

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF MERRILL PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING AND
SPECIAL MEETING OF ELECTORS
HELD AT THE TOWN OF MERRILL COMMUNITY CENTER
November 13th, 2023 AT 6:00 P.M.**

PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING:

Chairman Mike Hass called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Chairman Mike Hass, Supervisors Darrel Dengel, Matt Leder, and Cutler Nowak in attendance. Absent Tim Mueske-excused absence. Clerk Mitzi Flegner and Treasurer Kay Tautges.

Also present: See sign in sheet.

The proposed Town of Merrill 2024 Budget was discussed line by line.

Rodney Gutenberger asked about the state shared revenue from \$78,255 in 2023 to \$156,593 in 2024, that is a one time increase by the state. Also questioned was the LRIP 2023 budget was \$189,658, \$15,463 will go towards the work done on Prairie Dr. which leaves \$174,195 to be used towards Airport Rd next year. Scott Streich asked about Highway Maintenance, Chairman Mike Hass went through his numbers and explained how he came up with them. Scott also talked about brush cutting, we will bid that out in May or June. Scott also asked if it was in the budget for salt/sand pit expenses, nothing needs to be budgeted the sand/salt pit is not contaminated. Dewar will be using his, ours, and the counties sand/salt pits. The percentage is incorrect for the difference on the income and expenditures. On income under State Highway Aid, 2023 estimate Nov-Dec \$45,617 needs to be taken off and 2023 Total Act/Est needs to be changed to \$182,467. Tony Baumann asked about cash flow reserve. The CD was just renewed for 7 months with a 5% interest rate. Rodney Gutenberger made a motion to adjourn Public Budget Hearing. Motion 2nd by Tony Baumann. All ayes carried the motion.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING OF ELECTORS

Meeting called to order following completion of the Public Budget Hearing.

2023 Levy (Payable in 2024): Motion made by Kathy Pophal to adopt the Town of Merrill Levy of \$339,079. Motion 2nd by Rodney Gutenberger. All ayes carried motion.

Set Wages for Town Officials For Snowplowing/Heavy Equipment Operation: Motion made by Tony Baumann to pay a Town Officer for snowplowing/heavy equipment operator \$23.50. Motion 2nd by Larry Wenning. Scott Streich opposed, ayes carried the motion.

Motion by Larry Wenning to adjourn. Motion 2nd by Kathy Pophal. All ayes carried motion. Chairman Mike Hass adjourn the Special Town Meeting of Electors at 6:43 P.M.

Mitzi Flegner, Clerk

