

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING, November 18, 2020

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of St. Croix Falls was called to order by Chairman Frank Behning at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 18, 2020, at the Town Hall. Proper notice was given as the agenda was posted at the town hall and on the town's website November 13, 2020. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Present by roll call were Chairman Frank Behning, supervisors Katie Appel, Will Bergmann, Mike Dorsey and Sharon Kelly. Also present were town clerk Janet Krueger, zoning administrator Jim Alt, public works employee Steve Jacobs and legal counsel Adam Jarchow. Others in attendance were Rick Mastell, Debbie Lee and Kathleen Melin. Treasurer Maxine Spiess was absent. Appel/Bergmann **moved** to approve the agenda; **motion carried**. Appel/Kelly **moved** to approve the minutes as printed for the October 21, 2020, town board meeting and the October 21, 2020, special town board meeting; **motion carried**.

Public comment – Kathleen Melin requested the town and the property owner of the racetrack to envision a new purpose for the racetrack property such as a solar use and a private/public partnership be considered. Debbie Lee informed the board there was a lot of interest shown by the attendance at the public hearing held by the plan commission last week for the property to be utilized again as a racetrack.

Committee, Commission and Employee Reports: The treasurer's report was reviewed. Receipts for the period ending October 31, 2020, amounted to \$41,273.54, cash balance on October 31, 2020, was \$326,453.36. Mr. Jacobs gave the highway report. Ms. Krueger gave the clerks report. Kelly/Bergmann **moved** to adopt Resolution 20-26 amending the 2020 Budget; **motion carried** on a unanimous roll-call vote, 5-0.

Resolution 20-26

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2020 BUDGET
FOR THE TOWN OF ST. CROIX FALLS

WHEREAS the building inspections has exceeded the budgeted amount in the Inspection expense account; and

WHEREAS the revenue receipted in the General Operations Fund for the building permits offsets the expense payable for the building inspections (Inspections Account); and

WHEREAS the anticipated expense to replace shop lights with LED and repair/replace the hall air conditioner exceeded the amount budgeted in the Capital Outlay expense account.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of St. Croix Falls, Polk County, Wisconsin, that the sum of six thousand dollars (\$6,000.00) is hereby transferred from the General Operations Fund to the Inspections Account; and four hundred dollars (\$400.00) is hereby transferred from the Contingencies account to the Capital Outlay account.

Bergmann/Dorsey **moved** to approve payment of vouchers 20-282 through 20-304 amounting to \$28,734.78; **motion carried** on a unanimous roll-call vote, 5-0. The 2020 year to date budget summaries were reviewed. The building permit/building inspection log was reviewed. Mr. Alt presented the zoning administration report. Supervisor Kelly stated a book was available at the town hall with handouts from the Wisconsin Towns Association workshops for anyone interested. Chairman Behning updated the Board on the City meeting held to review an annexation request.

New Business: A reading of the zoning ordinance amendments. Dorsey **moved** to strike the twenty acre minimum requirement for a campground; **motion failed** for lack of second.

The town board recessed at 7:03 pm to hold the 2021 Budget Hearing and Special Town Meeting.

The town board reconvened at 7:13 pm.

Review of the zoning ordinance amendments continued. Dorsey/Appel **moved** to strike “provided however, no racetracks will be permitted on any parcel unless a racetrack was previously located on that parcel” and just list racetrack as a special exception in the agricultural district; **motion carried**. Dorsey/Appel **moved** to add racetracks as a special exception to the transitional and commercial districts; **motion failed**. Kelly/Appel **moved** to approve the new Section E to the zoning ordinance; **motion carried**. The first reading was had on the zoning amendments. Supervisor Kelly presented a letter for the Deer Lake Association to deliver to property owners encouraging visible Emergency-Fire signs for properties on private roads around Deer Lake. Chairman Behning stated CBS Squared hoped to be done with the engineering of the Fairgrounds Road project before year end and plans to review road projects next month in order to bid out early next year. Bergmann/Kelly **moved** to adopt Resolution 20-27 certifying the 2020 tax levy; **motion carried** on a unanimous roll-call vote, 5-0.

Resolution 20-27

A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING THE 2020 TAX LEVY

TO BE COLLECTED IN 2021 IN THE TOWN OF ST. CROIX FALLS

WHEREAS, on November 18, 2020, pursuant to Wis.Stats. 60.10(1)(a) the electors of the Town of St. Croix Falls at a special Town meeting did approve a tax levy for the Town in the amount of \$498,175.00 to be collected in 2021;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of St. Croix Falls, Polk County, Wisconsin, does hereby certify the Town of St. Croix Falls 2020 tax levy to be collected in 2021 in the amount of \$498,175.00.

Appel/Dorsey **moved** to approve Resolution 20-28 adopting the 2021 Budget; **motion carried** on a unanimous roll-call vote, 5-0.

Resolution 20-28

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2021 BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF ST. CROIX FALLS

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of St. Croix Falls, Polk County, Wisconsin, did propose a budget for the Calendar Year 2021, and

WHEREAS, on November 18, 2020, there was a public hearing on the proposed budget as required by Wis.Stats. 65.90.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of St. Croix Falls, Polk County, Wisconsin, does hereby adopt the 2021 budget for the Town of St. Croix Falls in the amount of \$653,974.00 for revenues and \$653,974.00 for expenditures and reserves.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that hereby follows the 2021 Budget Summary for the Town:

	2020 Budget	2021 Budget	Percent Change
Revenues:			
Taxes:			
General Property Taxes			
Levy	\$ 490,026.00	\$ 498,175.00	1.66
Other Taxes	\$ 5,759.00	\$ 7,759.00	
Special Assessments	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	
Intergovernmental Revenues	\$ 130,145.00	\$ 130,120.00	

Licenses & Permits	\$	9,000.00	\$	9,070.00	
Fines, Penalties & Forfeitures	\$	0.00	\$	0.00	
Public Charges for Services	\$	240.00	\$	200.00	
Intergovernmental Charges for Services	\$	1,000.00	\$	1,000.00	
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$	7,150.00	\$	7,650.00	
REVENUES	\$	643,320.00	\$	653,974.00	1.66
Funds from the General Fund	\$	30,000.00	\$		
TOTAL REVENUES	\$	673,320.00	\$	653,974.00	-2.87
Expenditures:					
General Government	\$	136,230.00	\$	126,431.00	
Public Safety	\$	73,840.00	\$	67,995.00	
Public Works (Highway)	\$	401,550.00	\$	402,048.00	
Health & Human Services	\$	2,800.00	\$	3,600.00	
Culture, Recreation & Education	\$	5,000.00	\$	6,000.00	
Conservation & Development	\$	34,400.00	\$	34,400.00	
Capital Outlay	\$	9,000.00	\$	3,000.00	
Other Financing Uses & Refunds	\$	500.00	\$	500.00	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$	663,320.00	\$	643,974.00	-2.92
Reserve for Contingencies	\$	10,000.00	\$	10,000.00	
Reserve for Capital Purchases	\$	0.00	\$	0.00	
Reserve for Hwy Equipment	\$	0.00	\$	0.00	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES & RESERVES	\$	673,320.00	\$	653,974.00	-2.87

There was no closing public comment.

The next town board meeting is scheduled for December 16, 2020, at 6:00 p.m.

There being no further business, Kelly/Bergmann **moved** to adjourn the meeting; **motion carried** and the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Janet Krueger, town clerk..