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Jeri L. Wittmershaus

Director of Public Works
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Jill Grennan
John Mc Cue
Mike DeWall
Todd Brownell
Mike Pfaff
(Open Seat)

2024 Budget Public Hearing And Village and Utility Board Minutes

November 14, 2023

Jeff Radtke, Village President, called the 2024 budget public hearing to order at 6:00 pm.

Roll Call: Jill Grennan-present, John Mc Cue-present, Mike DeWall-present, Todd Brownell-present, Mike Pfaff-present, Jeff Radtke-present.

Others present: Jeri Wittmershaus-Administrator, Scott Alo-Police Chief, Pat Reilley-Electric Manager, Josh Reynolds-Director of Public Works, Carolyn Hoeth-Deputy Clerk/Treasurer, Neil Betts-Homefield Assessing, John Gessner-Monroe County Herald.

Jeri Wittmershaus attested to the posting of the agenda at three locations, as well as being emailed to the Monroe County Herald.

Jeff called for any public comment on the proposed budget that was published. With no members of the public present, Jeff Radtke closed the public hearing at 6:05 pm.

Jeff Radtke called the Village and Utility Board meeting to order at 6:05 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion to approve the agenda made by Mike DeWall and seconded by Todd Brownell. Voice vote taken. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion to approve the minutes of the Village/Utility Board meeting of October 10, 2023 and the Finance Committee meeting of October 24, 2023 made by Jill Grennan and seconded by Mike Pfaff. Voice vote taken. All ayes, motion carried.

Neil Betts, Homefield Assessing, spoke to the Board regarding the first Notice of Non-Compliance the Village has received from the Wisconsin Department of Revenue. State law

requires the total assessed value of residential and commercial properties in the Village to be within 10% of full value at least once every five years. In order to get the Village back into compliance, a market analysis will need to be done in 2024. A market analysis differs from a full revaluation in that sales for the last three years are analyzed in order to better align the values of properties in the area. Motion to approve the reassessment of properties for 2024 made by Mike Pfaff and seconded by Todd Brownell. Voice vote taken. All ayes, motion carried.

Jeri Wittmershaus gave an overview of the proposed 2024 Village budget. The levy amount to the property owners will be \$507,549. Motion to approve Resolution 2023-03 Approving the 2024 Village of Bangor Budget made by Mike Pfaff and seconded by Mike De Wall. Voice vote taken. All ayes, motion carried.

Scott Alo, Police Chief, gave an overview of the requested items he would like to still purchase with the 2023 remaining funds in the police budget. He described the evidence tracking equipment. The department already has the software for this system, but needs the hardware/equipment. The cost for this would be \$2,039.22. Other requested items would ensure that both squad cars are equipped with the identical emergency equipment. This equipment would include stop spikes, trauma kits, animal catch poles, field drug testing kits and photo evidence kits. The total cost for these items is \$2,523.00. Motion to approve the purchase of both of these requests up to \$4,600.00 made by Mike Pfaff and seconded by John Mc Cue. Voice vote taken. All ayes, motion carried.

Jeri Wittmershaus shared the Finance Committee recommendation with the Board to use the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) for the reconstruction of the park road. The Village has until 2024 to allocate these funds, and until 2026 to spend the funds. Motion to approve the spending of the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF), established by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), for the reconstruction of the park road made by Mike De Wall and seconded by Todd Brownell. Voice vote taken. All ayes, motion carried.

The Board reviewed the capital projects completed with the 2019 and 2021 borrowing, as well as, the proposed 2024 borrowing projects. Needed vehicle/equipment purchases and street improvements were discussed. Motion to approve the capital spending financing for 2024 up to \$650,000 made by Mike Pfaff and seconded by Mike De Wall. Voice vote taken. All ayes, motion carried.

Special event permit application was reviewed. Motion to approve special event permit for Shell-Bells 'Christmas in the Village' at Stockyard Park on Sunday, December 3, 2023, made by Mike Pfaff and seconded by Todd Brownell. Voice vote taken. All ayes, motion carried.

Scott Alo presented the monthly police report. Motion to approve the Police Report made by Mike De Wall and seconded by Todd Brownell. Voice vote taken. John McCue was absent from the room at the time of the vote. All others aye, motion carried

Scott also reminded the Board that alternate side parking begins on November 15th.

Operator license applications were reviewed. Motion to approve Operator Licenses for Amanda Laube, Jaclynn Freit, Lindsay Blackford and Amanda Payne made by John McCue and seconded by Mike De Wall. Voice vote taken. All ayes, motion carried.

Pat Reilley, Electric Manager, presented the monthly Electric Utility Report. The Dutch Creek underground conversion project is being worked on as time allows. Great Lakes Utilities is continuing to work with the Public Service Commission on parallel generation tariffs for their member utilities. The pre-paint inspection on the new digger derrick truck went well. Materials and transformers are once again becoming difficult to get. Motion to approve the Electric Utility Report made by Jill Grennan and seconded by Mike De Wall. Voice vote taken. All ayes, motion carried.

Josh Reynolds, Director of Public Works, presented the monthly Public Works Report. Snow removal equipment is being prepped. Mathy has completed all street patches. Street sweeping will be done this month. LRIP finds for 2024 and 2025 will be split between West Salem and Bangor. Park bathrooms and shelters are closed for the season and have been winterized. Hydrant flushing has been completed with no issues. The two sewer siphons will be jetted this month. The roof and door of the chemical treatment building have been replaced by the contractor. The contractor is also looking into the issue of rain water entering the building. Motion to approve the public works report made by Todd Brownell and seconded by Mike Pfaff. Voice vote taken. All ayes, motion carried.

Voucher list was presented. Motion to approve payment of the vouchers listed with the additions made by Mike Pfaff, and seconded by Mike DeWall. Voice vote taken. All ayes, motion carried.

Jeff Radtke mentioned that it is nearing time for the Board members that are up for re-election next year to complete their paperwork. He also reminded the Board that there is an open trustee seat. If they know of anyone interested in running for the vacancy, they should be instructed to contact Jeri.

Jeri informed the Board that she and Jeff have recently attended a La Crosse County emergency services meeting. At this time there are no plans for the Tri-State Ambulance agreement to be expanded to cover the Village of Bangor. The County Administrator, Jane Klekamp, will be trying to re-open the commission to review the areas covered in this agreement. The Village of West Salem is planning an emergency services building in the near future which could amend the coverage areas. Jeri commented that she has heard some complaints regarding the response times for Tri-State in the outlying areas. Because of this recent news, the Village of Bangor will again be contracting with Sparta Ambulance Service for 2024.

Jeri also informed the Board that the library has some hail damage to the roof. The insurance adjuster has approved the repair. The repairs and replacement will take place in the spring of 2024.

Jeri and Jeff have had an entry level meeting with a developer with some interest in the land west of the Shelly Miller addition. The area has the potential of 100 to 150 new homes. More information will be shared as it is available.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 PM made by Mike DeWall and seconded by Jill Grennan. Voice vote taken. All ayes, motion carried.

Minutes prepared by Carolyn Hoeth

Minutes reviewed by:


Jeri L. Wittmershaus, Administrator