

# Meeting of Electors • 2026 Budget

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November 17, 2025 / 7PM @ 6085 County Rd T Oshkosh

## ATTENDEES

Chairman O'Connell, Supervisors Devens & McNamee, C/T Brazee, Deputy C/T Starr, and residents: C. Farrey, J. Kuehn, C. Maertz, and S. Frakes.

Chairman O'Connell called the public hearing to order at 7pm. He presented his PowerPoint displaying an overview of revenues and expenses that were budgeted for 2025 and what the board is proposing for 2026. He encouraged the audience to ask questions.

Farrey questioned what the misc. revenue entails. Brazee explained that it is mostly interest income from CDs and the money market account. Brazee mentioned that the town will have earned roughly \$30k in interest this year on bank accts. O'Connell made mention that putting more money in the general fund and reserve accts putting them in CDs is earning 4-5% interest. Farrey asked if the interest earned on the reserve accts is put into the general fund. Brazee explained that interest on reserve accts go into the reserve account and interest earned in the general fund stays in the general fund acct.

Farrey asked how much the town is budgeting for roads in 2026. O'Connell answered \$300K which is a 4.29% increase from this year. He explained that we do have money in the reserve account set aside if something were to come up unexpectedly.

The balance of the fire truck loan is \$245k and will be paid off in 2027. Farrey spoke up stating that the 2026-27 budget will be substantially reduced once the truck is paid off. O'Connell stated there will be some serious conversations during the budget meetings next year to discuss the town's options. Once the truck is paid off that will be \$120k that won't be in the levy unless we have a new project. He added that if they want to budget that debt service money they will have a project earmarked for the money.

Looking at the expense details, Maertz asked how the town will be saving \$9k on salaries/admin. O'Connell said that we aren't changing any salaries but we have noticed that we have been budgeting in excess of what we have been spending.

Our mill rate will remain \$1.44; same as 2025.

O'Connell provided an update on the MS4 project announcing its completion. We had a 50% grant match from the state. Reporting will be done next year in order to be reimbursed. O'Connell mentioned that in the initial report the DNR used 2020 census information which increased the amount of urbanized area in the town. The met the TMDL requirements in the Neenah Slough watershed but was missed phosphorus reduction in Lake Winnebago and Little Lake Butte des Morts. The initial results would have required the town to submit a plan on how to achieve compliance. There were three options presented to the town, which are quite costly. Since the initial findings, the DNR is backing down on and accepting the modeling from the 2010 census. The areas along Dixie Rd and I-Ah-May-Tah Rd remain and are in compliance with meeting the TMDL targets. We can get our permit renewed without doing any of the 3 options. The permit is good for five years. Farrey stated that previous permits made the town only regulate areas within the public right of way, not outside of the roads. He questioned if the new permit regulates all of the land in the town. Brazee mentioned that it is the same outfalls as listed prior. O'Connell answered saying the focus of the study is done in the urbanized areas which is very different between the 2010 and 2020 census. Water can come from other areas in the town. Farrey believes the permit is only for town roads. He questions if the DNR can require reductions on private property. He is questioning the permit and when did they allow DNR authority outside of public ROW onto private property. O'Connell stated they are trying to go back to the source i.e.: water off of roofs, driveways, etc. into the ditches.

No other questions or comments.

**Motion made by Farrey to approve the 2026 tax levy of \$544,879/seconded by Maertz.** 8 ayes, 0 nay, and 1 abstained. Motion carried.

**Motion to close the meeting of Electors made by Devens/seconded by McNamee.** Motion carried.

The Board reconvened into the Special Town Board meeting.

**Motion to adopt the 2026 Budget made by McNamee/seconded by Devens.**

Motion carried.

O'Connell reaffirmed the mill rate will be \$1.44.

**Motion made by Devens to adjourn/seconded by McNamee.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:39pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Maggie Starr

Deputy Clerk/Treasurer