

**NOTICE TO RESIDENTS
TOWN OF CRESCENT
AGENDA FOR TOWN BUDGET WORKSHOP
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2024 AT 1:00 P.M.
CRESCENT TOWN HALL - 3231 GOLF COURSE RD, RHINELANDER**

Board Members Present: Robb Jensen, Chair; Kyla Waksmonski, Supervisor; Mike Pazdernik, Supervisor; Tracy Hartman, Clerk;

Absente: Carla Fletcher, Treasurer.

Call to Order: Chairman Jensen called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. at the Crescent Town Hall. The meeting has been properly posted and distributed in accordance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting law and the facility is handicap accessible. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Jensen to approve the agenda. Seconded by Pazdernik. All aye. Motion carried.

Public Discussion

Library Board Representative Resignation – Jensen reported that Harry Whidden has submitted his resignation from the Library board. Mary Ann Newman expressed an interest in the position of the library board representative. Clerk Hartman will send an email blast letting residents know that if they are interested in the library board they need to submit a letter of interest to the Town clerk by November 4th.

Capital Improvement Projects Funding Options – Jensen stated that the highway department has expressed a need for a loader within the next few years. Orton provided a list of 2026-2027 Capital Improvement Projects. Discussion regarding the existing capital improvement projects for \$84,325 to be funded using the \$64,225 CIP budget along with \$33,000 from the 2025 CIP Carryover. The Fire Department is looking to purchase a 3000 Gallon Tanker for \$457,625 along with \$60,705 to refurbish Engine 1. Hartman presented options for the loan with a 5-year payoff, 10-year payoff and 15-year payoff. Discussion regarding the budget hearing. Hartman will put the 5-year payoff annual payments in the 2025 budget and at the budget hearing the electors can move that to a 10-year or 15-year payoff.

Employee Wages – Discussion regarding employee wages. Hartman presented what other towns and the county are paying employees. Discussion regarding raises. This topic will be addressed in closed session and budget will be finalized when returning from closed session.

2025 Budget Draft – Review, Possible Changes, Approval to move to Town Meeting – Hartman stated that there is \$1350 that needs to be placed into the budget. This is due to the increase in the Woodboro and Harrison contracts. Discussion if this should be placed in the fire department budget. Final budget will be determined after closed session.

Closed Session: It is anticipated that a motion will be made, seconded and approved by roll call vote to enter into closed session pursuant to WI State Statute 19.85(1)(g), conferring with legal counsel concerning strategy to be adopted by the governmental body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved. A roll call vote will be taken to go into closed session (Topic: Logging Camp Road End Point) and pursuant to WI State Statute 19.85(1) (c) Considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has a jurisdiction or exercises responsibility (topic: Volunteer Fire Fighters Work Comp Claim and Wage Increase request by Crescent Road Crew Member).

Motion by Jensen to enter into closed session at 1:39 p.m. Seconded by Waksmonski.

Motion by Jensen to return to open session at 1:58 p.m. Seconded by Waksmonski.

It is anticipated that the Town Board will return to open session by roll call vote to consider the rest of the agenda. Announcement Of Action Taken In Closed Session, Or Take Action Based On Closed Session (NOTE: If the announcement of action taken in closed session would compromise the need for the closed session, the action taken will not be announced. Any action taken in closed session may be announced when the need for the closed session has passed)

Jensen while in closed session there was discussion the volunteer fire department work comp claim. The wages for the road crew to be included in the 2025 budget were determined. The approved wages have been included in the proposed 2025 budget and the final proposed budget as presented today will be presented to the town electors at the Budget Hearing on November 13, 2024

Jensen adjourned the meeting 1:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Tracy Hartman
Municipal Clerk