**Minutes from November 14, 2023, Budget & Electors Meeting**

Pledge of Allegiance

In Attendance: Chairman VanDeWeerd, Treasurer Frisch, Clerk Chambers, Supervisor Alery, Supervisor Niersel, Phil & Judy Hill, Bob & Colleen Kupfer, John Greenwood, Mike Specht, Joe & Naomi Welter, Jack Froome

**Budget Information Portion of the meeting called to order @ 5:30pm**

Packets were handed out with all budget information for everyone in attendance to look over. Chairman VanDeWeerd stated that there was a Zero Levy increase and that there was a shared revenue increase. We are expecting to have a carryover of funds from 2023 – 2024 of roughly $30,000. Exact numbers aren’t set yet because we still have outstanding expenditures until the year’s end. Chairman also stated that there shouldn’t be a need for a couple of years for equipment replacement even though we are currently using very old equipment, Hugh does a really good job of keeping them well maintained. Time was given to examine all budget numbers, Chairman asked if there were any questions or concern and there were none. Motion made to close the Budget portion of the meeting by Supervisor Alery @ 5:40, 2nd by Chairman, motion carried.

**Electors Meeting for Approval of the Levy**

Motion was made by Mike Specht to accept the November 17, 2022, minutes, 2nd by Phil Hill, motion carried. Motion was made to accept the 2024 Highway Cost by Mike Specht, 2nd by Bob Kupfer, motion carried.

**Salaries for elected officials**: Chairman stated that he would like to bring salaries of elected officials up to at least 2019 standards. To do that he would like to see wages go up across the board $1,200.00. That would mean a $1,200.00 increase from current wage for Chairman, Treasurer, Clerk & both Supervisors. Motion was made by Mike Specht to approve the raise, 2nd by Judy Hill, motion carried. Increase will take effect on January 1, 2024, which is the start of the new budget.

**Adopt Levy**: Motion was made by Joe Welter to Adopt Levy in 2023 paid in 2024, 2nd by Colleen Kupfer, motion carried. Electors Meeting Adjourned @ 5:51

**Regular Town Meeting**

The regular Town Meeting was adjourned at 5:52pm

Motion was made to approve the minutes from October 10, 2023, meeting by Supervisor Alery, 2nd by Supervisor Niersel, motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report: $87,616.46 Motion to approve by Supervisor Alery, 2nd by Chairman VanDeWeerd, motion carried.

Clerk Chambers had no report.

Tug Lake Road: Needs to be done from Resort to South End to correct standards. Town should pursue using LRIP Grant, shared revenue and Loan if necessary. Grant would be awarded right after the 1st of the year, would need to be done in 2024 and bidding should go out ASAP. Motion by Chairman to pursue, 2nd by Supervisor Alery, motion carried.

Tug Lake District Support: John Greenwood came seeking support from the Town and to explain what is going on at Tug Lake. In 2016 Blue Algae was discovered on the Lake and a task force was formed to investigate. In 2020 the Tug Lake District was formed. Water Specialists also investigated. The district is applying for a $10,000 grant to study what is causing the Blue Algae. These studies will help gather information and a larger grant can be applied for to get equipment or other resources to mitigate the problem. Many water samples have been taken from many different places that flow into the lake to determine what could be wrong. Many samples contain a great deal of phosphorus. This Blue Algae is harmful to pets, children etc., so it is posted at the lake that they are monitoring the Blue Algae. Motion to support them was made by Chairman VanDeWeerd, 2nd by Supervisor Alery, motion carried. As a side note, the district is not looking for monetary support from the Town. They are looking for attendance at some of the meetings.

Chairman’s Report: This month the shop portion of the building repairs were completed. Ryan Ott and his crew did the repairs to the shop and the ramp repairs at only the cost of materials, he donated his time, and we thank him for doing that. Culverts on Griel Road have been completed.

There was no public Comment.

Next Town Meeting will be on December 12, 2023 @ 7:00pm

Motion to adjourn by Supervisor Alery @6:18pm, 2nd by Supervisor Niersel, motion carried.

Minutes posted on Town Website by Clerk on 11/14/2023.

Minutes posted at Town Hall and at JJ & Tug Lake by Clerk on 11/15/2023.

**Please be aware that in the months with 5 Saturdays there are now 3 recycling Saturdays.**