

Town of Evergreen  
November 8, 2021 Public Hearing & Town Board Meeting

The November 8, 2021 Public Hearing and Regular Monthly Town Board meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chair Tim Kessler at the Evergreen Town Hall, W8896 Carlton Road, Spooner, with the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was properly advertised and all interested parties were notified.

Those present were Tim Kessler, Tim Wallace, Gary Scalzo, Mary Zehm, Larry Bascombe, Char Hedlund, Brian and Mavis Melton, Steve Sutter and Julie Kessler.

Motion by Wallace, second by Scalzo, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion Carried

Motion by Scalzo, second by Wallace, to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2021 Regular Monthly meeting. Motion Carried

Chair Kessler opened the Public Hearing for the 2022 Budget at 7:02 pm. The budget was presented, explained and questions were answered. The public hearing closed at 7:21 pm.

Motion by Scalzo, second by Wallace, to accept the 2022 Budget with a tax levy of \$351,588, this being a 1.7% increase over the prior year. Motion Carried

Clerk Kessler reported that the lawsuit against the town over the truck bumping a car has been dismissed and she has been working on the budget and is waiting for the county and state numbers before everything can be completed for the tax bills to be printed.

Treasurer Zehm gave her monthly report and handed out her notice that will go with the tax bills. Motion by Wallace, second by Scalzo, to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion Carried

Bascombe reported that the culverts on Greenfield and Dock Lake Roads have been completed, they did a little brushing and put the snow equipment on. Chair Kessler reported that the prisoners will be here brushing on County Line Road and Jellen Road in December. The price of salt sand is up 2% over last year from the County. Chair Kessler presented an updated 5-year plan as he would will be applying for discretionary funds for the Dock Lake Road project.

Yellow River Drive was recoded with the County as Yellow River Road when it was adopted in 1977. Chair Kessler has talked the residents on that road and they wish to keep it as Yellow River Drive. Motion by Scalzo, second by Wallace, to adopt the road as Yellow River Drive. Motion Carried

Clerk Kessler explained that the town has one of the lowest wages for election inspectors currently being \$8 and \$10 per hour. She would like to increase that to \$12/hour for the Chief Election Inspectors and \$10/hour for the rest of the Election Inspectors. Motion by Wallace,

second by Scalzo, to increase the Election Inspectors pay to \$12 and \$10 per hour for the election inspectors as recommended by the Clerk. Motion Carried

There was no correspondence.

Brian Melton commented on the importance of the job of the election inspectors, thanked for the culverts being replaced and the updated 5-year plan to include Greenfield Road.

Motion by Scalzo, second by Wallace, to review and pay the bills. Motion Carried

Motion by Scalzo, second by Wallace, to adjourn the meeting. Motion Carried

Submitted by,

Julie Kessler, Clerk