

STATE OF WISCONSIN

Town of Washington

Door County

Notice is hereby given that the Town of Washington, Door County, Wisconsin will hold a Public Hearing on the Town's proposed 2024 budget on Monday, November 13, 2023, at 6:00 PM, at the Washington Island Community Center, 910 Main Road, Washington Island, WI. Immediately following the Public Hearing, a Special Town Elector Meeting will be held to approve the 2023 total town tax levy to be collected in 2024. The proposed budget in detail is available for inspection on the Town's website at www.washingtonisland-wi.gov and at the Town Office.

MINUTES

PUBLIC HEARING ON TOWN'S PROPOSED 2024 BUDGET

1. The public hearing on the town's proposed 2024 budget was called to order by Town Chairman Hans Lux at 6:05 PM.
2. Chairman Lux led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Chairman Lux began the meeting in describing the process specific to towns of the approving the levy increase, and then approving the total levy and budget. Chairman Lux thanked the public for attending. Approximately 140 people were in attendance.
4. Chairman Lux reminded the public to take the comprehensive plan survey, either by mail or online. He thanked the board for their many hours of work analyzing the town's finances. He thanked the different department heads for their continued commitment to the town, especially the DPW dealing with being short staffed. He also highlighted the increased effort by the Police Department. Lastly, Chairman Lux spoke about planning for replacing Fire Department equipment, the decaying infrastructure, and the repairs needed at the Rec Center.
5. Chairman Lux opened the floor to residents' statements and questions.
6. Several residents asked questions about the purpose of capital outlay, how the budget was organized, and the amount of increase to the public safety line items. Discussion about the justification of hiring a third officer took place. Residents asked for data about the volume of increased calls and the nature of the calls. Police Chief Tyler McGrane agreed to look into providing specific data at a later time. Residents thanked the officers for their hard work. Discussion ensued about whether more mental health services were needed on the island as opposed to police presence. Lastly, discussion on finding other revenue sources besides raising the levy occurred. Some residents were in favor of finding a method to find a way to increase revenue from tourists that would benefit the town.
7. After all residents who wanted to make statements were able, Chairman Lux closed public comment.
8. Chairman Lux adjourned the public hearing at 7:37 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alexandria McDonald, Clerk/Treasurer

Hans Lux, Chairman

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Notice is hereby given that a special town meeting of the electors of the Town of Washington, Door County, Wisconsin will be held at the Community Center located at 910 Main Road, Washington Island, Wisconsin, on the 13 day of November, 2023, immediately following the completion of the Public Hearing on the proposed 2024 town budget, which begins at 6 PM, for the following purposes:

1. To consider the adoption of a resolution by the electors at the town meeting endorsing a town board resolution which proposes that the town levy exceed the state allowable levy limit under Wis. Stat. § 66.0602, specifically a proposed tax levy which would exceed the allowable town tax levy for 2023, by 22.070 %, for a dollar increase of \$365,340.
2. To approve the 2023 total town tax levy (to be collected in 2024), pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 60.10(1)(a).

A Special Town Board Meeting will be held immediately following the completion of the Special Town Meeting of Electors.

MINUTES

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING OF ELECTORS

1. Chairman Lux called the Special Town Meeting of Electors to order.
2. Voting to approve Resolution 2023-06 and Resolution 2023-07 began at 7:38 and ended at 8:08.
3. Clerk/Treasurer Alexandria McDonald and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Janet Jorgenson collected the ballots and tallied the votes.
4. Resolution 2023-06 failed by 49 ayes to 84 nays.
5. Resolution 2023-07 failed by 50 ayes to 83 nays.
6. Chairman Lux adjourned the meeting at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alexandria McDonald, Clerk/Treasurer

Hans Lux, Chairman

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The Town Board of the Town of Washington, Door County, Wisconsin, hereby provides its written notice and agenda of the public meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Washington for November 13, 2023, immediately following the Special Town Meeting of the Electors per Department of Justice guidelines. This meeting will be held in the Washington Island Community Center. The town chairperson, or a designee has provided communication of this public meeting to the requisite news media, if any.

MINUTES

SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING

1. Chairman Lux called the Special Town Board Meeting to order at 8:32 PM.
2. Roll Call/Quorum and Approval of Agenda of the Special Town Board Meeting
 - a. In addition to Chairman Lux, Supervisors present included Martin Andersen, Margaret Foss, Larry Kahlscheuer, and Loren Roznai.
3. Discussion of 2024 Budget
 - a. The board came to a consensus that a budget which called for hiring a third police officer was unlikely to pass. The board also agreed that a 22% increase was too great. The board removed the funds allocated for the third officer, removed \$50,000 from the Fire Department capital outlay and \$50,000 from the DPW roads capital outlay meant to accrue in assigned fund balance.
 - b. The new proposed budget called for a 12.570% levy increase in the amount of \$208,077 for a total levy of \$1,863,438, after adjustments.
 - c. Motion by Roznai seconded by Andersen to approve of Resolution 2023-08 Resolution of Town board Proposing to Exceed Levy Limit via Special Town Elector Meeting. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call vote, all ayes.
4. Adoption of 2024 Budget
 - a. Item not applicable.
5. Future meeting(s) agenda(s) discussion(s) and/or possible action(s) on future town board meeting(s), including specific items for inclusion on or exclusion from future agenda(s)
 - a. Regular Town Board Meeting – Wednesday, November 15, 2023, at 6 PM
6. Motion by Roznai seconded by Andersen to adjourn. Motion carried. Adjourned at 9:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alexandria McDonald, Clerk/Treasurer

Hans Lux, Chairman