

## TOWN OF APPLE RIVER

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

Monday, December 11, 2023

The December **Special Budget Public Hearing to Adopt 2024 Budget** was called to order at 7:05 pm by Chair Bryan.

**Present:** Chair Bryan, Supervisor King, Supervisor Mullenbach, Treasurer Geist, Clerk Agne, Fire Chief Alec Lloyd – Adams and guest, Jacob Agne.

**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 **2024 Budget Public Hearing** to order. Chair reviewed the 2024 Proposed Budget. Hearing no questions, Chair Bryan called for an approval of the Proposed Budget.

Supervisor Mullenbach made a motion **to approve** the Proposed **Budget for 2024**. This motion was seconded by Supervisor King. A Voice Vote was called, the. Motion to adjourn the Budget Public Hearing was made by Supervisor Mullenbach. Motion to adjourn was **motion carried** seconded by Supervisor King. The Budget Hearing was closed by Chair Bryan.

The **Special Town Meeting of the Electors to Adopt the 2023 Town Tax Levy to be Paid in 2024** was called to order. Chair Bryan announced the **2023 Levy - \$208,373**. Chair Bryan asked for comments, hearing none, called for approval of Levy. Chair King motioned to approve the **2023 Town Levy**. Motion to approve was seconded by Steve Mullenbach. A Voice Vote was called. **Ayes** voiced. **Nays? None**. **Motion to approve the 2024 Town Tax Levy** to be collected in 2024 carried.

Citing no further business, a Motion to Adjourn the Special Meeting of the Electors was made by JoAnne Agne. The Motion to Adjourn was seconded by Chad King. The Special Meeting of the Electors was closed by Chair Bryan.

**The Regular Town Meeting** for December 2023 was called to order.

**Approval of Minutes:** Chair inquired if any additions or corrections for the November 2023 Minutes. Hearing none, Chair Bryan said he would entertain a motion to approve the minutes as composed. A motion was made by Supervisor King to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Mullenbach. A Voice Vote was called. Motion approved.

**Public Input:** None.

**Clerk Report:** ICE Election Machine serviced last week and ready for 2024 Elections. 2024 Agreement with Polk County Highway needing signature. Contractual agreement with Georgetown needing approval. Year end work including W-2s and Tax Work Sheets need to be completed in near future.

**Report by Treasurer:** The Treasurer's November Report was presented by Treasurer Geist. 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.

**Vouchers:** Chair Bryan presented the November Bills paid in December Vouchers. 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** – Covered in Clerk's Report.

**Supervisor's Reports.** No additional information that has not or will not be discussed later in the agenda.

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**Fire Department / First Responder:** Fire Chief Lloyd-Adams reported for November that a conversation with the Milltown Fire Chief suggested Apple River FD had better access to 5 additional sections of the Town of Georgetown and should expand the contractual area served.

Report for November runs- Town of Apple River – One (1) Gas Leak, Three (3) Cars, & Three (3) Medical Calls; Georgetown – Three (3) medical calls, One (1) Car; Clayton - One (1) Grass Fire; Balsam Lake – Two (2) Medicals, Three (3) Car and one (1) Chimney Fire. Total of Eighteen (18) Calls for the month of November.

Balsam Lake FD had 2% Dues pre – audit with actual Audit to be held in March, 2024. The Balsam Lake Village Board offered to pay \$300.00 per call for 2023 coverage from Apple River. This would equal \$7,500. These funds would be directed to the Truck Fund upon arrival.

Extrication tools were purchased from Milltown Fire Department for \$4,000 versus paying \$14K for new. The FD had to remove tools from Milltown units and make minor purchases to facilitate installation onto our equipment.

The Fire Department lost a valuable member Tyler Flanum, who moved to Ohio for an Air Traffic Controller position.

**Cemetery Board** – no meeting.

**Planning Commission:** Will direct Steve Arduser to review Wind Energy Licensing Ordinance, hearing for April/May timeframe, Annual Meeting input and Adoption June 1, 2024.

**Issues to be Reviewed or Acted Upon:** 2024 List of Election Inspectors was reviewed, and a list adopted. Motion by Chair Bryan and motion seconded by Supervisor King to approve the following list of **Election Inspectors for 2024:** Ellen Bardel, Janice Carlson, Jean Ebert, Marie Geist, Jenny Hanson, Marie Knutson, and Mary Younger.

Fire Chief Lloyd-Adams explained the area of coverage should be expanded for **Georgetown Fire Coverage Annual Contract** to include 4.5 additional sections. The Board **agreed to renew** the contract and add four- and one-half sections in our area of coverage description within the contract sent to Georgetown Township.

2024 **Polk County Highway Purchases Agreement** has been signed and sent to the Highway Department.

**Public Comments:** None.

**The Next Meeting** will be held Monday, January 8, 2024, Work Session 6 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 December Meeting of the Board of the Town of Apple River was **Adjourned at 7:50 PM**.