

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING OF ELECTORS AND
TOWN OF MERRILL PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING
HELD AT THE TOWN OF MERRILL COMMUNITY CENTER
NOVEMBER 10TH, 2025 AT 5:30 P.M.**

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING OF ELECTORS

Chairman Tony Baumann called the meeting to order at 5:38 p.m.

Rick Neumann made a motion to open the Special Town Meeting of Electors, 2nd by Larry Wenning; all ayes, motion carried.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Chairman Tony Baumann, Supervisors Darrel Dengel, Matt Leder, Tim Mueske and Scott Oberg, Clerk Mitzi Flegner, Treasurer Kay Tautges in attendance.

Also present: See sign in sheet.

Paul Proulx made a motion to begin discussion, 2nd by Larry Wenning; all ayes, motion carried.

Chairman Tony Baumann and Supervisor Matt Leder presented to the Electors why the Board wanted to raise the tax levy limit, and how they decided on the amount to raise it. In 2021 we received ARPA money which was used to pay for our fire contract. That enabled the Town Board to improve roads, such as Airport Rd. & Lincoln Drive. The ARPA money has been spent. The \$163,961 raise in the tax levy limit would allow the Town Board to continue improving more of the roads in the Town of Merrill.

Don Friske, Greg Hartwig, Ken Sutton, Gene Simon, Tom Fuller and Donald Schofield all presented questions that Chairman Tony Baumann and Supervisor Matt Leder addressed.

Larry Wenning made a motion to close the discussion, 2nd by Don Friske; all ayes, motion carried.

Tom Zentner made a motion to open the voting, 2nd by Larry Wenning; all ayes, motion carried.

Kathy Pophal made a motion to close the voting, 2nd by Jackalyn Arseneau; all ayes, motion carried.

122 people voted: 48 Yes, 74 No.

Larry Wenning made a motion to adjourn the Special Meeting of Electors, 2nd by Kathy Pophal; all ayes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING

Chairman Tony Baumann call the meeting to order at 7:14 p.m.

Don Friske made a motion to open the Public Budget Hearing, 2nd by Mark Handlin; all ayes, motion carried.

The proposed Town of Merrill 2026 Budget was discussed line by line.

Kathy Pophal made a motion to approve the Town of Merrill 2026 Budget, 2nd by Larry Wenning; all ayes, motion carried.

Larry Wenning made a motion to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Kathy Pophal; all ayes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

