

**Town of Oconto Falls Board Budget Planning Meeting Minutes
(Continuance of the Budget Planning Meeting held October 9, 2023)
Monday October 24, 2023, 5 p.m. at the Town Hall**

Chairman Alsteen called the meeting back to order at 5pm.

Roll Call-Kaczmarek, Peterson, Mogged, Rieth, Alsteen present.

OFFD Chief Magnin was in attendance to discuss the fire contract and related budget issues and to address the town board concerns as to out-of-pocket costs associated with more towns using our tender, more miles, more wear and tear. Chief Magnin explained the time and effort he put into creating equitable contracts between the 3 towns now using our tenders. He assured us credit was given to the Town of Oconto Falls because we own the tenders and agreed that moving forward, the OFFD will need to decide what the course of action will be when the tenders need to be replaced. The state shared revenue will be increased significantly in 2024. It was decided that income increase will not be automatically assigned to be used for expenses. A wait and see attitude will be used to see what the best use for it will be.

The clerk expense budget item will be increased from \$20,000 to \$25,000 for 2024.

There will be 4 elections and wages, supplies and other election expenses will warrant the increase.

It was discussed that highway crew wages should increase from \$17.50 to \$20.00 for road crew/mowing. Snow plow wages should increase from \$20 to \$23. The Highway Wages budget item will be increased from \$15,000 to \$20,000 to cover the potential increase.

Peterson made the motion to adjourn, second by Kaczmarek. Motion carried.

Susan Mogged, Clerk