

**TOWN OF MENASHA  
PUBLIC HEARING OF THE PROPOSED 2011 BUDGET  
Municipal Complex - Assembly Room - Monday, November 15, 2010**

**Minutes**

**1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**

Town Chairman Arden Tews called the Public Hearing to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Town Residents Present: William Ottow, Sallie Ottow, Mike Dillon, Joan Burrill, Melvin Schultz, Roger Clark, Michael Lettier, Dale Youngquist, Mike Lynch, Steve Otto, M.C. Heuer, Joseph Nemecek, Ria Hull, Tracy Romzek, Mark Hesselman, Maury Cox, Barb Knaack, Dale Knaack, Luann Kiesow, Randall Meyer, Shari Voigt, Barb Hanson, Paul Vandenberg, Arden Tews, Greg Ziegler, Shannon Hayes, Rod McCants, Randy Gallow, Keith Kiesow, Len Kachinsky, Gerald Voigt, Dennis Gerhart, Donald Brown, Rob Stern, Deb Swiertz, Bob Bursek, Rachel Youngquist, Judy Youngquist, Kris Koeppe, Dee Lynch

Non-Residents Present: Amanda Geiser, Lucas Telfer, Rich Martin, Karen Backman, Brenda Giese, Steve Laabs

**2. Introduction of Town Board Members and Town Staff**

Chairman Tews thanked everyone for attending and introduced the Town of Menasha elected officials and Town staff.

**3. Review of the Proposed 2011 Budgets of the Town of Menasha, Utility District, and Stormwater Utility**

Chairman Tews used a PowerPoint presentation (attached) to explain the 2011 proposed budget. A breakdown of the total tax bill showing percentages for each taxing authority was explained. For Neenah School District residents the Town portion is 26.1%, and for Menasha School District residents is 24.6%. The proposed 2011 Town tax levy is \$7,689,476 which is an increase of \$265,283. The Town's assessed value for 2011 is \$1,453,032,015 and the proposed Town tax rate is \$5.2920 per thousand, which is a 3.36% increase. This rate is equivalent to \$1.43/month or \$17.19/year for a \$100,000 home.

Chair Tews explained the 2011 Highway General Fund (without personnel) was \$1,188,844 with Capital Projects of \$3,082,000 for a total of \$4,270,844. Chair Tews detailed the Highway and Town Capital projects.

Chair Tews reviewed the Utility District budget. There was a purchased water increase of \$171,269. Revenue consumption has decreased; there was a Debt service increase of \$121,773. Chair Tews went over the water revenues and expenses.

In detailing the Sewer Utility budget, Chair Tews explained that there is an 8.66% increase, which is \$137,965 due to the treatment plants. There will be a proposed rate increase of 7.5% on Jan. 1, 2011. Chair Tews reviewed the revenues, expenses and sewer rates. He outlined the capital projects for water, sewer and storm. The Stormwater Utility revenues and expenses were also discussed.

Chair Tews announced publication participation can begin.

Don Brown, Goss Avenue - Noticed there were 500 building permits for roofing and asked what we used extra surplus money for. It was explained that the money would go into undesignated fund balance; that we need to look at all revenue accounts and the net effect.

William Otto, Dunning Street - The new Governor elect wants everything stopped in Madison; the Republicans want to cut even deeper; Don't take anything from last year's budget for this year's budget; we have some bad roads and you are taking money from that budget when you should be adding to it.

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Joe Nemecek, Susan Avenue - The State budget is \$2.7 billion short; it's obvious why Governor elect Walker is going to do work as soon as he can; we have to look at every dime in spending. He commended the Town for doing a very good job.

Paul Vandenberg, Symphony Boulevard - Felt the Town did a good job with the budget. Everyone is trying to do more with less; it's a tough spot to be in. Asked why some budgets are going up and money keeps being taken from others; specifically why \$5,000 was removed from Parks and Rec.

Chair Tews recognized members present from the Park and Plan Commission.

**4. Close the Public Hearing**

At 7:24 p.m., Chairman Tews closed the Public Hearing.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Backman, Town Clerk