

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: November 14, 2023

Chairman Fred Stoll called the meeting to order at 6:15 PM, immediately following the budget and levy hearing. Supervisors Myron Olson and Kevin Mackie, Diane Nelson, Clerk, Amy Eliot, Treasurer, Mark Johnson and Mike Sims, Streets Dept, Keith Kesler, Fire Chief, and Gene Germano, Trusty Trucking..

Minutes: Myron motioned, seconded by Kevin to approve the minutes of last month's board meeting, motion passed.

Financial Report: The financial report showed: \$22,591.45 in checking, \$385,273.20 in the general money market account which includes \$196,112.92 in a sub-account dedicated to the town garage, \$13,803.31 in real estate tax account, \$15,996.71 in personal property tax account, \$51,696.63.34 in equipment account, and \$69,912.04 in the ARPA Grant account. Myron motioned, seconded by Kevin to accept the financial report, and authorize paying the bills as presented, motion passed.

County Supervisor's Report: Scott emailed a report. The Land Conservationist Ashley Strabel will be leaving her position in February. They have 3 new youth members, Oscar Danz from Northwestern and Josephine Botner and Dillion Blix from Superior High. The budget for 2024 includes a proposed levy of \$18,920,361 and budget for all departments totaling \$67,005094.

Town Officers Reports: Fred mentioned Bayfield Electric has a 2016 F550 with 162K miles on it which might be up for sale. Myron mentioned topping the Balsam in the Town Hall before it snaps in the wind. He met with WDNR, they will be addressing the 2:1 slope requirement in the Bellwood Pit permit and putting 2300# of gravel on the road after the railroad grade project is completed. He is still working on getting info relating to a new Brule sign. Diane discussed the election security evaluation completed by Homeland Security and some of the suggestions for improvement, such as developing contingency plans for explosions, bombs, active shooters, etc. Diane is also working through the requirements for implementing the retirement benefits through the state ETD (Employee Trust Funds.) While no one might be eligible or interested at this time, it will be a great benefit to helping secure qualified personnel in the future.

Road Report: They have been getting ready for winter. Have a salt/sand mix ready. Mark expressed concern about needing snowplow drivers. Diane will develop an ad.

Fire Chief Report: They have had 6 medical and 1 motor vehicle call since the last meeting. The roofing project will be done by the end of the month. They received a \$7500 grant from Enbridge, making up 5 out of 5 they applied for. Keith discussed some road naming issues he's working through and some maintenance needs for vehicles.

New Business:

Zoning: Myron motioned, seconded by Kevin to file no objection to the Reclamation Plan for Bellwood Pit.

Budget/Levy: Myron motioned, seconded by Kevin to approve the budget and levy as approved by the electors in the hearing and budget meeting, motion carried.

Opening on Street Dept: Mike Sims has submitted his resignation as of Dec 15th. Diane will develop an ad and submit it to the board before posting.

Old Business:

Fire Dept. Water Source: Myron received a cost of \$19K loaded on a truck for the tank. He and Keith will go see it to evaluate its condition.

Town correspondence was reviewed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Nelson, Clerk