

MINUTES

Town of Waterville – Budget Hearing, Special Meeting and Regular Board Meeting
Monday, November 10, 2014, 5:00 p.m.
Arkansaw Elementary, Music Room

Board Members Present: Josh Caturia, Dan Richardson, Dennis Milliren, Linda Komro, June Anderson

Others Present: Bill Hoyt, Diane Hoyt, Jon Kelton

The public hearing was called to order by Chairman Josh Caturia at 5:02 p.m. There were no comments on the budget. Motion made by Dan and seconded by Dennis to adjourn. Motion carried. Hearing adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

The special town meeting was called to order by Chairman Josh Caturia at 5:05 p.m. Motion made by Dan and seconded by Dennis to set the town tax levy at \$125,000. Motion carried.

Road projects being considered for 2015 are Haigh Lane in its entirety; Hot Mix Lane where it meets South Kirk Road; and seal coating a few town roads. Motion made by Dan and seconded by Dennis to allow up to \$236,420 for highway expenditures in 2015. Motion carried.

Motion made by Dan and seconded by Linda to set compensation for town officials beginning with the April 2015 term at \$3,000 for the chairman and \$3,700 for the treasurer, and also to set meeting stipends for committee members as well as stipends for meetings and trainings for election officials at \$25. Motion carried. (The salaries for the supervisors and clerk will not be changing.)

Motion made by Linda and seconded by Dennis to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

The regular town meeting was called to order by Chairman Josh Caturia at 5:25 p.m.

Minutes

Linda read the minutes of the meeting on October 15, 2014. Motion made by Dennis and seconded by Dan to accept the minutes as read. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

June gave the October 2014 treasurer's report. The checking account had a balance on October 31, 2014, of \$50,306.36 and the money market's account balance was \$301,286.68.

Citizen Concerns

Bill and Diane Hoyt have a concern about the amount of traffic that goes by their place that is actually an easement to the school, not a public road. After the consolidation of the Durand and Arkansaw school districts, Diane's dad allowed an easement to the school for bus traffic and the easement was blacktopped to hold down the dust from the busses. There was a fence and gate at one time and the gate was only open for bus traffic. Eleven weeks ago, the Hoyt's asked the superintendent to put the gate back up, however, the superintendent had concerns on liability. The superintendent sent an email to Arkansaw Elementary staff asking the staff to not use the easement when arriving to or leaving school. The Hoyt's received an email on October 24th from the superintendent suggesting they approach the Town Board on their request for a fence and gate. The Town Board has no problem with the school putting up a gate and agreed to put up some signage such as Dead End or

No Outlet. Currently the county plows the easement, so there will need to be some discussion with the school on plowing.

Adopt the Town Budget

Motion made by Dennis and seconded by Dan to adopt the town budget as published. Motion carried.

Review and possibly approve a letter on the use of roads in the township for an ATV route

Motion made by Dan and seconded by Dennis to sign a letter addressed to the ATV/UTV Club on the Town Board's knowledge of the county roads within the township that may be designated by the Pepin County Board of Supervisors as ATV/UTV routes. Motion carried.

Consider contract with Weber Inspections for building inspections

Motion made by Dan and seconded by Dennis to approve a contract with Weber Inspections for building inspections in 2015. Motion carried.

Appoint Land Use Committee

Motion made by Dan and seconded by Josh to appoint Dave Anibas, Terry Mesch, Brad Afdahl, Marcia Bauer, and Dennis Milliren to the Land Use Planning Commission subject to others being appointed later. Motion carried.

Update on Road Construction and Maintenance

All road projects for 2014 are complete with the exception of guard rails on Hatchery Road and they should be installed before deer hunting.

Paying of Bills

Motion made by Dennis and seconded by Dan to approve vouchers 5853 through 5867, in the amount of \$6,107.26. Motion carried.

Review and Discuss Correspondence/Announcements

Dan and Dennis attended a Pierce/Pepin County meeting where implements of husbandry were discussed. By January 15, 2015, the Town needs to name someone who will handle permits for the Town of Waterville. The Town cannot charge for a permit, but we probably need to set some type of compensation for the person appointed to issue the permits.

An invite to a meeting was received from the Senior Nutrition Program of Pepin County. Due to constraints in the county budget, this is one program that needs to either decrease costs or increase revenue.

The next Town meeting will be Monday, December 15, 2014, at 5:00 p.m. A reminder if anyone has attended any meetings during this quarter to let Linda know so she can prepare the checks to be paid at the December meeting.

A notice of the spring election will be published in the November 20th issue of the Courier Wedge. Linda announced that she does not plan to seek election for another term.

Adjourn

Motion made by Dan and seconded by Dennis to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Linda Komro, Clerk