

**TOWN BOARD
BUDGET WORKSHOP**

September 28, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT	Chair Bob Stupi, Supervisors Ben Filter, Jeff Herlitzke, Steve Mieden and Kathy Warzynski
STAFF PRESENT	Town Crew Supervisor John Frauenkron, Clerk Marilyn Pedretti

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Stupi called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Notices were published and posted.

ARPA FUNDS

Stupi outlined two suggestions for spending the America Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. He noted that the ARPA funds could be used for paying essential workers a bonus. Discussion followed. Motion by Filter/Mieden to provide a \$1,000 bonus for John, Jeff and Marilyn and \$500 for Marla and Norm from the ARPA funds. **MOTION** carried unanimously. Motion by Filter/Herlitzke to provide \$100 bonus for election workers who worked the election in 2020 and 2021 from the ARPA funds. **MOTION** carried with 3 abstentions (Stupi, Mieden & Warzynski).

Stupi suggested ARPA funds could be used to build-out the cold storage facility. He reviewed a cost estimate from 2015 and a quote received this week. Discussion followed. It was the consensus to work on specifications for the build-out to prepare for the formal bidding process. Discussion followed concerning other ARPA funding ideas. It was agreed that there was no rush and to continue studying possible projects.

FEE SCHEDULE

The 2021 Fee Schedule was reviewed and the following amendments were suggested for 2022:

1. Refuse/recycling special charges: increase \$6 a year (currently \$138)
2. Fire number signs: increase new home/structure \$10 (currently \$60), sign only \$10 (currently \$40) and installation \$10 (currently \$20)
3. Misc. Fees: add new fee for “Wider Driveway Surcharge” and set at \$67.50 – this represents a 50% of ERU surcharge for driveways that are wider than allowed by ordinance (24’ at the road edge) to be charged annually
4. New category added: “Stormwater special charge” and suggested \$45 per ERU (Equivalent Runoff Unit) - to be added/adjusted annually
5. New category added: “Plan Commission Per diem” and set the amount at \$50 per meeting (was originally part of the commission ordinance language but pay structure was removed and placed in fee schedule)

2022 BUDGET

Stupi explained the Fire Department budget and various scenarios. Clerk Pedretti reviewed each line item of the draft 2022 budget with discussion and input by board members. Pedretti will provide copies of tonight’s draft budget to board members for further review. The 2022 draft budget will be considered again at the October 13th Board meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Filter/Mieden to enter into closed session under Wisc. Statutes 19.85(g) to confer “...with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely

to become involved.” to wit: discuss potential changes to the fire agreement. **ROLL CALL** vote was unanimous. Entered into closed session at 9:00.

Motion by Filter/Mieden to return to open session. **MOTION** carried unanimously. Returned to open session at 9:12 p.m. Stupi reported no action taken during closed session.

Motion by Mieden/Filter to adjourn the public hearing. **MOTION** carried. Hearing adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Marilyn J. Pedretti, Town Clerk