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Portage County, WI

TOWN OF HULL
2023 BUDGET HEARING ~ SPECIAL TOWN MEETING ~ BOARD MEETING
Tuesday November 14, 2023 **5:30 PM**

1. **2023 TOWN OF HULL BUDGET HEARING – NARRATIVE PRESENTED BY CHAIRPERSON DAVE WILZ * SEE ATTACHED***

Dave Wilz reported; was accepted

6:08 PM

2. **SPECIAL TOWN MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING IS FOR CITIZENS OF HULL, PRESENT AT THE MEETING, TO VOTE ON THE 2024 LEVY WHICH IS PAYABLE IN 2023. THE PROPOSED LEVY IS \$1,633,270**
PUBLIC NOTICE POSTED IN STEVENS POINT JOURNAL 10/31/2023

MOTION TO APPROVE THE LEVY TO \$1,633,270 FOR 2024

1ST Jim Warner

2ND Mike Marslender

12 YEA - 0 NAY

3. **ADJOURN SPECIAL TOWN MEETING** **6:10 PM**

Motion to Adjourn by Chairman Dave Wilz

4. **TOWN BOARD MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – THE TOWN OF HULL BOARD OF SUPERVISORS VOTE ON 2024 BUDGET by Dave Wilz**

6:12 PM

MOTION TO APPROVE TOWN OF HULL 2024 BUDGET

1ST Mark Fritsche

2ND Robin Lipski

5 YEA - 0 NAY

5. **ADJOURN TOWN OF HULL BOARD MEETING** **6:28 PM**

Motion to Adjourn

1st Jan Way

2nd Robin Lipski

5 YEA - 0 NAY

ROLL CALL

- CHAIRPERSON- DAVE WILZ
- SUPERVISORS- JAN WAY, MARK FRITSCHKE, BARB BRILOWSKI, ROBIN LIPSKI
- MUNICIPAL CLERK- DESIREE REDDITT
- ROAD FOREMEN- BILL OMERNIK
- FIRE CHIEF- KEN SADOGIERSKI

GUEST: *Town of Hull Residents*

1. **Karen Sieg**
2. **Mike Marslender**
3. **Rollene Marslender**
4. **Jim Warner**
5. **Phil Janowski**
6. **Patti Fritsche**

Town of Hull

**Public Town Budget Hearing
&
Special Town Meeting**

November 14, 2023

5:30 PM

11/14/23

Hull Budget Town Meeting
(Budget Narrative Highlights)

History

The 2023 budget is in year thirteen with the influences of the Governor's Budget Repair Bill and Act 10. This became effective in July 2011. Prior to this legislation taking hold, the Town of Hull had already steadied tax levies and no increase had really occurred for 2 years prior to the 2011 legislation. This equates to 15-16 years of no increase to Hull's levy to support the base operational budget. So depending on how one looks at and measures this, it is safe to say, that we have been fiscally challenged more than most because we have been frugal in the past.

Process for 2024 Budget and Other Highlights

- 2024 budget preparation saw the following process. Normal operating base budget items were separated from one time or special requests. All departments were then given a zero based directive to not allow their budgets to grow from the previous year including wages and benefits. If additional dollars were needed for new items, cuts in other line items needed to be done, if possible, to offset the increase in spending where ever possible. This strategy allowed for some flexibility and new priorities could be addressed. There were many areas that zero based budgeting could not work or there was nothing else that could be cut after years of reductions. Those departments that were able to hold the line using zero based budgeting were the Fire Department, EMS, Inspections, Public Health, Roads and Parks.
- Increases to our sanitation budget were high once again. The Portage County Transfer station increased its rates by 13.75%. In addition, Harters announced a 6.93% increase in its contract for garbage and recycling pickup based off a projected CPI increase. Sanitation, is our second largest cost category after roads. With the two large items just mentioned, sanitation increased **\$20,598** from 2023 numbers in the 2024 budget.
- This budget reflects a 6.26% increase in wages/gratuities for all town employees, fire department, EMS and appointed officials, with the exception

of the town board. This figure percentage comes from an index identified by the State (WERC) and is the maximum allowed by Act 10. Benefit cost increases (health insurance) rose by 6.00 %. Not all labor and insurance costs were offset by cuts to the budgets in the departments that generated the increases, as we had done in some other years. Other cost challenges prevented us from doing that. The total approximate increase to these two costs are \$6745 for health insurance plus increases of \$35,021 in labor for a total of **\$41,766**.

- This budget contains an extra **\$44,000** for legal expenses for 202~~3~~⁴. This extra amount will be used to finish a boundary agreement project and other issues with the City and to finish a legal process involving the use of the Town's Nuisance Ordinance. Most of this is a carryover from 2023.
- This budget contains increases for yearly maintenance agreements for voting equipment along with increases for Cyber Security and computer support. These items increased the base budget by **\$7,200**.
- This budget contains **\$39,281** in additional costs to General Administration due to 4 additional elections in 2024 vs 2023. The integration of the Express Vote system along with extra support dollars for training is included in this amount as well.
- This budget contains 0% increase for Road Aids or \$0.00. This budget also contains a revenue downturn in cable fee of **(\$7,000.)**
- The Roads portion of our budget should finish off below 2023 projected budget. Most of this was accomplished by beating the part time labor portion of the budget in a dramatic fashion. With those part time labor projections adjusted for 2024, the Roads Budget will sustain a 0% increase in their operating budget even though salt has gone up 11% and fuel is projected to increase by 5%. We continue to operate with a three person full time road crew supplemented by part time workers vs. a four man full time Road Crew with benefits for the second year.

- This budget contains a **(\$51,191)** reduction in the Financial Administration portion of the budget, due to the elimination of an experimental full time treasurer and benefit package. It now reflects part time staffing as before.
- A Non Reoccurring Request list was established and kept separate for planning and decision making purposes from the base budget. This list contains one time requests or non-reoccurring expenses related to projects, replacements of equipment or services that are not part of the normal operating budget. They are usually under \$50,000. Examples might include new security cameras, fuel security system, unexpected repair of a bridge, etc.. This year's initial requests totaled **\$0.00**.
- This budget reflects large project and large capital equipment expenditures that are anticipated along with smaller items that may need to be purchased as well, and should be financed. Instead of one large project or piece of equipment, this year's budget contains ten items (**See Attached List**) that equals **\$635,164.00**. This loan will be paid off in three and one half years. Due to some other loans being paid off, the debt payment portion of our budget will increase by **\$80,000/year**. The overall Mill Rate will increase from **\$3.39/\$1000** to **\$3.57/\$1,000** for an increase of **18 cents**. The average home assessed at \$150,000 in the Town will realize an estimated increase of **\$27.00** for the year or **\$2.25/Month**.
- This budget contains a \$60,639 amount for general contingency. This is a "just in case" dollar item that is available if something unexpected comes up or if the if we over spend in the current budget. It generally represents about 1.0% to 10% of operational revenue.
- **Some positive news!** Part of the State's Shared Revenue program was frozen in 2005. In 2011, the State Reduced the frozen total paid to the Town of Hull by approximately \$75,000 per year. That reduction has been in force since that time along with not allowing municipalities to increase operation tax levies. In the recent new two year state budget, both the House and the Senate voted to increase municipal Shared Revenue programs for at least the next two years. The Town of Hull will realize and additional \$146,173 to our revenue each of the next two years. If the program continues after that, it

will be tied to an index that will allow it to grow. This allows us to continue to operate in a positive mode for at least another year or two.

Tax Levy & Mill Rate

The current Town of Hull mill rate is approximately \$3.39 per \$1000. The Board is asking its citizens to approve the increase to \$3.57 per \$1000 by way of approving the new levy of \$1,633,270.00. **As stated above, this increase the average \$150,000 assessed property by \$27.00/year or \$2.25 per month.**

Moving Forward

- Citizens should approve the proposed 2024 tax levy, payable in 2023, of \$ 1,633,270.00
- The Town of Hull board of Supervisors should pass the 2024 Budget, with all provisions of that budget.
- Continue to refine large equipment planning/purchase lists, road projects and large capital projects separately from the operational budget. Have a separate plan finished prior to beginning the yearly operational budget process. (July 2024 at the latest)
- After 15 years of a combination of levy limits and no increases allowed to our operational budget, the Town of Hull is close to not meeting its operational budget requirements moving forward, without subsidy. The additional shared revenue is very helpful to postpone that subsidy phase. It is time to investigate the process of referendum.
- Work on a longer range remedy to overturn the mathematical challenges of Act 10. Create workable formulas. Pursue ongoing studies to save money. Continual education of staff and elected officials.

- Investigate all revenue lines for potential opportunities/Provide no subsidies.
- Continue to advocate for our citizens that are harmed.

<u>Project</u>	<u>Total Est. Cost</u>	<u>Funding ARPA</u>	<u>Funding Peg Fees</u>	<u>Funding ST. Point</u>	<u>Funding Grants</u>	<u>Bank Borrow Needs</u>
Boom Head - RDS	\$25,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$25,000
Chip Seal - RDS	\$115,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$115,000
Patrol Truck -RDS	\$265,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$265,000
Country Club - RDS	\$853,396	\$0	\$0	\$444,420	\$323,867	\$85,109
Wilshire - RDS	\$165,086	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$41,431	\$123,655
Outside Storage	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Solar Installation	\$64,495	\$44,128			\$20,367	\$0
LED/Tires - FDS	\$8,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$8,000
Chairs/Tables - GA	\$3,400	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,400
<u>Audit - Financial</u>	<u>\$10,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$10,000</u>
	\$1,609,377	\$144,128	\$0	\$444,420	\$385,665	\$635,164

2024 Town of Hull Potentail Borrowing Needs

1	Chip Seal request to support \$150,000 Chip Seal Budgetary Line!	RDS	\$115,000.00
2	Boom Attachment for Tractor	RDS	\$25,000.00
3	New Patrol Truck with Plows/Boxes	RDS	\$265,000.00
4	Country Club Road Project	RDS	\$85,109.00
5	Wilshire Road Project	RDS	\$123,655.00
6	Audit	FIN	\$10,000.00
7	LED/Tires for Equipment	FDS	\$8,000.00
8	<u>Replacement of Office Furniture</u>	<u>GA</u>	<u>\$3,400.00</u>
			\$635,164.00

* Approval or denial will happen on 11/14/23 - Hull Budget Meeting.

If Approved at the Budget Meeting on 11/14/23

- * The Town will be seeking a four year note based on 635,164.00.
- * The execution of the loan will need to happen before 12/30/23.
- * The 1st. Year payment will be P&I of \$168,311.00
- * The Bank can determine the remaining P & I for year two, three and four.
- * The date of the first year payment of \$168,311.00 will take six months after the loan is executed.
- * The date of the 2nd, 3rd and fourth payment will be due one year after the 1st. Payment.

TOWN OF HULL
NOTICE OF PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. at the Town of Hull Municipal Building, 4550 Wojcik Memorial Dr., Stevens Point, WI 54482 a PUBLIC HEARING will be held on the 2024 BUDGET. The proposed budget in detail is available for inspection at the town clerk's office from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday thru Friday. The following is the proposed 2024 budget:

	2023	2023	2024	CHANGE
	ESTIMATED	BUDGET	PROPOSED	
REVENUE				
Taxes:				
General Property Taxes	\$ 1,555,677.00	\$ 1,542,173.00	\$ 1,633,270.00	
Other Taxes	30,525.00	23,000.00	26,000.00	
Intergovernmental Rev	438,683.00	438,667.00	579,946.00	
Licenses & Permits	95,090.00	99,852.00	95,000.00	
Public Charge for Services	3,434.00	250.00	200.00	
Miscellaneous Revenue	107,133.00	50,455.00	123,635.00	
Other Financing Sources	272,985.00	440,094.00	1,624,377.00	
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 2,503,527.00	\$ 2,594,491.00	\$ 4,082,428.00	57.35%
EXPENDITURES				
Legislative Administration	\$ 54,332.00	\$ 51,492.00	51,465.00	
Legal Expenses	37,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	
General Administration	219,043.00	212,132.00	251,413.00	
Financial Administration	59,099.00	110,691.00	61,958.00	
General Building & Plant	31,336.00	28,927.00	32,084.00	
Other General Government	44,267.00	43,918.00	46,000.00	
Fire Protection	168,856.00	171,509.00	181,451.00	
First Responders	14,853.00	16,506.00	16,506.00	
Inspections	14,500.00	14,640.00	15,000.00	
Highway & Street Maintenance	553,676.00	583,223.00	574,163.00	
Road Related Facilities	7,700.00	7,700.00	7,700.00	
Sanitation	383,631.00	400,406.00	413,711.00	
Health & Human Services	15,473.00	23,410.00	24,007.00	
Parks	12,328.00	21,915.00	21,915.00	
Recreation Programs & Events	10.00	40.00	40.00	
Capital Outlay	267,380.00	287,985.00	1,624,377.00	
Debt Service	570,000.00	570,000.00	650,000.00	
General Contingency	0	0	60,639.00	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 2,453,484.00	\$ 2,594,494.00	\$ 4,082,429.00	57.35%
Town Property Taxes Levied	\$	\$ 1,542,173.00	\$ 1,633,270.00	
Total Anticipated 2024 Expenditures		\$	\$ 4,082,428.00	
Less: 2024 Anticipated Non-property Tax Revenue			(2,449,158.00)	
Amount required for 2024 Tax Levy to be paid in 2023		\$	\$ 1,633,270.00	
CASH BALANCE JANUARY 1 (EXCLUDING ADVANCE TAX ROLL COLLECTIONS):				
Designated Reserves		\$	\$ 1,134,668.00	
General Reserves			663,985.00	
TOTAL CASH BALANCE JANUARY 1, 2023		\$	\$ 1,798,653.00	
ESTIMATED CASH BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2023 (EXCLUDING ADVANCE TAX ROLL COLLECTIONS):				
Designated Reserves (Includes ARPA Funds)		\$	\$ 1,134,668.00	
General Reserves			639,103.00	
TOTAL ESTIMATED CASH BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2023		\$	\$ 1,773,771.00	

Notice is hereby given that a Special Town Meeting will be held in the Town of Hull, Portage County, Wisconsin on November 14, 2023.

**TOWN OF HULL
NOTICE OF PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING**

Location	Town of Hull Municipal Building 4550 Wojcik Memorial Dr., Stevens Point, WI 54482	
Time: 5:30 p.m.	Immediately following the PUBLIC HEARING on the PROPOSED 2024 BUDGET A) Approve the 2024 town tax levy to be paid in 2023 Local tax levy of \$3.57 per thousand of assessed value	\$1,633,270
Following adjournment of the Special Town Meeting, the Town Board will convene to take action on the 2024 budget.		

Dated this 26th day of October, 2023

Desiree Redditt
Town of Hull Municipal Clerk
DISPLAY AD: OCTOBER 31, 2023

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

Town of Hull, Portage County

Whereas, s 60.10(1) (a), Wis. Stat. 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 properly noticed to approve the 2023 total tax levy (to be collected in 2024), pursuant to s. 60.10(1)(a), Wis. Stat.;

THEREFORE, the special town meeting of the Town of Hull, Portage County, Wisconsin, by majority vote of the eligible electors duly assembled and voting on this 14th day of November 2023, hereby resolves and orders as follows:

The town electors of the Town of Hull, Portage County, Wisconsin, adopt the town levy for 2023 (To be collected in 2024) in the amount of \$1,633,270

The Town Clerk shall properly post or publish this resolution as required by law under s. 60.80(1)(a), Wis. Stat. within 30 days of adoption.

Adopted this 14th day of November 2023, at a Special Town Meeting.

Number of Town Electors voting aye 12
Number of Town Electors voting nay 0
Number of abstaining or not voting 0

Signature of Town Chairperson

David Chaf

Attested by Town Clerk

[Signature]