

**NOTICE TO RESIDENTS
TOWN OF CRESCENT
MINUTES FOR
Agenda for Town Budget Workshop
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2023
5:00 P.M., CRESCENT TOWN HALL**

Board Members Present: Robb Jensen, Chair; Kyla Waksmonski, Supervisor; Mike Pazdernik, Supervisor; Tracy Hartman, Clerk; Carla Fletcher, Treasurer.

Call to Order: Chairman Jensen called the meeting to order at 5:00 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.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Jensen to approve the agenda. Seconded by Pazdernik. All aye. Motion carried.

Fifteen Minutes of Public Discussion – None

2023 Budget Update – None

2024 Budget Draft –

- Jensen reported that the arbitration with the library was held yesterday and the board approved a 1% increase for the 2024 budget. This will be a decrease for the Town of Crescent.
- Discussed interest budget. Jensen recommended increasing the interest income from \$5000 to \$25,000.
- Jensen would like to consider budgeting \$5000 for legal fees. Jensen believes there may be some road issues coming up that may need an opinion from an attorney. Jensen would also like to look at hiring a consultant to look at the shop and the fire department.
- Discussion regarding the 2024 budget for the water supply for the 3 crescent residents that are currently receiving water.
- Cordova presented a 2024 proposed budget for the Fire Protection budget. Currently the budget is set at \$44,000 and estimated to be \$48,682. Cordova anticipates being \$10,000 over budget in 2023.
- Mahner requested that the board allocate an additional \$28,000 for incentives for 2024. Discussion regarding the current incentives structure. Discussion regarding setting aside money into a contingency budget that could be looked at for incentives next year.
- Discussion regarding the LRIP grants for 2024 with Crescent being eligible for \$28,000 in grants.
- Discussion regarding the proposed CIP Projects:
 - o Town Shop Garage Heater - \$6200
 - o Squash Lake Boat Landing Ramp Pad - \$25,000
 - o Squash Lake Boat Landing Pier – hold for a future year
 - o Lake Julia Boat Landing - \$7000 – 1st priority – Not budgeted for 2024
 - o Town Hall Back-Up Generator - \$18,025
 - o Tractor Blower - \$15,000
 - o Discussion regarding the medium/heavy rescue and pumper tanker trucks. Mahner reported that the fire department has been without the tanker for quite some time and that needs to be replaced. Mahner explained moving to a pumper/tanker. Cordova reported that if the town were to take out a \$400,000 loan with no down payment for a 15-year loan with an annual debt service of \$48,000.
- Capital Improvement Funding – Hartman explained the three funding options for Capital Improvement Projects for Crescent
 - o Referendum Process

- Borrowing
- Budget Resolution
- Cordova asked how they would move forward with looking for a truck. Jensen stated that he would need to see a big picture of the town needs, for example, town shop building, fire department building, fire trucks, roads, trails, etc. Waksmonski asked that the fire department and board meet bi-annually to discuss needs.
- Fletcher recommended going to the electors to ask for an additional \$50,000 above the levy limit.

Jensen adjourned the meeting at 6:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Tracy Hartman
Municipal Clerk