pass a resolution to adopt the town tax levy of \$638,308 and the motion was seconded by Maurice Ecker. Full resolution is attached to these minutes. Seeing no discussion after a lengthy budget hearing, Ken called the vote via a hand vote. 57 votes in favor and 26 votes opposing. Motion carried.

Motion by Jim Head and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeff Goeser to adjourn. Motion carried at 8:49 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Phipps, Clerk

**RESOLUTION FOR ELECTORS TO ADOPT THE TOWN TAX LEVY  
AT SPECIAL TOWN MEETING OF TOWN ELECTORS**

Town of Stockbridge, Calumet County

Whereas, s. 60.10(1)(a) of Wis. Statutes authorizes the town electors of a town to adopt the town tax levy at a town meeting of the electors;

Whereas, a special town meeting of the town electors has been called and noticed to approve the 2019 total town tax levy to be collected in 2020 pursuant to s. 60.10(1)(a) of Wis. Statutes;

Whereas, the town electors, after proper notice, have, via a special town meeting vote, authorized the Town of Stockbridge to exceed the allowable state levy limit;

THEREFORE, the special town meeting of the Town of Stockbridge, Calumet County, Wisconsin, by a majority vote of the eligible electors duly assembled and voting on this 29<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2019, hereby resolves and orders as follows:

1. The town electors of the Town of Stockbridge, Calumet County, Wisconsin adopt the town tax levy for 2019 to be collected in 2020 in the amount of **\$638,308**.
2. The town clerk shall properly post or publish this resolution as required by law under s. 60.80(1)(a) of Wis. Statutes within 30 days of adoption.

Adopted this 29 day of October, 2019, at a Special Town Meeting.

Number of town electors voting aye 57

Number of town electors voting nay 26

Number abstaining or not voting (if determined) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Town Meeting Chairperson

*Donna Schell*

Attested by Town Clerk

*Helen Phipps*

Town Supervisor

*Donna Jones*

Town Supervisor

*Mark Selk*

**RESOLUTION BY ELECTORS TO ENDORSE  
TOWN BOARD'S RESOLUTION TO EXCEED THE LEVY LIMIT**

Town of Stockbridge, Calumet County

Whereas, the State of Wisconsin has imposed levy limits on town tax levies for 2019 and thereafter under s. 66.0602 of Wis. Statutes;

Whereas, s. 66.0602(5) of Wis. Statutes allows the town electors in towns under 3,000 in population to exceed the maximum allowable levy limit by adoption of a resolution at a town meeting of the electors;

Whereas, the town board has adopted a resolution supporting an increase in the town tax levy which would exceed the maximum allowable state levy limit for the Town of Stockbridge;

Whereas, a special town meeting of the town electors has been called and noticed to consider the adoption of a resolution to endorse a town board resolution to exceed the state levy limits, specifically by increasing the allowable town tax levy for 2019 (collected in 2020) by 100 percent;

THEREFORE, the special town meeting of the Town of Stockbridge, Calumet County, Wisconsin, by a majority vote of the eligible electors duly assembled and voting on this 29th day of October, 2019, hereby resolves and orders as follows:

1. The town electors of the Town of Stockbridge, Calumet County, Wisconsin endorse the town board resolution to increase the town tax levy for 2019 (collected in 2020) by 100 percent over the allowable 2019 levy, which is a dollar increase of \$319,154 over the allowable 2019 town tax levy.
2. The town clerk shall properly post or publish this resolution as required by law under s. 60.80(1)(a) of Wis. Statutes within 30 days of adoption.

Adopted this 29 day of October, 2019, at a Special Town Meeting.

Number of town electors voting aye 48

Number of town electors voting nay 43

Number abstaining or not voting (if determined) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Town Meeting Chairperson

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Attested by Town Clerk

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Town Supervisor

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Town Supervisor

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