

TOWN OF FOND DU LAC

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PUBLIC HEARING

NOVEMBER 6, 2025

6:00 PM

The Public Hearing for the 2026 Proposed Budget was called to order by Chairman Jeff Montsma. Present were Chairman Montsma, Supervisors Aaron Kuhls, Jessica Allender, Jennifer Janeczko, and David Washkoviak, Clerk Patti Supple, Treasurer Brenda Post, Deputy Clerk Theresa Klapperich and Town residents Mary Gorske, James Supple and John Zorn. Confirmation was made of Open Meeting notice.

The 2026 Proposed Budget was presented. It was published in the Reporter and posted on the Town website.

Mary Gorske had the following questions. She noted the income had increased @\$280,000.00. This was due to a \$300,000.00 loan that will be taken out in 2025 and paid back in 2026 for road repairs. The Town's tax levy might be decreasing by @\$20,000.00 due to the State not reimbursing Townships for the personal property tax levy. The general fund disbursements have been rearranged to coincide with the State mandated topics. The prior budget and the accounting system have been updated to make the proposed budget and the published newspaper notice more in line with each other and easier to understand. Some accounts under one line item have been moved to another line item. Hopefully by next years budget the numbers will be more aligned. The debt retirement now includes the loan for roads. The Town paid off \$270,000.00 in principle on the Water Utility Loan. While the Town does have a nice cushion for the remainder of 2025 in the general account in comparison to 2024, there are some bills paid for last year's road repairs that the Town has not paid yet this year.

Chairman Montsma noted at the Annual Meeting, a motion was made to increase the tax levy to prepare for Fire Truck replacement. Instead, the Board is proposing to set aside \$50,000.00 yearly for the next 3 years to help defray the cost.

There being no more discussion or questions motion was made and seconded to adjourn the Public Hearing into the Special Town Meeting of the electors. Motion carried.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING OF THE ELECTORS

The Special Town Meeting of the Electors was called to order. All from the Public Hearing were present.

The Town Tax Levy for 2025 payable in 2026 is property tax levy \$708,221.00, water utility loan \$183,878.00 and road repair loan for \$300,000.00 for a total of \$1,192,099.00. It is unknown at this time if the personal property levy will be reimbursed by the State.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the Town Tax levy as presented. Motion carried, 11 aye.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn to the Town Board Meeting. Motion carried.

TOWN BOARD MEETING

The Town Board meeting was called to order by Chairman Montsma. All from the previous meeting were present.

Compensation for Supervisor 1 and Supervisor 3 was discussed. Motion was made and seconded to not raise the compensation or the wages. Motion carried.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the 2026 Budget as presented and posted. Motion carried.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn the Town Board Meeting. Motion carried.

Submitted by Patti Supple, Town Clerk