

TOWN OF APPLE RIVER

TOWN BUDGET/SPECIAL TOWN MEETING OF THE ELECTORS/ REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

Monday, December 12, 2022

The December **Special Budget Public Hearing** was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chair Bryan.

Present: Chair Bryan, Supervisor King, Supervisor Mullenbach, Treasurer Carlson, Clerk Agne, and Fritz Coulter.

Approval of Meeting Agenda: Chair Bryan inquired if everyone had reviewed this evening's Agenda. Hearing no corrections, the Chair asked for a motion to approve the Agenda as submitted. Supervisor Mullenbach motioned to approve the Agenda as submitted. Motion seconded by Supervisor King. A voice vote was called. Motion carried.

Chair Bryan called the **2023 Budget Public Hearing** to order. Chair reviewed the 2023 Revised Proposed Budget. Chair Bryan identified the changes in the Proposed Budget over the previous Adopted Budget from November. Chair Bryan made a motion to Rescind the previously Adopted Budget. This motion was seconded by Supervisor Mullenbach. A Voice Vote was called, the motion carried.

Supervisor Mullenbach made a motion to approve the Revised Proposed Budget for 2023. This motion was seconded by Supervisor King. A Voice Vote was called, the motion carried. Motion to adjourn the Budget Public Hearing was made by Supervisor King. Motion to adjourn was seconded by Supervisor Mullenbach. The Budget Hearing was closed by Chair Bryan.

The **Special Town Meeting of the Electors** to adopt the 2022 Town Tax Levy paid in 2023 was called to order. Chair Bryan made a motion to Rescind the previously Adopted Town Tax Levy. This motion to Rescind was seconded by Supervisor Mullenbach. A Voice Vote was called, the motion carried. Chair Bryan reviewed the Revised 2022 Levy. JoAnne Agne moved to call for a Voice Vote regarding the 2022 Town Tax Levy review. Motion seconded by Steve Mullenbach. A Voice Vote was called. All Ayes. No Nays voiced. Motion to hold a Voice Vote to act on the Town Tax Levy carried.

JoAnne Agne moved to approve the 2022 Town Tax Levy of \$206,012 to be collected in 2023. Motion to approve this Levy dollar amount was seconded by Janice Carlson. A Voice Vote was called. All Ayes. Motion to approve the proposed 2022 Levy of \$206,012 carried. Citing no further business, a Motion to Adjourn the Special Meeting of the Electors was made by Supervisor King. A Motion to Adjourn was seconded by Supervisor Mullenbach. The Special Meeting of the Electors was closed by Chair Bryan.

Regular Town Meeting for December 2022 was called to order at 7:08 pm.

Approval of Minutes: The draft minutes from the Special Budget and Meeting of Electors and Regular November Board Meeting were reviewed. Chair inquired if any additions or corrections for the November 2022 Minutes. Hearing none, Chair Bryan said he would entertain a motion to approve the minutes as drafted. A motion was made by Supervisor King to approve the minutes as drafted. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Mullenbach. A Voice Vote was called. Motion approved.

Public Input: Fritz Coulter suggested the Board consider a Resolution regarding Exceeding the Levy Limit next year.

Clerk Report: None.

Report by Treasurer: The Treasurer's November Report was presented by Treasurer Carlson. A motion by Supervisor King was made to accept the Treasurer's Report as given. Motion seconded by Supervisor Mullenbach. A voice vote was called. The motion carried.

County Report: None.

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Vouchers: Chair Bryan read the vouchers aloud. A motion was made by Supervisor King to approve the vouchers as read. Motion seconded by Supervisor Mullenbach. A voice vote was called. Motion carried.

Election – The Caucus to determine the list of candidates for the Spring Election will be held prior to the January Regular meeting, January 9th. If our incumbents choose not to seek reelection, notification should be given to the Clerk by December 23.

Supervisor's Reports. Chair Bryan was informed that a second structure was built on the Smith property on 80th Street. This matter is under review with the County Zoning Administrator. The request for the approval of the Balsam Lake Invasive Species Signage location is still unclear. A call was made but not returned for clarification.

Fire Department / First Responders: Verbal report from a text from the Fire Chief for November: Apple River – One (1) Structure Fire; One (1) Grass Fire; One (1) Car Crash; & Five (5) Medical Calls. Georgetown - One Grass fire; & One CO Alarm. Johnstown - None. A Gun Raffle was a successful department fundraiser earning \$4,500. Squad vehicle has a bad nozzle needing replacement. Jeff Greene benefit is scheduled for December 14th.

Chair Bryan announced a **Closed Session** for a Personnel Matter for the **Fire Department** at 7:22 pm. The Board returned from **Closed Session** at 7:27 pm.

Supervisor King updated the Board about the **Ambulance** Board's workings. Highway Report - Guard rail to the new Apple River Bridge is still being researched, the design Engineering Firm is reluctant to retrofit a guard. Additional signage was discussed.

The new **Cemetery Board** held the first organizational meeting. A suggestion to increase the price of the plots was discussed and will be considered in the future.

Planning Commission: Next meeting is scheduled for January 24, 2023. A CSM will be considered at 667 US Highway 8, Amery. Steve Arduer was not able to schedule a December meeting due to conflicts.

A review to the **Increase of Penalties of Burning without a Permit on Red Flag Days** was tabled for input from the Fire Chief Lloyd-Adams.

Public Comments: None.

The Next Meeting will be held Monday, January 9, 2022, Work Session 6 PM, with the Caucus and Regular Meeting to follow 7 PM.

Other Upcoming Events: None.

Citing no further business, the Chair entertained a Motion to adjourn. Supervisor King made the motion to adjourn. That motion was seconded by Chair Mullenbach. A voice vote was called. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 PM.