

TOWN OF WINDSOR – NOTICE OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Tuesday, November 25th, 2014

Immediately Following the Budget Hearing which begins at 5:30 p.m.

Windsor Town Hall, 4084 Mueller Rd, DeForest, WI

Notice is hereby given that the Windsor Town Board has called a special Town Meeting for Tuesday, November 25th, 2014 following the public hearing on the proposed 2015 budget, which is scheduled for 5:30 p.m.

MINUTES

1. Call Meeting to Order

The Special Town Meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by Town Chairperson Wipperfurth.

Present: Dan & Jean Turk, Ed Busse, Bill Smith, Doctor Bob Walton, Jerry Thorsen, Don Madelung, Monica Smith, Alan Buchner, Bruce Stravinski and Bob Wipperfurth. Others present: Finance Director/Deputy Clerk Tina Butteris, Town Clerk Christine Capstran, Town Attorney Connie Anderson and Town Engineer Kevin Richardson.

2. 2015 Highway Expenditures Pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes 82.03(2)

Ed Busse moved to approve the 2015 highway expenditures of \$314,000, second by Doctor Bob Walton. Motion carried all ayes.

3. 2015 Town Board Salaries

Doctor Bob Walton moved to approve the 2015 Town Board salaries remain at the same rate as approved for the 2014 budget; \$1,000/month for the Chairperson and \$700/month for the Supervisors, second by Dan Turk. Motion carried all ayes.

4. 2014 Town of Windsor tax levy to be paid in 2015 pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes 60.10(1)(a)

Bill Smith moved to approve the Town tax levy of \$3,144,293, second by Ed Busse. Motion carried all ayes.

5. Future Governmental Structure of Windsor Update/Possible Action Items

Jim Mann, CIPFA, Senior Municipal Advisor, Ehlers Inc., presented his report on the Financial Analysis of Incorporation for the Town of Windsor. He stated that Windsor is in a strong financial position with relatively stable tax rates and a low debt burden per taxpayer. He looked at costs associated with incorporation, the impact of historic annexations, the impact of future annexations and compared the per capita costs of incorporation versus

consolidation. Mann concluded that consolidation would likely be more expensive to the Town of Windsor than incorporation.

Doctor Bob Walton questioned future police services.

Chairperson Wipperfurth noted that we currently contract through the Dane County Sheriff Department for Police Services and could continue to do so.

Mann stated that here are several incorporated municipalities that contract with Dane County Sheriff Department. He noted that services are driven by the demands of the population as done by the electors. For example the City of Fitchburg only recently built a library at a population around 25,000.

Supervisor Buchner added that there is no state standard requiring an increase in our policing.

Chairperson Wipperfurth noted that we do have an agreement with the Village of DeForest to look at Windsor's law enforcement services levels at specific population numbers.

Chairperson Wipperfurth talked about the two available processes for incorporation, through the Wisconsin Department of Revenue statutory process or through the Legislative Budget Bill. At this time the Town Board has not made a decision on which process to use if the Town pursues incorporation but felt they would need to make a determination fairly soon.

Chairperson Wipperfurth noted that determining the fiscal impacts of the future is difficult as some future costs are subjective as they are driven by the Board that is in charge. A Village can also be very frugal and utilize volunteers to work in parks; similar to the system the Town uses now. At this point he is unsure if there is anything to change the Board's mind to look at other options, than incorporation.

Chairperson Wipperfurth stated that Windsor will continue to communicate and look for acceptance from all of our neighboring municipalities. The last time Windsor looked at merger, the issues were mainly the name and tax disparity. The main issues today seem to be preserving the way we function as a community and protecting our borders; which leads many to believe incorporation is the best option. If Windsor does not incorporate, they could be at a greater risk financially due to future annexations.

Supervisor Buchner stated that the Village of DeForest feels there is better marketability with merging the two communities. He feels we could accomplish the same with marketing the area as a whole without merging.

Doctor Bob Walton concurs that Windsor and DeForest operate on a different mindset on running a municipality. He favors using the legislative process to incorporate.

Supervisor Madelung noted that the Town has been extremely transparent and prudent through the entire process.

Supervisor Smith said both communities need to keep talking and send the message that we are working together and are not adversarial.

Supervisor Stravinski feels it is in the best interest of the residents of Windsor to proceed with incorporation. He thanked the Board and Chairperson Wipperfurth for all of their time and efforts while working through the process so far.

Chairperson Wipperfurth announced that Jim Mann will be presenting a final draft of the Financial Analysis of Incorporation at the December 4th Town Board meeting. Wipperfurth will also be visiting with neighboring municipalities as we proceed. It is anticipated that the Town Board will be making a decision on whether or not to proceed with incorporation in January.

Dan Turk moved that the Windsor should continue to move forward with incorporation utilizing the best process determined by the Town Board, second by Bill Smith. Motion carried all ayes.

6. Adjourn Town Meeting

Doctor Bob Walton moved to adjourn the Special Town Meeting at 6:49 p.m., second by Jean Turk. Motion carried all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,



Christine Capstran
Town Clerk