

**MEETING NOTICE  
TOWN OF BASHAW**

Notice is hereby given that the  
Bashaw Town Board shall hold its  
Monthly meeting on  
February 27, 2021 @ 10:00 a.m. at the Shell Lake Arts Center

**AGENDA**

- **CALL MEETING TO ORDER:** Kelbel, Degner, Johnson and Dahlstrom were present. Lynn Hoepfner excused. Kelbel called the meeting to order and the pledge was recited.
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- **DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ON PURCHASE OF NEW TOWNSHIP TRUCK:** Kelbel addressed the issue at hand and how the decision to continue plowing at the township level warrants an update or replacement of the current township truck. There is a wait even if the truck is ordered now of approximately 1 year so there still will be quite some time before a replacement could even be implemented. Kelbel stated that if we purchase equipment it will hurt road maintenance items because the monies would need to come from somewhere. The only option to adjust that would be to increase the levy. Kelbel, Degner went and got two quotes: River States and Meyers. He discussed the two trucks as being very comparable to one another with only slight differences between them. Degner got 4 quotes on financing with the most favorable being at Shell Lake State Bank for 1.5% for 7 years. Degner is in favor of keeping the purchase as local as possible to make future maintenance and/or repairs easier and quicker. Johnson was not in favor of purchasing a new truck and would like to outsource the plowing. He would rather see the extra monies that was spent on equipment be placed into road repair versus equipment. He would like to see the money spent on the road repair/maintenance but he understands the citizens wanting to retain the plowing at the township level. Kelbel addressed what the allowable increase of taxes reflects on individual taxes and his under the allowable increase would be \$6. That does not go far to increasing the money that can be placed towards road repairs/maintenance. There was discussion between multiple citizens present in regards to the cost of rates and where the funding will come from. The interest rates are great but where will the funding come from was the main concern addressed. Multiple concerns were addressed discussing the old equipment being repaired versus buying new. Kelbel called for a vote to be binding or an advisory vote. Kelbel's preference would be for the citizens to make the decision. 45 citizens were present. Vote was done: Paper ballots Tallied 10 No & 35 YES. Motion by Kelbel to purchase a new truck not to exceed \$180,000 and supersede the increased levy motion from 10-13-2015 that all monies can be used for all town expenditures as seen fit by the current town board, second by Degner. Motion carried. Yes (2) Kelbel, Degner. No (1) Johnson.

Motion by Degner to adjourn @ 11:03 a.m., second by Kelbel. Meeting adjourned.

Lesa Dahlstrom, Clerk  
Town of Bashaw