

## **Town of Oconto Falls Board Budget Planning Meeting Minutes Monday October 9, 2023, 5 p.m. at the Town Hall**

Chairman Alsteen called the meeting to order at 5pm.

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

The Board discussed the need to increase the special assessment for Garbage/Recycling. Taxpayers are currently paying \$165 annually or \$13.75 monthly for weekly garbage pick-up, the town's share of the City recycling center and the monitoring costs associated with the old landfill closing. That cost will increase to \$180 annually or \$15 monthly due to increased fuel surcharges being charged by our solid waste disposal contractor. The town will do 2 big dumpster events in 2024, April and September.

There was also lengthy discussion on hourly wages for road crew and snow plow drivers and the need to interest people to be drivers and keep them once you have them. Their wage will be an agenda item for the November regular board meeting.

Alsteen met with city officials to discuss the OFFD contract. Some towns want to eliminate any fees other than the contract amount. The Town of Oconto Falls owns 2 tenders(tankers) that are used for town fires and by the Towns of Spruce and Stiles for their fires. Each of those towns will pay \$2500 annually for the use of the tenders which will show up as a credit on our contracted amount. The OFFD has decided not to charge for lift assists at all. We were given the choice of no fees for fire calls with a contract cost with the credit of \$61,000 or a \$500 fee for each fire call for a contract cost with credit of \$53,785. We will finalize the contract at the November meeting.

There was no Public Comment.

There was no Town Board Comment.

Due to time constraints, there will be a continuation of this budget planning meeting held on Tuesday October 24, 2023 at 5pm.

Peterson made the motion for the continuance, second by Kaczmarek. Motion carried.

Susan Mogged, Clerk