

**STELLA TOWN BOARD MINUTES
DECEMBER 1, 2009**

**Tuesday, 12/01/09
6:00 PM
Town Hall**

Meeting called by: Chair Dave Brunette **Type of meeting:** **Annual Budget Hearing & Special Town Meeting with December Town Board Meeting immediately following.**

**OFFICIALS PRESENT: DAVE BRUNETTE, TOWN CHAIR; DEB POLINSKI, SUPERVISOR; BOB GOODIN, SUPERVISOR; JEAN FISH, CLERK; KATHY BAKER, TREASURER
CITIZENS PRESENT: NONE**

Topic	Presenter	Action/Discussion
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Annual Budget Meeting	D. Brunette	Chair Brunette called the Annual Budget Meeting to order at 6 PM. J. Fish, Clerk, went over the proposed 2010 Town Budget by line item, answering questions as needed. Due to the state levy requirements, the town is required to stay within the tax allowable limits for this year of 3% growth over last year's budget, plus any new general obligation debt. Spending a minimum \$85,000 on road work, both new construction and road maintenance, was again a major consideration when setting the 2010 budget to enable the town to maintain its current level of state transportation aid. Another item in next year's proposed budget is the \$12,000 annual payment for the new fire building. This is approximately the same amount as the loan payment made the past 10 years for the fire engine. The addition was needed to house the two additional vehicles acquired by the Fire Dept. through grants. The amount of the town levy requested is \$153,197. A motion was made by Dave Brunette, seconded by Deb Polinski, to approve the 2010 town budget as presented. Motion carried. A motion to adjourn Public Budget Hearing and to open Special Town Meeting was made by Deb Polinski, seconded by Bob Goodin, Motion Carried.
Special Town Meeting to Approve Town Levy to be Collected in 2010	J. Fish, Clerk	Chair Brunette called the Special Town Meeting to order. A motion was made by Deb Polinski, seconded by Bob Goodin to approve the tax levy mill rate of \$1.77 per \$1000 in assessed valuation for the Town of Stella, with a total mill rate of \$12.26 per \$1,000 in assessed valuation for K-12 District and \$8.66 for Three Lakes School District. Motion carried. A motion was made by Deb Polinski, seconded by Bob Goodin to adjourn the Special Town meeting. Motion carried.
December Town Board Meeting	D. Brunette, Chair	Chair Brunette called the regular monthly town board meeting to order immediately following the close of the Special Town Meeting.
✓ Approve November Bd. Mtg. Minutes	J Fish, Clerk	The minutes were distributed to Board members and posted on the website. A motion to approve the minutes

was made by Deb Polinski, seconded by Bob Goodin. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report given by K. Baker. A motion was made by Deb Polinski, seconded by B. Goodin to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

- ✓ **Approve Treasurer's Report** K. Baker, Treasurer
- ✓ **Public Comments** None
- ✓ **Old Business-Board Updates** Board

B. Goodin said the Town Christmas Party is set for Dec. 12th. The Vintage Snowmobile Race will take place in Stella on Jan. 16th. The new track is progressing nicely, along with preparations for fencing, signage, and track control.

D. Brunette stated the town did not end up receiving a Tripp grant. Seven towns were selected to receive a grant, and Stella was 8th on the list.

B. Goodin stated that we haven't been having a lot of problems with beavers plugging up culverts in the past 2 years, but he will keep an eye on it and call someone to unplug a culvert if needed.

- ✓ **Review monthly bills and approve for payment** Board

Action- Bills were reviewed and approved for payment.

Adjourn There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM

Submitted by: Jean Fish, Town Clerk.