

**TOWN OF SPIDER LAKE, SAWYER CO., WI
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ELECTORS 11-17-16**

The Town of Spider Lake Special Meeting of the Electors was called to order by Town Chair Hucker immediately following the Public Hearing for the 2017 budget. Present were Hucker, Brandt, McGuinness, Cerman, Huot, Treasurer Overman, Clerk Ferda along with eleven additional electors in the audience for a total of eighteen electors. Fire Chief Nelson was absent.

Motion to approve the 2017 Highway Expenditures pursuant to Sec. 82.03(2) of WI Statutes in the amount of \$390,600.00 was made by Dolores Brandt and 2nd by Carol Alcoe. Motion carried. 18 ayes and no nay votes.

Hucker stated that the next item would be to set compensation for the elected officials whose terms of office begin in April 2017 through April 2019 for the two Supervisors at \$5,500.00 per year and an additional \$1,000.00 per year for the supervisor serving as Road Chair, the Clerk at \$22,000.00 per year, and the Town Chair and Treasurer at \$11,000.00 per year. Kay Hucker asked what the additional funds beside salary in the Clerk's budget is used for. It is used for office supplies, travel expense and any computer expenses, town website costs and maintenance contracts for any office equipment. Judy Tomasik asked why the clerk and treasurer are not receiving raises. Hucker replied because it was not brought up at the budget meeting and that it has been the practice for the last six years not to give raises to elected officials. He also stated that the town chair, treasurer and clerk received a raise in 2009; however did not receive the raise for four years until April of 2013 due to an error in the 2009 minutes. Ferda stated that resulted in a wage loss of 3,600.000 for the treasurer and approximately \$5,000.00 for the clerk. Motion was made by Jo Mazik and 2nd by Judy Tomasik that the five elected officials that are up for raises be given a raise of 8.8%. Jo Mazik based the 8.8% pay increase on the cost of living increases over the past six years. The cost of the raises were figured to be approximately \$5,211.00 per year. More discussion was held. Motion carried. 15 yes and 3 nay votes by Town Chair Hucker and Supervisors McGuinness and Huot. Motion was made by Jo Mazik and 2nd by Dolores Brandt to set the compensation for the supervisor serving as Road Chair at an additional \$1,000.00 per year. All in favor. Motion carried.

Hucker advised that to cover this additional \$5,211.00, the levy would have to be increased or the budget would have to be cut. Ferda suggested reducing the contingency line item and Hucker disagreed.

Motion to approve the 2016 town levy to be paid in 2017 in the amount of 264,477.00 and to let the town board make the determination of where to reduce the 2017 budget to cover the wage increases was made by George Miller and 2nd by Carol Alcoe. Motion carried. 17 ayes and 1 nay vote by Town Chair Hucker.

Motion to adjourn was made by Dolores Brandt and 2nd by Jerry Ferda. Motion carried. 18 yes and no nay votes.

Christine Ferda
Clerk