

**Town of Evergreen
November 13, 2023**

The November 13, 2023 Public Budget Hearing and Regular Town Board meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chair Tim Kessler at the Evergreen Town Hall, W8896 Carlton Rd, Spooner. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. The meeting was properly noticed.

Those present were Tim Kessler, Gary Scalzo, Tim Wallace, Mary Smith, Gabe Deans, Larry Bascombe, Char Hedlund, Brad Kildow, Laurie Skayer and Julie Kessler.

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

Motion by Wallace, second by Scalzo, to approve the minutes of the October 9, 2023 Regular Town Board Meeting. Motion Carried

Chair Kessler explained that we have a proposal from Midwest Assessment for a 4 years contract with 2025 being a complete revaluation. We have received our first notice that we are out of compliance on our assessment from the state. Motion by Scalzo, second by Wallace, to accept the 4-year assessment proposal from Midwest Assessment. Motion Carried.

Chair Kessler opened the 2024 Public Budget Hearing at 7:07 pm. Chair proceeded to explain the budget presented and asked for any questions. Char Hedlund made a motion to include a one-time bonus of \$1,000 in 2024 to the Chair and the Clerk for the extra work that they put in every year until salaries can be adjusted. Laurie Skayer second the motion. Motion Carried

Motion by Scalzo, second by Wallace to approve the budget as presented with the bonuses included. Motion Carried

Clerk Kessler reported that she completed 2 special assessment searches, 1 building permit, received 1 report of a completed house, filed the unemployment report, still working on the work comp audit, billed out for 2 culverts of Carlton Road, placed ads for the Budget Hearing and Election Inspectors, worked on the budget, researched and marked for a headstone to be place at the cemetery and is working with Jeff Kohler on the Quit Claim deed for the property requested by Adam LaPorte. Motion by Scalzo, second by Wallace, to approve the Clerk's report as presented. Motion Carried

Treasurer Smith presented the monthly financial report and answered questions. Motion by Scalzo, second by Wallace, to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion Carried

Gabe Deans reported that the shouldering was completed on Carlton Road and driveways were filled, he took down road work signs and has been patching and brushing.

Chair Kessler reported that Carlton Road is complete except for the paint which will be done in the Spring. The mower tractor has had some mechanical issues along with the 1 ton truck. Both have been fixed. Zaraza Builders has submitted a bid to insulate the shop and will purchase materials from Ace Hardware in Cumberland. We will need electrical work to be made permanent and put in conduit after the other work is complete.

Chair Kessler explained that we have enough funds in our bank account to pay off the truck and invest some too. Motion by Wallace, second by Scalzo, to move \$98,000 to the Equipment Fund and pay off the truck loan. Motion Carried. Motion by Wallace, second by Scalzo, to move \$100,000 into a 10 month CD at Indianhead Credit Union with an interest rate of 5.287 %. Motion Carried

Chair reported that he received a correspondence on wake boats.

Brad Kildow asked about the ATV/UTV routes and signage.

Supervisor Kessler reported on County updates.

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

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

Submitted by
Julie Kessler, Clerk