

Special Budget Public Hearing - Board Meeting – December 2, 2021

On December 2, 2021, the Village Board met to hold the Special Budget Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall, 613 Main Street, Colfax, WI. Members present: President Albricht, Trustees M. Burcham, Rud, Prince, Davis, and Stene (online). Excused: Trustee Jenson. Others present included: Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer Niggemann and LeAnn Ralph with the Messenger (online).

Public Hearing

Review any Changes/Corrections –Health Insurance - Niggemann explained that the Village did not have the final rates for the gap health insurance yet. The cost will be very similar with either agent; it is a matter of what benefits are provided by each company. If the Board feels comfortable with renewing with Health Traditions which was the best rate for the health insurance and allow Niggemann to make the best decision for the Village and the employees regarding the gap insurance policy, that would allow for the health insurance to move along appropriately. The health insurance would remain at the \$7,000 individual deductible and \$14,000 family deductible and the Gap Deductible policy would either bring the deductible to a max out of pocket of 2,500 unless the \$2,000 deductible plan premiums come in very close.

Proposed 2022 Budget - The budget reviewed by the Board will be within the expenditure restraint amount and the budget levy limits. The Village levy after discussion is \$471,845 and the tax rate for the Village would go from 0.010458277 in 2020 paid in 2021 to 0.008119710 for 2021 paid in 2022. This is a reduction for the Village portion of the tax rate. The Dunn County portion of the tax increased by \$10,153.63, however due to the valuation increase in the Village, the Count mill rate reflected a decrease of -0.001562875. The Colfax School levy amount increased by \$35,564, but the mill rate decreased by 0.001530289 plus the school tax credit of 0.01116084. The CVTC levy amount decreased by \$1,315.13 and the mill rate also decreased by 0.000265593. The Village of Colfax net mill rate will be decreased by 0.00534116, which is equal to \$5.34/\$1,000 of value.

The tax rate reflects the General Fund budget of revenues and expenses of \$1,245,505. Other funds revenue and expense budgets are as follows: Rescue \$448,038, Water \$278,882, Sewer \$209,500 and Solid Waste & Recycling \$354,686.

A motion was made by Trustee Stene and seconded by Trustee M. Burcham accept the 2022 Proposed Budget and net mill rate. Voting For: Trustees M. Burcham, Rud, Stene, Davis, Prince, and Albricht. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee M. Burcham and seconded by Trustee Rud to allow Niggemann to use her best judgement for the Village and the employees regarding the health insurance and gap policy. A voice vote was taken with all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

Set Tax Levy – The Village levy was composed of \$333,024 for the Village expenses which also includes the ambulance per capita levy and the solid waste & recycling per capita levy, the Library levy of \$60,000 and debt levy of \$78,821. A motion was made by Trustee M. Burcham and seconded by Trustee Stene to approve the Tax Levy Resolution No. 2021-20. Voting For: Trustees Stene, Davis, Prince, Rud, M. Burcham, and Albricht. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

Close Public Hearing

Adjourn –A motion was made by Trustee M. Burcham and seconded by Trustee Stene to adjourn the meeting. A voice vote was taken with all members voting in favor.

Jody Albricht, Village President

Attest: Lynn Niggemann
Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer