

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING  
AND SPECIAL TOWN MEETING OF ELECTORS  
Town of Trenton Town Hall, 1071 Highway 33 East, West Bend, WI 53095  
November 11, 2024, 6:30 PM.

Present: Chairman Mike Lipscomb, Supervisor Barb Davies, Town Administrator/Deputy Clerk Cindy Komro (all are Town electors), Clerk Heather Krueger.

Other Town electors present were George Spaeth, Cindy Roden, Bob Roden, Dennis Kay, Tony Thoma, Lee Kidney, and Ray Werhand.

Excused: Ed Doerr

Chairman Lipscomb called the Budget Public Hearing to order at 6:30 p.m.

Lipscomb read the Notice of Public Hearing called to consider the Proposed 2025 Budget for the Town of Trenton.

Administrator Clerk Cindy Komro reviewed the proposed budget. The base Town levy limited by the State of Wisconsin is \$1,003,809.

Lipscomb asked for any questions or comments. Dennis Kay asked about the Public Safety budget line item. Lipscomb explained that public safety includes Fire/EMS contract with Newburg Fire Department, and represents a 10% increase (\$21,350) over the 2024 contract amount. Also included in public safety is the Town of Trenton Police Department costs. Discussion followed regarding options to cover the Fire/EMS charges going forward, which are expected to increase substantially from year to year. Komro explained the following options for Board consideration: 1) asking the Town residents to allow an increase in the town levy, 2) reducing the town levy and adding the Fire/EMS costs to each property as a special charge on the property tax bills, and 3) changing nothing so that the Fire/EMS costs are included in the yearly budget. In 2025, the Fire/EMS costs total \$234,863, about 23% of the base town levy.

Lipscomb closed the Public Budget Hearing at 6:50 PM.


Chairman Lipscomb called the Special Town Meeting to order at 6:51 p.m.

Approval of Resolution 2024.11.01, Adopting 2024 Town Tax Levy to be paid in 2025.

**It was moved by elector Ray Werhand and seconded by elector Dennis Kay to approve Resolution 2024.11.01 adopting the base town tax for 2024 (to be collected in 2025) for \$1,003,809. This base tax levy is net of 2025 personal property aid and does not include adjustments for debt service. The total tax levy, including adjustments for debt service, is \$1,312,307.00. Motion passed 10-0.**

Chairman Mike Lipscomb closed the Special Town Meeting of Electors at 6:53 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Heather Krueger, Town Clerk

These minutes were approved at the November 18, 2024, Town Board Meeting and were posted on the Town of Trenton's official website on December 10, 2024. Cindy Komro, Town Administrator.