

Minutes Town of Presque Isle

Special Town Meeting of Electors

November 26, 2024, Following the 6:00 pm Budget Hearing

Community Room, Community Center

8306 School Loop Road

Presque Isle, WI 54557

John MacLean called the meeting to order at 7:18 pm

Approval of Minutes from the Annual Town Meeting of Electors May 2, 2024

Barb Peck made the motion to approve the minutes, Dave Prott seconded the motion.

Motion passes with majority voting yes, 1 Vote for no.

Special Town Meeting of Electors

1. To adopt the total 2024 Town tax levy to be collected in 2025 pursuant to Wis. Stat. §60.10(1)(a)

John MacLean adjourned the meeting at 7:24 pm.

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Budget Hearing

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Note: The proposed budget in detail is available at the Presque Isle Town Hall/Clerk's Office.

John MacLean called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

John MacLean thanked the financial committee for putting together the budget. The PowerPoint from the Finance Committee was presented.

Phil Harris made a presentation regarding the NWEMS (North Woods EMS) District as the representative for the town of Presque Isle. Two years ago, the town of Presque Isle voted to have a 4 District EMS District.

Why: several years ago, our wonderful EMS volunteers came to the board with concerns.

1 Ability to staff and cover town with personnel to meet the calls coming in

2 Our volunteers shared a concern about aging staff and the numbers of incoming applicant in spite of diligent efforts to hire new recruits. A study was done and confirmed our local EMS concerns 2 years ago the Presque Isle Electors voted to have a Resolution to join 3 other towns, Boulder Junction, Manitowish Waters and Winchester to establish an EMS District. The Presque Isle Town Supervisors and Chairman asked me if I would represent Presque Isle on the four person NWEMS District Board. The District has had countless meeting regarding almost every topic including budgeting and staffing I have asked for guidance from several experts from our town including our EMS Director Donna Jukich, all of our town Supervisors and Chairman, our Fire Chief, Doug Wolter, Corky Curtis, Al Eschenbauch, Joe Thoma, Jim Nelson and many residents with expertise in medical services with this guidance I have worked to be fair and equitable at the same time of representing Presque Isle's interests.

Some facts right now:

1. Average call response time is 35 minutes we expect to improve this to under 15 minutes. Almost cutting call time by 50%.

2. Average home price in PI is just under 500K.

3. Using the 500K Presque Isles part would translate to \$275 a year, that's 22 a month and less than \$1 a day. This is "Cheap Insurance" and some pay more than, some less \$55 per 100k assessment. The major differences is the care available: Each ambulance would have at least one EMT and One Paramedic. There are major differences in the care available having a Paramedic/ EMT combo verse just EMT Care. A very short list of these being able to insert an IV, provide medications/ pain relief. We will have 24/7 365 a week full-time employees staffed with the rig out the door in 90 seconds.

Rumors/ Bad information

We could cover 1 station in all 4 towns. Last year there were over 100 days that multiple 911 calls were made within our district, I don't think any person would want their child, wife, husband, mom, dad, or neighbor waiting for medical service because one ambulance is in Manitowish Waters, Boulder Junction, or on the way to the hospital when we need help in Presque Isle. This model also would not save us the Tax payers even 10 dollars a month based on the same 500K model while potentially not having care for the people that need it. The whole reason the district was supported by all 4 town electors was to quietly improve quality care and response time.

The budget doesn't include future costs, i.e. buildings, ambulances. We do have this all accounted for in our budget.

Hiring staff, we did an international search and had people, 2 from each town interviewing and scoring the same questions, all candidates went through skill testing. We had over 26 applicants and

vetted it down to 11 candidates that were interviewed by. The two highest collected scores were hired.

Budget Summary presented by John MacLean.

Doug Wolter has papers with a proposal for the EMS District for Presque Isle only, single district working in Presque Isle. Option with 5 Ambulances instead of 2.
He does not feel the price of the 4 District EMS justifies the value.

Cathy Weber discussed the pros of joining the NWEMS 4 district.
Doug Wolter said he understands what Weber said and has had life support systems in place.

John MacLean has moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 pm. Motion passed with all in favor.

RESOLUTION OF TOWN ELECTORS TO ADOPT THE TOTAL TOWN TAX LEVY
AT SPECIAL TOWN MEETING OF TOWN ELECTORS

Resolution 2024 –
Town of Presque Isle, County of Vilas

Whereas, Wis. Stat. §60.10(1)(a) authorizes the town electors of a town to adopt the town tax levy at a town meeting of electors;

Whereas, a special town meeting of the town electors has been called and properly noticed to approve the 2024 total town tax levy (to be collected in 2025), pursuant to Wis. Stat. §60.10(1)(a);

Whereas, the town electors, after proper notice, have, via a Special Town Meeting vote, authorized the Town of Presque Isle to exceed the allowable state levy limit;

THEREFORE, the special town meeting of the Town of Presque Isle, Vilas County, Wisconsin, by a majority vote of the eligible electors duly assembled and voting on this 26th day of November, 2024, hereby resolves and orders as follows:

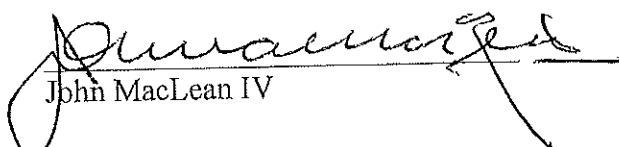
The town of electors of the Town of Presque Isle, Vilas County, Wisconsin adopt the total town Tax levy for 2024 (to be collected in 2025) in the amount of \$1,750,000.

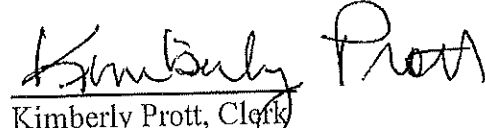
The town clerk shall post or publish this resolution as required by law under Wis. Stat. §60.10(1)(a) within 30 days after its adoption.

Adopted this 26th day of November, 2024, at a Special Town Meeting of the Town Electors.

Number of town electors voting aye 53 Abstain: 1

Number of town electors voting nay 14

Signature of Town Meeting Chairman: 
John MacLean IV

Attest: 
Kimberly Prout, Clerk