

**MINUTES  
TOWN OF CRESCENT  
BUDGET WORKSHOP  
SEPTEMBER 15, 2021**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Joel Knutson, Chair; Kyla Waksmonski, Supervisor; Mike Pazdernik, Supervisor; Tracy Hartman, Clerk; Carla Fletcher, Treasurer.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Knutson called the budget workshop to order at 6:09 p.m. at the Crescent Town Hall. The meeting has been properly posted and distributed in accordance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting law and the facility is handicap accessible. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Knutson introduced the members of the Fire Department, First Responder and Highway Department that were present. Members present were Rob Hutchison, Keven Mahner, Andrew Cordova, Dana Wincenstenten, Ted Lundt and Brad Gerdes. Knutson explained that the purpose of the meeting is to begin the process of looking at the 2022 budget and the budget process.

Hartman gave an overview of the 2021 budget and 2022 budget items that have been received as of this meeting. Hartman reported that the Library budget came in this week and the library is requesting an increase of \$3842.26. Hartman reported that the levy limit increase of 2022 has also been received and the town can increase levy by \$5,432 for 2022. Discussion regarding the library budget and how that is determined.

Hartman gave an overview of the fire department budget and the differences between the 2% fire insurance expenses, Capital Improvement Fund, Fire Department and First Responders. Discussion with the fire department regarding future plans and needs. Discussion regarding a separate levy for the fire department. Hartman has not been able to find anyway for that to be allowed.

Hartman gave an overview of the levy limit and how the levy limit increase is determined. Discussion regarding the history of levy limits.

Knutson questioned the fire department capital improvement fund and how that has been used in the past. Cordova expressed a concern with the capital improvement fund in the past was threatened to be taken away and questioned the board and the stability of the fund. Knutson and Pazdernik stated that their intent is to allow the fire department to roll the money forward every year and to build up a capital improvement fund for equipment purchases.

Discussion regarding the highway budget. Discussion regarding a potential truck purchase in 2022. Discussion regarding the various budget accounts in the highway department and what each account includes.

Discussion regarding the board budget and how that is used. Discussion regarding election budgets. Discussion regarding the Town Plan Commission and where a per diem could come from in the budget. Discussion regarding legal fees. Knutson expressed that his belief is that the town needs to set a budget for legal fees in the future. Discussion regarding town hall budget, election budget, office equipment, and insurance budget.

Discussion regarding town shop budget and necessary maintenance. Discussion regarding maintenance on the salt shed and necessary repairs.

Knutson adjourned the workshop at 8:22 p.m.