

Public Budget Hearing
Town of Silver Cliff
Marinette County WI

November 28, 2023, 6:00pm, in the Town of Silver Cliff Town Hall located at N11929 County Road I in Silver Cliff, WI, PUBLIC HEARING on the PROPOSED 2024 BUDGET for the Town of Silver Cliff, Marinette County. The proposed budget, in detail, was available for inspection at the Clerk's office by calling 715-757-3163.

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SPECIAL TOWN MEETING OF THE ELECTORS OF THE TOWN OF SILVER CLIFF, MARINETTE COUNTY
WISCONSIN, Minutes

Notice of the budget hearing was posted November 6th, 2023, in the Peshtigo Times, November 8th and November 15th, at the Town Hall, Town Shop, Red Pine, Town website at 5 pm.

Present: Chairman Bruce Weber, Supervisor Dee Farley, Supervisor Jay Van Frachen, Clerk Amy Vannieuwenhoven, virtually.

Chairman Bruce Weber called the public hearing to order at 6:00 pm, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Announcement made to please sign in. Qualified electors are US Citizens, age 18 or older and a resident of Silver Cliff for at least 28 days. Budget worksheets are available on the back table which include expenses, revenue planning sheets, budget summary and levy sheet, bank balances and 2023 notes. This is an open forum for the budget hearing, to ask questions. The elector meeting will follow and then the town board meeting. Thank you to the Town Board, Clerk, Deputy Clerk for assisting with the budget. Three budget workshops were held to come to a proposed 2024 budget. The Town Board dealt with cost increases and uncertainty of the Emergency Service building. The proposed budget is \$3,919,800.00 in revenue, \$3,919,800.00 in expenses, of that \$3,200,000.00 is for the Emergency Services building. Bids are due for the Emergency Services building on December 5th, 2023. If bids are higher, the Town Board will reconvene, if needed. The fire department is allotted \$30,000.00 as expenses and revenue. The Treasurer expenses were increased so to have Kerber Rose do the annual CT report and Marinette County's fees to collect taxes on the town's behalf. The proposed 2024 budget is \$100.00 more than 2023. The Chairman went through the planning sheets and gave explanations for increases/decreases. Question from Riana Bishop Ventura; was the garbage contract bid out? No, research from other towns indicates they are paying more than what is proposed by JNS.

The town tax levy is \$166,951.00. The garbage fee reduces the levy by the 2013 budgeted garbage cost of \$35,000.00. The town is allowed to charge \$40.00 of the \$50.00 approved garbage fee for 2024 which generates \$47,000.00 in revenue.

Question from Riana Bishop Ventura; Laona State Bank statement of CD balances minus the insurance money of \$1,095,189.92 and add \$177,000.00 still to be paid.

There is \$452,000.00 left after the building is complete and \$417,000.00 on the town shop (\$357,625.00 after January). Net is \$45,000.00 and \$50,000.00 in the money market and \$81,000.00 in assets.

Riana questioned if the town has money to afford the budget and money in reserve if another emergency happens and/or pay for the town shop loan. The state recommends 25% of the annual budget in reserve. The levy sheet indicates \$129,951.00 and debt with a \$37,000.00 offset, levy would be \$126,151.00.

The Chairman went over the four-year comparison spreadsheet.

\$166,951.00 in levy up for vote. Motion to approve the levy made by Dick Helf, seconded by Terri. Ballots handed out and collected, there are twenty-eight signed in. Yes vote = 19, No vote = 9. Motion to adjourn made by Sue Victoreen, motion seconded by Jeff De Bauche, motion to adjourn carried, 7:25 pm.

The Town Board meeting was called to order at 7:26 pm by Chairman Bruce Weber. Motion by Supervisor Dee Farley to approve the budget as presented, motion seconded by Supervisor Jay Van Frachen, motion carried. Motion to adjourn made by Supervisor Dee Farley, motion seconded by Supervisor Jay Van Frachen, motion carried 7:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted BY:

Amy Vannieuwenhoven, Clerk

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