

**TOWN OF LAPOINTE
PUBLIC HEARING:
2020 BUDGET
MONDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2019
5:00 PM AT TOWN HALL
Approved Minutes**

Town Board Members Present: Jim Patterson, Michael Anderson, Glenn Carlson, John Carlson

Town Board Members Absent: Sue Brenna

Public Present as per attached sign-up sheet (30 people total).

I. Call to Order: Called to order by Jim Patterson at 5:00pm.

II. The purpose of this Public Hearing is to discuss the 2020 proposed budget.

Jim Patterson opened with thanking many for the work done after the storm and stated that there was a Gazette Article about the budget that was printed prior to the Town Board finalizing what they were presenting for the Tax Levy. The Town Board is asking the Townspeople to approve a 4.41% increase over the allowable levy limit.

Clerk Montagne read a comment from Penny Gill that the meeting should have been postponed because there were many people who could not attend. Also read was a statement from Douglas Beck that they would like less than a 5% increase on the levy.

Mike Stark read and submitted comments on the Emergency Service Building, that costs are high, and maybe a committee could be established to study other options. And there is the possibility of purchasing a property for \$245,000 that could house the police quarters with garage and barn. He also had comments on the tax levy, staying with the state allowable limit. Discussion on the Emergency Service Building and costs. General tone of discussion that the building costs are too high, questions on what could be done to get costs down.

III. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn, M. Anderson/ G. Carlson, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried. Adjourned at 5:42pm.

Submitted by Micaela Montagne, Town Clerk.

Approved as submitted, December 10, 2019. M. Montagne, Town Clerk.