Special Town Meeting of the Electors – October 21, 2015

Mukwa Town Hall, E8514 Weyauwega Rd., Northport 192 in attendance (including Town Board, Clerk, Treasurer, Town Attorney, Bob Sorenson & Jessica Beckendorf, Waupaca County UW Extension-Community Development Educator)

Chairman Curns called the meeting to order at approximately 6:40 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Notification of this meeting was given to the Press and posted in the three designated places on October 1, 2015.

Roll call of Officers: Jim Curns, Chairman - Present; Lee Shaw, Supervisor 1 - Present;

Matt Manske, Supervisor 2 – Present; Brenda Grove, Treasurer – Present; Jeannette Zielinski, Clerk – Present.

All Meetings/Hearings will adhere to Robert's Rules of Order Pursuant to Town of Mukwa Ordinance 10-05.

Introductions/Explanation of Meeting: Chairman Curns introduced Jessica Beckendorf from Waupaca County UW Extension, who was also present at the Town's Annual Meeting in April & Town Attorney, Bob Sorenson. Chairman Curns explained the letter that was sent to tax payers with reasoning why this was needed at this time & did follow-up with assistance from Jessica Beckendorf on information obtained during the April Annual Meeting. Jessica brought along a handout summarizing the proceedings of the Annual Meeting (copy posted on Town's website www.mukwa.us & available at Mukwa Town Hall).

<u>Public Discussion</u>: Chairman Curns explained that questions & dialogue were encouraged, but due to the amount of people present that there would be a time limit of approximately two minutes per question allowed.

A motion was made by Charles Loberg that (*Electors*) be allowed to vote at any time during the meeting, but that the meeting could continue. Second to the motion was made by Scott Clark. Aye: Majority present. Motion carried. A motion to have the voting done by secret paper ballot was made by Alan Petit with a second to Mr. Petit's motion made by Judy McDaniel. Aye: Majority present. Motion carried. Paper/pens for voting were handed out by Clerk Zielinski, Attorney Sorenson & Alice Behnke. Additional questions answered. Asked if increase is designated for roads. Motion was made by Jeanne Buckarma that any raise would go only to roads. Chairman Curns asked Attorney Sorenson to answer. Attorney Sorenson advised that State Statute does not allow for this provision, it must go to the general tax levy and then be placed into roads at Budget. (*Public Budget Hearing & Meeting of the Electors is set for November 16th, preceding the Monthly Town Board Meeting*). Motion died.

Town Electors Vote on Resolution 70-2-15:

Town Attorney Bob Sorenson read pertinent parts Resolution 69-1-15 – Resolution Supporting Levy Exceeding Limit, which was adopted by the Town Board at the September 21st Monthly Town Board Meeting & Resolution 70-2-15.

To consider the Adoption of a Resolution by the Town meeting endorsing a Town Board Resolution (69-1-15) which proposes that the Town levy exceed the state allowable levy limit under s. 66.0602 of Wisconsin Statutes, specifically a proposed tax levy which would exceed the allowable town tax levy for 2015 by 95 percent which would be a dollar increase of \$199,969.30 over the allowable levy for 2015. Total tax levy of \$410,463.30. Additional comment and answer time allowed. Motion to affirm the Resolution read by Attorney Sorenson was made by Charles Loberg with a second to the motion made by Richard Malouf. Aye: Majority Motion carried. Vote by paper ballot taken. Ballots collected & counted by Attorney Sorenson & Clerk Zielinski. Results certified by Attorney Sorenson as 103 Yes & 81 No. Resolution adopted as follows:

RESOLUTION 70-2-15

Resolution for Electors to Exceed the Levy Limits at Special Town Meeting of the Electors

Whereas, the State of Wisconsin has imposed levy limits under s. 66.0602 of the Wis. Statutes for the tax levies in 2015 and thereafter;

Whereas, s. 66.0602 (5) of Wis. Statutes allows the Town electors in towns under 3,000 in population to exceed the maximum allowable levy limit by adoption of a resolution at a town meeting of the electors;

Whereas, the Town Board has adopted a resolution supporting an increase in the town tax levy which would exceed the maximum allowable state levy limit for the Town of Mukwa;

Whereas, this Special Town Meeting of the electors has been called and noticed to consider the adoption of a Resolution to endorse the Town Board's resolution to exceed the state levy limits; specifically by increasing the allowable town tax levy for 2015 (collected in 2016) by 95 percent;

Now, therefore, the Special Town Meeting of the Town of Mukwa, Waupaca County, Wisconsin, by a majority vote of the eligible electors voting on this <u>21st</u> day of <u>October</u>, 2015 duly assembled and voting resolves and orders as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED, the Town electors of the Town of <u>Mukwa</u>, <u>Waupaca</u> County, Wisconsin endorse the Town Board Resolution (69-1-15) to increase the Town tax levy for 2015 (collected in 2016) by <u>95</u> percent over the <u>allowable</u> 2015 levy, which is an increase of \$199,969.30 over the allowable 2015 Town tax levy.

The above and foregoing Resolution was adopted, at the Special Town Meeting held on the 21st day of October, 2015.

Number of Town electors voting aye:	<u>103</u>
Number of Town electors voting nay:	<u>81</u>
Number abstaining or not voting (if det	ermined):

/s/Chairman, Jim Curns

I hereby certify that this is a true copy of a Resolution passed by the Town Electors of the Town of Mukwa, on the 21st day of October, 2015.

/s/Municipal Clerk, Jeannette Zielinski

Posted: October 22, 2015 Mukwa Town Hall Bean City Bar & Grill Northport Convenience Center

Motion to adjourn was made by Walter Heise. Second made by Judy McDaniel. Motion carried. Aye: All present.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeannette Zielinski, Municipal Clerk