

TOWN OF OCONOMOWOC

APPROVED

Board of Supervisors – Special Board Meeting

November 20, 2008

The meeting was called to Order by Chairman Hultquist at 8:35 a.m. Present at the meeting were Chairman Hultquist, Supervisors Janis Husak, John Roelandts, and John Koepke. Also present were Administrator/Planner Jeffrey Herrmann and Clerk/Treasurer Terry Leaman. Supervisor Brian Wiemer was absent and excused.

There were no residents in attendance.

1. Public comments on Agenda items: None

2. Consider and Act on Health Insurance Plan for 2009.

Supervisor Koepke and Administrator Herrmann each completed a spread sheet comparing the costs of the new insurance program with the State of Wisconsin to the current insurance program with Anthem. The term used was for six years beginning in 2009. It was assumed that the Anthem insurance would increase at a rate of 14% per year and the State plan at 8% per year. The first two years of the State plan would have a surcharge of 60% in 2009 and 30% in 2010. In 2011 there would be no surcharge.

The spread sheets show that the breakeven point is in 2013. In 2014 the Town would be ahead of the game in insurance costs. Both unions have agreed to pay the extra costs of the insurance with the State.

A motion was made by Supervisor Husak and seconded by Supervisor Roelandts to approve the State of Wisconsin health insurance plan for 2009.

Supervisor Koepke had a concern regarding the State changing the parameters that the Town was working with and asked if the Town had this information in writing. Administrator Herrmann gave a letter to Supervisor Koepke that explained the costs associated with the health plan.

It was explained that the surcharge is a new charge in 2008. While the explanation for the surcharge was the Town's previous experience, there is some doubt as to whether the surcharge is just another charge from the State. It appears that the surcharge does not go to the insurance carrier but to the State.

Supervisor Koepke questioned where the Town is going to come up with the extra \$126,000.00 in costs. Administrator Herrmann indicated that the Town will have to amend the budget at the public hearing. There is also the possibility that the FEMA money that will be received in 2009 would cover the costs.

Supervisor Koepke asked if the State would consider charging less in the first two years and spread the surcharge over a longer term. Administrator Herrmann will ask that question.

Chairman Hultquist mentioned that he has contacted Joel Kleefisch and has asked him if he could assist the Town with the possible reduction of the surcharge. He has contacted Senator Fitzgerald and they both will be working on the problem. He doesn't hold out much hope for a positive solution.

The question was called. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Consider and Act on Audit proposals for 2008.

The Board had narrowed their choices down to two firms, Rotroff Jeanson and Virchow Krause. Administrator Herrmann has contacted Rotroff Jeanson to see if they would be interested in assisting the Town with the bookkeeping for 2008. The costs would be \$95.00-\$105.00 per hour depending on the person that was sent to do the work. The Board was against having an accounting firm come in at the end of the year to do the work. They felt that if issues exist they need to be corrected now.

If Rotroff Jeanson would do the bookkeeping work they would not complete the 2008 audit. Virchow Krause would do the audit.

A motion was made by Supervisor Husak and seconded by Supervisor Koepke to hire Rotroff Jeanson to assist with the bookkeeping for 2008 and hire Virchow Krause to complete the 2008 audit. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Adjourn

A motion was made by Supervisor Roelandts and seconded by Supervisor Husak to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:06 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry A. Leaman
Clerk/Treasurer