

**TOWN OF MINOCQUA
ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING**

November 8th, 2018

The Town of Minocqua Annual Budget Meeting was called to order by Chairman Hartzheim at 6:00 p.m. on November 8th, 2018 in the Board Room of the Minocqua Center.

Present were: Chairman Mark Hartzheim, Supervisors, Sue Heil, Bill Stengl and Billy Fried, Clerk Roben Haggart, Treasurer Laura Mendez, PW Superintendent Mark Pertile, Minocqua Police Chief David Jaeger, Minocqua Fire Chief Andy Petrowski, Assessor Kitt Koski, Library Director Mary Taylor, Accountant Jocelyn Seeliger of Peterson Metz and approximately 15 electors.

Motion by Don Gauger, seconded by Kitt Koski to approve the agenda as presented. Voice Vote: Motion Carried.

Motion by Sue Heil, seconded by Billy Fried to waive the reading of the minutes from the Annual Budget Meeting held on November 16th, 2017. Voice Vote: Motion Carried.

Motion by Bill Stengl, seconded by Brian Jopek to approve the minutes from the Annual Budget Meeting held on November 16th, 2017 as presented. Voice Vote: Motion Carried.

REVIEW OF PROPOSED BUDGET

The 2019 budget was presented with a \$47,526 increase in the levy over last year's budget. Accountant Jocelyn Seeliger reviewed the budget in detail including each individual department budget proposals & debt consolidation. The Town has the borrowing capacity of \$75 million and a healthy fund balance. The Town is currently carrying debt in the amount of \$6.2 million.

Chairman Hartzheim asked for public input.

Don Gauger brought up the uniform address signs and wanted to know if the board had planned to do them in 2019. They were originally budgeted to complete in 2017 but due to some snags in the bidding process the project was put off.

Motion by Don Gauger, seconded by Billy Fried to finalized the specs for the uniform address signage and put out to bid.

Chairman Hartzheim advised that the board has already receive authorization for the uniform address signage and that the board would follow through in 2019 with bids and installation.

Don withdrew his motion.

Janelle Schroeder and other representatives from Generations (formerly The Lakeland Senior Center) were present. They are requesting that the board reinstate their budget request of \$10,000 instead of the \$7,500 allocated in the 2019 budget as presented.

Motion by Holly Dionne, seconded by Denise Ronk to reconsider the funding level for Generations in the 2019 budget. A vote was taken by a show of hands. 4 ayes; 14 nays were counted. Motion failed.

Motion by Bill Stengl, seconded by Don Gauger to adjourn meeting. Voice Vote: Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Roben Haggart, CMC
Town Clerk