



## LINWOOD TOWNSHIP

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### Town Board Budget Meeting Minutes

**February 12, 2024**

Board Members Present: Supervisors Mike Parker, Jonn Olson, Bob Millerbernd, Carol Searing, and Andy Luedtke (arrived at 6:07pm); Treasurer Alyssa Dehn; Clerk Pam Olson

Board Members Absent: none

Others Present: Darryl Ballman, Tom Searing, Lloyd Horton, Charles Scriptor

**Call to Order and Approval of the Agenda:** Chairman Parker called the budget meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Hall at 22817 Typo Creek Drive NE, Stacy, on Monday, February 12, 2024, and the clerk performed the roll call.

The budget sheets with 2025 preliminary budget numbers were prepared by committees or staff.

**Fire Department:** Concern was expressed that the budget proposed for the Fire Fund at \$394,162 was almost \$100,000 higher than the 2024 budget. Training was increased by \$20,000 due to EMT refresher courses, plans to do more in-house training, and unknown lodging costs. Administrative costs doubled due to software licenses such as First Due. The use of PSTRax and Active 911 will be discontinued in 2025. Uniforms/Jackets/Clothing line item was admittedly high at \$7,500. Personal Protection Equipment was also set high at \$35,000 for the purchase of four sets of turnout gear.

**Fire Capital** was planned to replace Engine 2. The current engine is a 1992 Rosenbauer truck. It is taking 2-3 years for delivery on a new truck. Because the estimated cost would be over \$1M, bonding for the purchase may be necessary. Supervisor Olson moved to budget \$150,000 in Fire Capital for 2025; Supervisor Luedtke seconded. Supervisors Olson, Luedtke, Parker, and Searing voted aye; Supervisor Millerbernd voted nay. Motion carried 4-1.

**Senior Center:** The Intergenerational Easter and Halloween events continue to grow in popularity. Supervisor Searing moved to raise the Operating Supplies for Community Celebrations from \$1,200 to \$2,000; Supervisor Luedtke seconded. All ayes; motion carried. The preliminary Senior Center budget was set at \$76,686.

**Recycling Fund:** The recycling operating budget was set at \$172,019, which is an increase of over \$26,000 above the actual 2023 expenses.

**Recycling Capital:** Supervisor Luedtke moved to add \$10,000 to recycling reserves for a tractor upgrade; Supervisor Millerbernd seconded. This would put the total for Recycling Capital at \$20,000. Supervisors Luedtke, Millerbernd, Olson, and Parker voted in favor; Supervisor Searing voted against. The motion carried 4-1.

**Police:** Supervisor Millerbernd moved to set the Police budget at \$351,700; Supervisor Luedtke seconded. All ayes; motion carried.

**General Capital:** Supervisor Millerbernd moved to put \$10,000 in Capital Reserves; Supervisor Searing seconded. All ayes; motion carried.

**Adjournment:** Supervisor Olson moved to adjourn; Supervisor Millerbernd seconded. All voted in favor; the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Approved on February 27, 2024

Attested:

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Michael Parker, Chairman

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Pamela Olson, Clerk