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PUBLIC HEARING
Wednesday, November 4, 2020

A Public Hearing was called to order by Chairman Charlie Hall regarding the proposed 2020 Town Budget. Present were Hall, Supervisor John Gaedke, Interim- Supervisor Tim Healy and Tim McCumber, Town Administrator & Clerk – Treasurer. McCumber gave a report regarding the budget noting changes from the October presentation. He added that the town could not adjust the levy for the fire commission and didn't have adequate time to publish a notice but did state the board should consider exceeding the levy limit next year. Motion to adjourn the public hearing by Gaedke. Second by Healy. Motion passed.

PUBLIC HEARING
Wednesday, November 4, 2020

A Public Hearing was called to order by Interim Chairman Charlie Hall regarding Proposed Ordinance #2020-37 establishing Fire Protection Charges. No one appeared. Motion to adjourn the public hearing by Gaedke. Second by Healy. Motion passed.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
Wednesday, November 4, 2020

A Special Town Meeting was called to order by Chairman Hall to consider the **2019 Tax Levy payable in 2020**. No other matter may be considered at this meeting. Also, in attendance were electors John Gaedke and Tim Healy. Town Clerk McCumber reported that based on the budget, the proposed levy limit is \$228,952. Motion by Gaedke to adopt the proposed levy, second by Healy. Motion passed. Motion to adjourn by Gaedke, second by Healy. Motion passed.

MINUTES OF THE TOWN BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, November 4, 2020

Present were Charlie Hall, Interim - Chair, Supervisor John Gaedke, Interim Supervisor Tim Healy, and Tim McCumber, Town Administrator & Clerk – Treasurer.

Chairman Hall called the **TOWN BOARD MEETING** to order. McCumber confirmed the meeting had been properly noticed. The board considered approval of minutes of the town board meeting of October 7, 2020. Motion by Hall to approve the minutes, second by Gaedke. Motion passed. The board reviewed the financial reports and approval of bills. Motion by Gaedke, to approve, second by Hall. Motion passed. Under **PUBLIC COMMENT**, no one appeared. Under **CORRESPONDENCE**, there was none. Under **REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES**, Gaedke reported the Yard Waste Collection Day went well. McCumber reported the town had a record turnout with 845 voters and 844 ballots cast. The poll workers think someone left with their ballot thinking it was a receipt. The town also had 100% voter registration at 879 registered voters. Turnout was 96%. Biden won the town with 418 votes; Trump had 399 votes. Under **NEW BUSINESS**, the board considered Ordinance #2020-37 establishing Fire Protection Charges in the Town of Merrimac. McCumber reported that with levy limits, the fire budget increased more than the town's allowable levy limit. The cost of fire calls can be paid by the property owner's insurance company. This would allow the town to collect the fees for a fire the town has to pay to the fire department from the from the property owner. Motion by Hall to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Gaedke. Motion passed. The board then considered prepaying Hill's Wiring for installation of outlets for the wireless security camera system utilizing the Roads to Recovery grant; must be paid by November 6, 2020. The cost will be \$995. McCumber reported that this expense can be prepaid according to the terms of the grant and has to be paid prior to November 6th. Motion to approve by Gaedke, second by Hall. Motion passed. The board also considered

the purchase of an additional laptop totaling \$1,506.26 elections processing from home as it relates to Covid-19 or other emergencies utilizing the Roads to Recovery grant; must be paid by November 6, 2020. McCumber noted that the elections software has to be in a secure location so this laptop can only be used at his residence or at the town hall. If he were to be confined due to illness, he could still process election work which is the one thing he cannot do now. It is an allowable expense under the grant. Motion to approve by Healy, second by Hall. Motion passed. The board then considered any unspent portion of the Roads to Recovery grant being reallocated to Sauk County. McCumber reported the town has to prepurchase supplies for Merrimac Community School) and cannot simply transfer the monies. He is working on supplies with the school, but doesn't have a cost yet. He also mentioned the town should consider some additional equipment for conference calls, etc. Gaedke made a motion to allow McCumber to purchase the materials and any other items the town could use that are grant reimbursable with any unused balance allotted to Sauk County. Seconded by Healy. Motion passed. The board then considered the 2021 Assessment Maintenance Contract with Equity Appraisal totaling \$10,500. McCumber reported there was no change from 2019, but Steve Mahlik is working on a longer term contract for consideration next year. Motion to approve by Hall, second by Healy. Motion passed. The board also considered the 2020 tax bill newsletter insert. McCumber added a third page showing how the revaluation impacts the mill rate, so there would be three pages rather than the standard two if they choose to include it. Motion by Gaedke to approve the three inserts, seconded by Healy. Motion passed. Finally, the board considered the McCumber reviewed adjustments he made from last month and noted that there may be an additional garbage assessment. Motion by Hall, seconded by Gaedke to approve the 2021 budget. Motion passed.

Motion to adjourn by Gaedke, second by Heally. Motion approved.