

**MINUTES OF THE
TOWN OF OCONTO FALLS**

November 14, 2016 MEETING

**Budget hearing at 6:00 pm, levy limit hearing and regular town meeting
immediately following at the TOWN HALL**

Chairman: Dave Alsteen

Supervisors: Vic Peterson, Mike Kaczmarek

Treasurer: Sue Konitzer

Clerk: Jan Betts

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM. Roll call was taken with all members present. Also present were Mary Renel, Terry Renel, Bob April, and Roger Kane.

Budget hearing – The major issue with the new budget is the increase in the cost of garbage pick-up and recycling. G.A.D bought G & S but will honor the contract through 2017. Because they take the refuse to Brown County it is possible that the tipping fees will be less. In January they will start implementing single stream which means that all the recyclables can be put in one container.

The town will have to do more research to see if it would be feasible to do our own recycling.

Dave explained that the fire tender arrived from Mexico with a chipped windshield and was painted the wrong color. This changed the delivery date.

The old truck was sold to Riverview and the balance will be paid when the new truck arrives in Oconto Falls.

Vic moved to close the budget hearing. Mary seconded. Motion carried.

Levy limit discussion – The town's allowable levy for 2017 is \$175,064.00.

There was no discussion.

Roger Kane moved to approve the levy limit. Bob April seconded. Motion carried.

Dave called the regular meeting to order.

Dave made a motion to amend the agenda to include the minutes. Mike seconded. Motion carried. Changes were made to the minutes.

Sue read the treasurer's report.

Mike made a motion to pay bills. Motion was seconded by Vic. Motion carried
Vic would like to have the financial reports earlier. Bills should be cut off by the end of the month.

Clerk needs to check with the City of Oconto Falls to see if there will be a big bill coming for the clean-up of the old dump site like there was last year.

Motion was made by Mike to approve the budget. Seconded by Vic. Motion carried. There was a discussion about how to move money around in this year's budget to cover the shortfall in other categories. Sue said that she had worked up a plan to make the changes. Mike moved to approve the changes in this year's budget and Vic seconded. Motion carried.

In regard to the changes in this year's budget, Mary Renel asked if the money needed to be put back. Sue said that we can't add or subtract from the budget, but we can move money around.

Sue needs to know the garbage schedule, especially for the big dumpsters, from GAD so that she can get it on the website.

Roger Kane asked why all fire numbers are required to pay the same \$65 for the assessment on the fire tender. The explanation was that it costs the same for the fire department to respond to a fire no matter how much the property is worth.

Vic moved to adjourn the meeting. Mike seconded. Meeting adjourned.