

**TOWN OF RIVERVIEW
2024 BUDGET HEARING
November 14, 2023**

The Town of Riverview Budget Hearing was called to order on November 14, 2023, at 6:00 P.M. at the Riverview Town Hall by Chairperson Zittlow. Supervisors Szepanski and VanZeeland were present along with Town Clerk Hartman and Treasurer Niesen. (3 citizens)

There were 10 Citizens and 1 guest in attendance. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairperson Zittlow noted that the Open Meeting Laws were complied with. Hartman noted that the Budget Hearing and Special Meeting of the Electors were posted on the Website, Mountain PO, Tar Dam Recycle Center, Town Hall Board and the Crooked Lake Community Center on October 23rd and the Summary Budget was posted on November 1st.

Meeting minutes for the 2022 Budget Hearing were available for the public. Elsie Jensen made a motion to accept the 2022 meeting minutes, 2nd by Don Prueter. Motion carried.

Copies of the 2024 proposed budget were available for those present. Zittlow opened the meeting up for any questions regarding the budget. Hartman noted that detailed Budget Reports were also available – 11 pages.

1. Zittlow mentioned that at the Meeting of the Electors in April, it was estimated that the Community Center would add approximately \$86 / \$100,000. It turns out to be closer to \$49/ \$100,000. This is due to an interest rate of 5% and the new valuations of the Riverview Properties
2. Hartman also noted that the board had been able to balance the budget with a “surplus” of \$29,000, which was designated to go toward the Building Allocation Fund
3. Hartman noted that the Shared Revenue Funds from the State of WI increased by \$43832.
4. Zittlow mentioned that some of the sub-category’s expenses were increased or decreased based on the new allocations for the Fire Department accounts. This will help with proper expense accounts when the existing building is no longer separated between the Fire Department and the Administrative Expenses
5. Zittlow also mentioned that Roads are always a big part of the budget and in 2024 the board would like to focus on Crack Sealing to assure a longer life of the roads that were paved in the past few years. Dick Booth asked about blacktopping the rest of Tar Dam. Zittlow noted that Hogan had applied for and received a grant for that section of road, but that the Grant was for around \$20,000 after the Town paid close to \$300,000. That would be a big project and would use almost 3 years’ worth of “Blacktopping” Budgets. Tar Dam is not planned to get blacktopped in 2024.
6. Curt Hoffman asked about the increase of the tax budget. Zittlow noted that the Taxes Revenue showed a \$198988 budget change and that \$189,000 of that was for the new building “General Obligation Debt” and that the Levy only increased by about \$8000.

After the review and discussion, Dick Booth made a motion to adjourn the Public Budget Hearing, Jeff Nelson 2nd the motion. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:11pm and we moved into the Special Town Meeting of the Electors

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING OF THE ELECTORS

The Town of Riverview Elector's Meeting was held immediately following the completion of the Public Hearing on the proposed 2024 town budget. It began at approximately 6:12 p.m.

Chairperson Zittlow called to order a Special Meeting of the Electors to approve the town tax levy for the following purposes:

1. To approve the 2023 total town tax levy to be collected in 2024 pursuant to s.60.10(1)(a) of Wis. Statutes.

Don Prueter made a motion to approve the 2023 total town tax levy as proposed by the Town Board. 2nd by Dick Booth. All were in favor. Zittlow counted the attendants. Counting 11 people (one was a high school aged daughter) and adding the 3 board members made 13 Ayes, 0 Nay, 1 Abstains.

Meeting adjourned at 6:14

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Hartman, Clerk
November 17, 2023