

**Town of Oakland, Douglas County
Budget Hearing Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 9, 2021, at 6 p.m.
Oakland Town Hall**

Present: Jack Byrd, Laurie Dolsen, Dana Dolsen, Randy Polson, Stacy Fornengo, Brian Conley and 4 Interested Citizens

The Budget Hearing was called to order by Jack Byrd at 6:01 p.m. The meeting and budget were properly posted and published. LD briefly reviewed the Budget Summary and Budget Detail with those present. JB asked if anyone had questions about any line items in the proposed 2022 budget. Sandy Waletzko asked about the money the Town recently received from the federal government for Covid-19 Relief and using that to replace our equipment. Answer: Guidelines for spending the money are currently being determined and we may/may not be able use that money toward the purchase of new equipment. We will most likely look at replacing some fire department equipment with the bulk of the money. The question was also asked about why the levy limit hasn't been increased since 2013. Answer: Levy limits are set per law, which allows for a 0% increase other than new construction—for us, this amounts to about \$1,000 increase per year. Mary Brill asked for an explanation of why we need to increase the town's levy limit for equipment needs. Answer: Basically, our equipment is old and the cost of equipment maintenance is exceeding its current value. No further questions or discussion took place. Randy Polson motioned to close the Budget Hearing; Dana Dolsen seconded; all present were in favor via voice vote; motion carried. The Budget Hearing closed at 6:26 p.m.

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Special Town Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 9, 2021, at 6:26 p.m.
Oakland Town Hall**

Present: Jack Byrd, Laurie Dolsen, Dana Dolsen, Randy Polson, Stacy Fornengo, Brian Conley, and 4 Interested Citizens

Jack Byrd called the Special Town meeting to order at 6:26 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the meeting was properly published and posted. LD reviewed who is eligible to vote and the voting process for those present—a raising of hands to act on any motions was selected. A brief review of the information shared at the Budget Hearing was completed. Discussion followed on a proposed increase in the 2021 tax levy (payable in 2022) and the resolution presented to increase the tax levy by \$100,000 for the 2021 tax bills in order to move forward with purchasing equipment. Brian Conley motioned to approve the town's proposed 2021 tax levy of \$396,831; Greg Dolsen seconded; by show of hands, 12 ayes were received and 1 nay was received; motion carried. Brian Conley motioned to approve/pass the Resolution presented to increase the tax levy for 2021; Sandy Waletzko seconded; by show of hands, 12 ayes were received and 1 nay was received; motion carried. Brian Conley then motioned to approve the 2022 budget as presented; Randy Polson seconded; by show of hands, 12 ayes were received and 1 nay was received; motion carried.

Dana Dolsen motioned to adjourn the special town meeting; Randy Polson seconded; by show of hands, all present were in favor/no nays were received; motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie K. Dolsen, Town Clerk