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MINUTES SPECIAL ELECTOR MEETING
NOVEMBER 16, 2022
7:00 PM

Call To Order: Chairman Tom Christensen called the Public Hearing to order at 7:05 PM

Budget discussion with 114 electors. Posted on website prior to electors meeting. Adjourn public hearing for budget at 7:42 pm

Randy Hemauer – Asking why dumpster rate has increased. The amount includes dumpsters and transfer station and pricing has increased. Wondering if the fire department could pay for some of the dumpster use due to flea market.

Mike Larrabee – Looks like overall 2023 budget is increasing by 20% over 2022. Appreciative of understanding some of the cost increases and changes in budget from 2022 to 2023. Kudos to the FD, have been providing an excellent job.

Sharon Vonasek – How much money comes from the fire department flea market? It goes to the fire department association, not the town budget.

Terry Duke – 2023 budget includes \$17,000 in road maintenance, how are we going to spend \$200,000. That is the next step, required by statute to have a budget hearing. Could WISLR be done in house and save money town money rather than have MSA. MSA is trained to do WISLR and it is cost effective for them to do this; DPW does not have appropriate training for this.

Cheryl Kelsey – Where is room tax on this budget? Room tax is a separate budget and not part of the town operating budget.

Fred Radtke – Revenue from room tax should be on budget. This is spent on tourism items and is not part of the operating budget. Room tax budget is published on town's website.

Call To Order: Chairman Tom Christensen called the Special Electors meeting to order at 7:42 pm.

Verification of posting verified by clerk

Informed citizens how to sign up for constant contact.

Consideration of Electors Resolution SGE22-11-01, Electors Endorsement of the Town Board's Resolution to Exceed the Levy Limit. Discussion had with board and community members.

Jim Penkalski – Is there a road standard from state or county? Industry standard is 7-10 years. Roads needing major repair; Peterson Road.

Ted Ritter – MSA evaluates condition of roads for St Germain, not a product supplier.

Dave Gardner – Would the \$200,000 be specifically for town maintenance program and not transferred to another budget line? Ordinance is created to earmark this money for town maintenance program only.

Fred Radtke – Indicates this levy increase will be \$1,000,000 over 5 years. Would like to see ballot prior to electors meeting.

Jack Wiggin – Negative at first with it going up 22%, after review this is affordable. Infrastructure of the community is our roads.

Tim Clark – Would like it on tax roll for 1 year as we will be adding an increase for the fire truck in 2024. It would have to be an action item to remove the increase if approved at next year's levy meeting.

Robin Lindberg – Resolution states for 2022. Stays in budget until elector's determine it needs to be removed.

Phil Monday – Calls for a vote.

Voting on Electors Resolution SGE22-11-01. Passed; 70 yes and 44 no

Consideration of Electors Resolution SGE22-11-02, 2021 Town Tax. Discussion had with board and community members

Voting on Electors Resolution SGE22-11-02. Passed; 69 yes, 33 no and 12 abstained/not voting

Consideration of Electors Resolution SG22-11-03, Elector Approval to Adjust Wages of Town Clerk. Discussion had with board and community members

Voting on Electors Resolution SG22-11-03. Passed; 72 yes, 18 no and 24 abstained/not voting

Adjourn: Christensen adjourned meeting at 9:18 PM.

Town Clerk

STATE OF WISCONSIN
Town of St. Germain, Vilas County

Resolution SGE2022-11-01

**ELECTORS ENDORSEMENT OF THE TOWN BOARD'S
RESOLUTION TO EXCEED THE LEVY LIMIT**

WHEREAS the State of Wisconsin has imposed levy limits on town tax levies for 2022 and thereafter under Wis. Stat. § 66.0602; and

WHEREAS Wis. Stat. § 66.0602(5) allows the town electors in a town with a population of less than 3,000 to exceed the maximum allowable levy limit by adoption of a resolution at a town meeting of the town electors; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has adopted resolution SG2022-10-01 supporting an increase in the tax levy which would exceed the maximum allowable state levy limit; and

WHEREAS a special meeting of the town electors has been called and properly noticed to consider the adoption of a resolution to endorse Town Board resolution SG2022-10-01 to exceed the state levy limits, specifically by increasing the allowable town tax levy for 2022 (to be collected in 2023) by 21.993%.

THEREFORE, the special town meeting, by a majority vote of the eligible electors duly assembled and voting on this 16th day of November 2022, hereby resolves and orders as follows:

1. The town electors endorse Town Board resolution SG2022-10-01 to increase the town tax levy for 2022 (to be collected in 2023) after adjustments, by 21.993% over the allowable 2022 levy, for a dollar increase of \$200,000.00, for a total town tax levy, after adjustments, of \$1,109,388.00.
2. The town clerk shall properly post or publish this resolution as required by law under Wis. Stat. § 60.80(1)(a) within 30 days after its adoption.

Adopted this 16th day of November 2022

Number of town electors voting aye 70

Number of town electors voting nay 44

Number abstaining or not voting (if determined) 0

Attest



Tom Christensen, Town Chairman



June Vogel, Town Clerk

STATE OF WISCONSIN
Town of St. Germain, Vilas County

Resolution SGE2022-11-02

ELECTORS RESOLUTION TO ADOPT 2022 TOWN TAX LEVY
(To be collected in 2023)

WHEREAS Wis. Stat. § 60.10(1)(a) authorizes town electors to adopt the town tax levy at a town meeting of the electors; and

WHEREAS a special town meeting of the town electors has been called and properly noticed to approve the 2022 total town tax levy (to be collected in 2023), pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 60.10(1)(a);

THEREFORE, the special town meeting, by a majority vote of the eligible electors duly assembled and voting on this 16th day of November 2022, hereby resolves and orders as follows:

1. The town electors adopt the total town tax levy for 2022 (to be collected in 2023) in the amount of \$1,109,388.00
2. The town clerk shall properly post or publish this resolution as required by law under Wis. Stat. § 60.80(1)(a) within 30 days after its adoption.

Adopted this 16th day of November 2022

Number of town electors voting aye 69

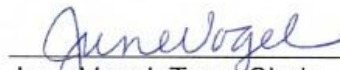
Number of town electors voting nay 33

Number abstaining or not voting (if determined) 12

Attest



Tom Christensen, Town Chairman



June Vogel, Town Clerk

STATE OF WISCONSIN
Town of St. Germain, Vilas County

Resolution SGE2022-11-03

ELECTOR APPROVAL TO ADJUST WAGES OF TOWN CLERK

WHEREAS coordination of public use of Town facilities has for many years been a service purchased by the Town Board from Business Connection, a St. Germain business, at cost of \$120.00 per month, and more recently from the St. Germain Chamber of Commerce at a cost of \$250.00 to \$300.00 per month; and

WHEREAS at a Town Board meeting on December 13, 2021, the St. Germain Town Clerk did, effective February 1, 2022, accept responsibility for coordination of public use of Town facilities as a duty above and beyond the statutory expectations of the clerk, but has not been compensated for those duties; and

WHEREAS section 29.13 of Chapter 29 – Town Procedures ordinance provides for the Clerk's wages to be delineated within the Town's budget to specifically include compensation for Town facilities public usage coordination; and

WHEREAS Wisconsin Statute 60.32(1)(a) states "the town meeting shall establish the compensation of elective town offices",

NOW, BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED those electors in attendance at the special town meeting this 16th day of November 2022, authorize the Town Board to increase compensation of the Clerk's present wages of \$20,000.00 per year by \$300.00 per month effective at the beginning of the Clerk's 2023 term of office.


Adopted this 16th day of November 2022

Number of town electors voting aye 72

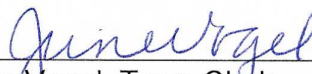
Number of town electors voting nay 18

Number abstaining or not voting (if determined) 24

Attest



Tom Christensen, Town Chairman



June Vogel, Town Clerk