

**TOWN OF GREEN BAY  
BROWN COUNTY, WISCONSIN**

**Minutes of Public Budget Hearing Meeting  
Tuesday, November 8, 2005**

Time: 7:00 pm – 8:25 pm

Location: Town Hall

Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 6, 2005

Attendance: Supervisor and Acting Chairperson Cary Dequaine, Supervisor Dianne Jacobs, Treasurer Doris Jadin, Clerk Debbie Mercier, Constable Robert Geyer, Zoning Administrator Gary Jonet

22 Residents were present

Chairperson Dequaine called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

Clerk verified properly posted and published.

**Public Budget Meeting of the Electors on the 2006 Proposed Budget**

Jacobs made a motion to open the floor with a second by Dequaine. Motion Carried. 2-0

Hal Goodman – questioned the big difference in the budget areas; specifically the revenues in other financing and the special charges

Clerk explained the revenues in other financing: \$11,000 was budgeted in the prior year for interest on debt service for a proposed satellite fire station, it was not used therefore a resolution will be made to transfer the \$11,000

Supervisor Jacobs explained the proposed special charge of the garbage and recycling is one way the town can help to gain additional dollars for road repair. This charge would be equally divided amongst the approximate 773 households in the town which currently receive garbage and recycling service – it would come to approximately \$97/per household and is an equal way to divide this expense

Larry Pinchart – asked to hear the Treasurer's current report

Treasurer read November report / through October 31, 2005 Total Monies On Hand - \$206,770.85

Dawn Goodman – questioned the levy/mill rate of 1.74, will this cover what is needed to repair roads or what is needed to get the roads repaired?

Supervisor Jacobs explained the cost of road repair has gone up; also increase of fuel costs have and will impact cost of road repair

Jim Roberts – questioned if the town has received estimates of what it would take to repair the roads.

Supervisor Dequaine explained the Board has applied for TRIP money, not certain at this time what the town will be given. As far as estimates at this time, it would only be a guess.

Supervisor Jacobs explained we also need money for regular maintenance. The Board would like to repair the roads in need of most repairs first, she explained an engineer has estimated the cost of Mercier Road alone at approximately \$330,000

Supervisor Dequaine explained Mercier Road did not have a sufficient base when it was built; the ditches were graded and the topsoil was pushed to the middle and gravel and topsoil on top of that he further explained the estimate includes purchasing property to widen the road which the road could be left at the same width

Supervisor Jacobs explained the electors have to set the levy and they can increase if they desire

Vivian Rice - Questioned the length of repair of Edgewater Beach, and asked if it include Stone Tower Road? She explained there is high traffic going down Stone Tower Road and has concerns of the condition of the road

Supervisor Jacobs explained she knows it would include Edgewater Beach down the shore. She further explained the support wall is giving in at the end of Edgewater Beach Road and this is of importance at this time and is currently being monitored.

There was a question whether the special charge would be tax deductible

Treasurer explained special charges are not tax deductible.

Jim Roberts – questioned the difference in revenue between the set levy and the special charges and what they generate

The Town Board explained they would generate the same revenue; the only difference is the special charge would be a more equal way across the board to generate the garbage and recycling costs.

Dianne Jonet – questioned if the garbage and recycling service would stay the same

The Board explained that would remain the same, the only difference is the way the income is generated.

Linette Servais – explained roads are used the same no matter what a person's home is valued at

Linette Servais made a motion to adopt the summary budget with a second by Dawn Goodman.

**Electors Vote = Aye – 22    Nay – 0    Motion Carried.**

Discussion held regarding the levy and mill rate.

Supervisor Jacobs explained the electors have the power to set the levy and mill rate. She further explained the Proposed Capital Expenditures of the Fire Department: 2007 looking at replacing one of the tankers which would cost an estimate of \$150,000, in 2008 they're looking at replacing another larger fire truck at an estimate cost of \$300,000, and in 2010 looking to replace a tanker at an estimate cost of \$175,000. She expressed the Chairman's interest of adding an additional \$11,000 to debt service either for capital expenditures or land used for a satellite fire station down the road.

Discussion held.

If the additional \$11,000 would be added, the mill rate would increase by 7 cents to 1.54

The Board explained the State is requiring a new Voting Machine for the Handicap which will cost between \$4,000 to \$6,000 this is why the Clerk and Election Expense was increased.

Jeff Theys – questioned the fire equipment updates and the town's input as to the expenses

Supervisor Dequaine explained representatives from the three town's Humboldt, Scott and Green Bay do attend the Fire Department meetings.

Discussion held regarding the importance of road maintenance to avoid safety hazards.

Discussion held regarding the special charge for garbage and recycling.

Dianne Jonet – expressed the concern of the condition of Gravel Pit Road

Question on the floor regarding the process of asking for the money to repair the roads. The Board explained they have proposed in the past for road repair funding but it has always been cut. It is up to the electors to determine the levy and portion allowed for road repair.

Question on the floor regarding the Public Works Expenses and what is included in that increase.

Clerk explained it is for Road Repair, Highway/Street Lighting, Other Sanitation (Sharps), Bridge Fund and Garbage and Recycling.

Supervisor Dequaine explained the process of the Bridge Fund, Electors vote on Fund amount at the Annual Meeting and the County matches. However, it can only be used on Bridge Repair.

Currently the Town has two bridges on Gauthier Road that are in poor condition and they are being monitored. We are waiting for the DNR to do their water study. The bridges are currently concrete, but the town would like to put in large culverts if possible to cut the cost.

Hal Goodman – questioned the fire department scheduled expenditures, are they set or is that flexible

The Town Board explained it was given as a rough schedule. They do not know exact costs, but wanted the town's to be able to plan ahead for budgeting.

Jim Jansen – questioned if the tank is bad and if the Fire Department has looked into other options

Supervisor Dequaine – explained the trucks are getting old, they were going to get an estimate to sand blast and coat it but, it was recommended that they patch and use for a couple of years. The trucks are sold, because they won't take trade-ins.

Question on the floor if the County contributes to road repair.

Supervisor Dequaine explained the County is also looking for ways to generate revenue. They do not contribute to municipal road expenditures.

Supervisor Jacobs explained the Governor put a 2 % limit on the levy increase.

Clerk explained the increase could be no more than the greater of 2% or a percentage equal to the percentage change in the equalized value due to new construction, which for our town is 5.139%.

Question on the floor regarding possible fund raising to earn revenue dollars for road repair

The Board explained they have not heard of other town's doing that

Question on the floor if we can reduce in some of the other areas such as recycling

The Board explained there are problems with that as well, it would need to be monitored and there are expenses involved.

Vivian Rice - questioned how many miles of roads need repair?

Supervisor Dequaine explained there are 44 miles in our town, but it is not currently listed as to road miles in need of repair at this time.

Larry Pinchart – explained if a contractor damages roads, they should be liable

Supervisor Dequaine explained the town does not currently have weight restrictions on our roads and if we did, we wouldn't have anybody to monitor it

Question on the floor to see if it would be possible for the town to approach the farmer on that corner, to see if he would be willing to pay part of it.

Supervisor Dequaine – explained it has been brought up and the business owner pays the taxes like everyone else and pays for permits as well

Jim Jansen – explained the road was not done properly to begin with, so you can't blame the owner of the farm

The Board explained Grant money has been applied for on that portion of Mercier Road.

Motion made to close the floor by Jacobs with a second by Dequaine. 2-0 Motion Carried.

Motion made to open the floor by Jacobs. Second by Dequaine. Motion Carried. 2-0

**1. To approve the total highway expenditures for 2006 pursuant to Sec. 82.03 of Wis. Statutes**

Bob Boncher made a motion to approve the total highway expenditures and to exceed pursuant to Sec. 82.03. Second made by John Metzler.

**Elector Vote = Aye – 18 Nay –3 Motion Carried.**

**2. To consider the adoption of a resolution by the town meeting endorsing a town board resolution which proposes that the town levy will exceed the state levy limit under Sec. 66.0602 of Wis. Statutes, specifically a proposed tax levy which would exceed the town tax levy for the past year by 6.6 percentage which would be a dollar increase of \$14,194 over the town tax levy for 2004 of \$216,162.**

John Metzler made a motion to exceed the State Levy Limits with a second by Bob Boncher.

**Elector Vote = Aye – 17 Nay – 5 Motion Carried.**

**3. To approve the 2005 town tax levy to be paid in 2006 pursuant to Section 60.10 (1)(a) of Wis. Statutes.**

Motion made by Patrick Rice to increase the mill rate to 1.57 for a tax levy of \$246,356. With the increase to be used toward road repair. Second by Bob Boncher.

**Elector Vote = Ayes – 16 Nays – 8 Motion Carried.**

Jim Roberts questioned the road repair process and how the roads are prioritized. Supervisor Dequaine explained the roads were reviewed by a Road's Committee and also someone from the County does a road review. The Board requests bids and makes the final decision.

Motion made to close the floor by Jacobs. With a second by Dequaine. 2-0 Motion Carried.

Motion made to adjourn by James Jansen. Second made by Matt Bosman.

**Elector Vote = Aye – 22 Nay – 0 Motion Carried. Adjourned at 8:19**

**Town Board Meeting on the Proposed 2006 Budget.**

Chairperson Dequaine called the meeting to order at 8:20 pm.

Supervisor Dequaine made a motion to adopt the 2006 Budget that was proposed by the electors of the Town of Green Bay with \$226,000 budgeted for Hwy State and Local Roads. Second made by Supervisor Jacobs. Motion Carried. 2-0 See Exhibit A

Supervisor Jacobs made a motion to adjourn. Second by Supervisor Dequaine. 2-0 Motion Carried. Adjourned 8:25 pm.

Submitted By: Debbie Mercier, Clerk  
Town of Green Bay