

**VILLAGE OF TURTLE LAKE  
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING & BUDGET HEARING MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2009**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Village President Laurie Tarman called to order a special meeting of the Turtle Lake Board of Trustees at 6:30p.m. on Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

**ROLL CALL: PRESENT:** Tarman, Becker, Itzin, Flottum, Koenig, Pabst and Hall. Trustee Hall exited at 7:30pm. Others present were Clerk Danielle Maxwell, Treasurer Linda Flottum, William Forrest – former interim-administrator, Police Chief Al Gabe, Public Works Director Cory Davis, and Ken Mandley, resident.

**REVIEW OF AGENDA:** It was moved by Hall and seconded by Becker to approve the consent agenda as presented.

**Roll call vote:** Yeas – all present. Nays – none. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Public Hearing to consider Public Input related to the 2010 Village Budget** – It was moved by Flottum and seconded by Hall to open the Public Hearing at 6:32pm.

**Roll call vote:** Yeas – all present. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Former Interim-Administrator William Forrest presented on the summary of the initial budget that was presented to the Board during the Regular Board Meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup>. He explained that there were new figures entered, he continued to describe the State Shared Revenues, budget cuts that had been made by departments, and that the new Police squad remained budgeted, and stated that they were able to balance the budget.

Forrest recommended the implementation of a contingency fund and described that it can be appealing to future lenders and how municipalities may use the funds. He stated that Payment in Lieu of Taxes was down \$130,000 from \$180,000 and there was discussion of including Tribal payments in the budget. There was discussion of capturing unused levy limits and its future impacts if left unused. The Board discussed with Chief Gabe overtime and shifts within the Police Department; it was noted that there was a 6% increase per officer for Almena police protection. Gabe stated that the Village has never lost money for providing the services and made mention of additional revenue from the municipal court fee base with Almena and charges for special events. There was discussion of the Public Works Department possibly cutting \$42,000, including crack sealing, and no painting of street lines. There was discussion of potential problems with such cuts of maintenance and repairs.

After further calculations, the 2010 budget was \$46,675 short of balancing without Tribal payments included. Discussion continued of the allocation adjustment of the wages in the Administrative Department. The previously mill rate and possible increase was noted with the unused levy which led to discussion of the impact on future expenditure restraints. It was suggested to remove and/or reduce the contingency fund by \$25,000 - \$30,000, remove the police squad of \$17,000 and eliminate street paint by \$4,675. The budget balanced with expected revenue of \$1,297,022 and a Village levy of \$556,236.00 at a mill rate of \$8.11861.

There was a question of how to inform the public of the changes and cuts. Maxwell suggested that a letter could be included with the tax statements.

It was moved by Becker and seconded by Tarman to close the Public Hearing at 8:16pm.

**Roll call vote:** Yeas – all present. Nays – None. Motion carried.

**\*\*Closed/ Executive Session\*\***

It was moved by Tarman and seconded by Becker to enter closed session at 8:24pm as allowable under WI Statutes Section 19.85 (1)(c).

**Roll call vote:** Yeas – All. Nays – none. Motion carried.

It was moved by Becker and seconded by Tarman to exit Closed/Executive Session at 9:12pm as allowable under WI State Statute 19.85 (1)(c).

**Roll call vote:** Yeas – all present. Nays – None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Becker and seconded by Koenig to adopt the balanced 2010 Budget of levied general property tax in the amount of \$556,236.00.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

It was moved by Flottum and seconded by Becker to adjourn this meeting of the Turtle Lake Board of Trustees at 9:14 p.m.

**Roll call vote:** Yeas – all present. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Prepared by:  
Danielle E. Maxwell  
Village Clerk