Town of Tomah Special Electors Meeting
November 17, 2026

Present: Chairman Todd R. Sparks, Supervisor John Ollendick, Supervisor Ken Simon, Clerk Jennifer Zeps, and Deputy Clerk Breanne Zaremba.

Excused: Treasurer Teresa Hubert

- Meeting was called to order at 7:26 p.m. by Chairman Todd R. Sparks.
- Verified all who want to vote have signed in and live within the Town of Tomah. Confirmed that the form of vote will be by a paper ballot.
- Public Comment
    - Vaughn Kuehl – asked if a Board member could decline a salary increase
    - Ken Simon – asked for clarification between per meeting verses per diem
    - Shannon Sparks – noted that the levy increase would have a relatively small impact per resident and greatly improve the Town's ability to maintain roads
    - Justin Atherton – asked if the levy increase would be a 1 time/1 year request
    - Jill McMullin – asked what happens to the money budgeted as "Contingency Fund" if it is not used in 2027
    - Walt Weiland – asked why the levy increase isn't included on the General Election ballot
    - Vaughn Kuehl – asked if we had a quote for a new truck purchase and how long would it take for the Town of save enough money for a truck purchase
    - Ken Simon – noted that the Town is asking for a levy increase rather than taking out a loan in an effort to save money on loan interest and fees
    - Otto Sommerfield – asked if leasing options for a plow truck have been considered
    - Val Holmes – noted that proper maintenance is crucial for a long use span of a vehicle and why couldn't the Town not ask for a smaller levy increase ($25,000 or $50,000)
    - Tom Karacson – noted that there needs to be a change at the State level for better funding to Townships for road maintenance
- Town Elector Resolution 2026-10-17-01 Considering Adoption of the Town Board Salary Change (Vote)
    - Paper Ballots with the options "yes – Adjust Board Salary" or "no – Do Not Adjust Board Salary" were passed out and collected by Clerk Zeps and Deputy Clerk Zaremba.
    - Votes tallied by Clerk Zeps and Deputy Clerk Zaremba.
    - Results: 26 votes yes, 32 votes no. Resolution 2026-10-17-01 Failed to pass to adjust Board salary.
- Town Elector Resolution 2026-10-12-01 Considering Adoption of the Town Board's Resolution to Exceed the Levy Limit by $100,000 (Vote)
    - Paper Ballots with the options "yes – Exceed Levy by $100,000" or "no – Do Not Exceed Levy by $100,000" were passed out and collected by Clerk Zeps and Deputy Clerk Zaremba.
    - Votes tallied by Clerk Zeps and Deputy Clerk Zaremba.

    - Results: 21 votes yes, 37 votes no. Resolution 2026-10-12-01 Failed to pass to Exceed the Levy Limit by $100,000.
- Town Elector Resolution 2026-10-12-02 Considering Adoption of the Town Board's Resolution to Exceed the Levy Limit by $75,000 (Vote)
    - Paper Ballots with the options "yes – Exceed Levy by $75,000" or "no – Do Not Exceed Levy by $75,000" were passed out and collected by Clerk Zeps and Deputy Clerk Zaremba.
    - Votes tallied by Clerk Zeps and Deputy Clerk Zaremba.
    - Results: 32 votes yes, 26 votes no. Resolution 2026-10-12-02 Passed to Exceed the Levy Limit by $75,000.
- Motion at 8:32 p.m. by Supervisor Simon, seconded by Supervisor Ollendick to adjourn the meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer J. Zeps, Town Clerk