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MINUTES SPECIAL ELECTOR MEETING
NOVEMBER 15, 2022
7:00 PM

Call To Order: Chairman Tom Christensen called the Public Hearing to order at 7:03 PM

In attendance 114

Verification by clerk - posted in accordance to state requirements prior to public hearing to meet the 15 day requirement. Budget discussion by electors.

Jeff Sauer, Alan Breck, Al Anderson, Don Elfstrom - Asked about change in debt and change in tax income, clarification on tax increase.

Don Elfstrom - Would like a company balance sheet. Questioned why taking out a 4 year loan vs 10 year loan? Shorter loan period due to difference in interest amount to be paid, save taxpayers money.

Close public hearing to 7:22

Call To Order: Chairman Tom Christensen called the Special Electors meeting to order at 7:22 pm.

Verification by clerk - Published in accordance to state requirements prior to special electors meeting. Also posted at three town locations.

Consideration of Electors Resolution SGE23-11-01, Electors Endorsement of the Town Board's Resolution to Exceed the Levy Limit. Board explained the purpose of this increase for nonroutine maintenance of town facilities. Discussion with community members. Tom Christensen listed the roads that had work done due as a result of the Town Road Maintenance Plan; crack sealing and overlay.

Phil Monday – Question about current maintenance being done. Could room tax money be used for this vs raising the levy?

Patrice Pergolski – Wants to know how much taxes will go up. Examples given of increase for average house of \$315,000.

Ken Dahnke - When does road maintenance levy expire for \$200,000 a year? It does not have a sunset, would need a resolution to have it removed.

Melissa Elfstrom – Is there a town facility plan? What buildings would fall under this plan?

Terry Duke - Asked how much the town paid for engineering services. Those expenses are attached to a project, not a separate budget line.

Fred Radtke – What is current budget for town maintenance? Need to budget ahead of time and save money.

Carolyn Ritter – Levy limits have not kept up with cost of inflation. \$100,000 will start to make improvements and necessary repairs to maintain facilities.

Don Elfstrom – Wants to see other expenses addressed before collecting another \$100,000.

Voting on Electors Resolution SGE23-11-01. Passed; 61 yes, 51 no and 2 abstained/not voting

Consideration of Electors Resolution SGE23-11-02, 2021 Town Tax. Discussion had with board and community members

Voting on Electors Resolution SGE23-11-02. Passed; 65 yes, 39 no and 10 abstained/not voting

Adjourn: Christensen adjourned meeting at 9:09 PM.

Town Clerk

STATE OF WISCONSIN
Town of St. Germain, Vilas County

Resolution SGE2023-11-01

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 2023 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 SG2023-10-01 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 SG2023-10-01 to exceed the State Levy Limits, specifically by increasing the allowable town tax levy for 2023 (to be collected in 2024) by 6.324%.

THEREFORE, the special town meeting, by a majority vote of the eligible electors, duly assembled and voting on this 15th day of November 2023, hereby resolves and orders as follows:

1. The town electors endorse Town Board Resolution SG2023-10-01 to increase the town tax levy for 2023 (to be collected in 2024) after adjustments, by 6.324% over the allowable 2023 levy, for a dollar increase of \$100,000.00 for a total town tax levy, after adjustments of \$1,681,270.56.
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.

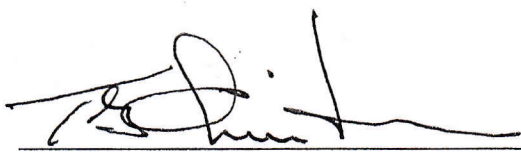
Adopted this 15th day of November 2023.

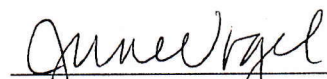
Number of town electors voting aye 61

Number of town electors voting nay 51

Number abstaining or not voting (if determined) 2

Attest


Tom Christensen, Town Chairman


June Vogel, Town Clerk

STATE OF WISCONSIN
Town of St. Germain, Vilas County

Resolution SGE2023-11-02

ELECTORS RESOLUTION TO ADOPT 2023 TOWN TAX LEVY
(To be collected in 2024)

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 2023 total town levy (to be collected in 2024), 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 15th day of November 2023, hereby resolves and orders as follows:

1. The town electors adopt the total tax levy for 2023 (to be collected in 2024) in the amount of \$1,681,270.56.
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 15th day of November 2023.

Number of town electors voting aye 65

Number of town electors voting nay 39

Number abstaining or not voting (if determined) 10

Attest



Tom Christensen, Town Chairman



June Vogel, Town Clerk