

2021 Town of Vermont Budget Discussion

November 9, 2020 – Public Budget
Hearing & Possible Board Approval

Background - Levy Calculations

- Municipal Levy Limit Worksheet used yearly to calculate allowed Town of Vermont levy
- Most numbers in worksheet are populated by Wisconsin Department of Revenue
- The worksheet allows for an adjustment based on public safety debt
- The municipal allowed levy, school district levy amounts, and the public safety levy amounts are entered into a levy worksheet in early December – the county uses that worksheet to generate tax bills by district for each property owner in the township

Expenditures - 2021 Adjustment Proposals

- Significant impact is moving back to quadrant schedule for Town road chip sealing
- 2021 will be approximately 10 miles which has a large budget impact - \$171K (est. \$17K/mile)
- Doubling chip sealing budget from \$10K to \$20K due to length of road being chip sealed
- Jack had a longevity pay increase effective 9/1/20 – that increase is reflected in 2021 budget
- Decreased typical \$ allocated to patching by \$5K, reduced number of culvert replacement to x5 and reduced sand/salt in order to empty out shed a bit more than usual
- Reduced allocations to reserve accounts – another slide for that topic

*Please reference 2021 Draft Budget excel workbook

Revenue - 2021

- Standard revenue sources from year to year - consistent shared revenue and general transportation aid, etc from prior year
- Slight increase in our allowable municipal levy due to new construction and allowed adjustment based on current public safety debt
- Increased revenue estimate for Forest Cropland/MFL Taxes which is an item for which we have not typically fully accounted

Reserve Accrual

- 2021 budget is tight - primarily due to \$171K for chip sealing and crack filling
- No room to allocate 2021 levy dollars toward accrual for future costs with exception of \$3K for patrolman retirement and BE Fire Accrual
- *Note:* 2020 (due to adjusted quadrant chip sealing schedule) is projecting approximately \$80K of carry-over. In Jan of 2021, Town Board could consider to which reserve account to allocate carry-over dollars

*Please reference Reserve Accrual workbook

Reserve Accrual - BE Fire Department

- For BE Fire planning, Becca and I did determine a method by which we can fairly accrue
- We looked at the budget for MH Fire, the total accrual dollars and based on equalized value % determined the Town of Vermont's portion.
- We then allocated the same amount in the BE Fire accrual
- By this method, the amount allocated to MH and BE for accrual is equivalent and can be tracked as such