**Public Hearing of 2024 Budget**

**December 11, 2023**

President Kniseley called the meeting to order at 5:00pm

Present: Joe Kniseley, Sheryl Narva, Steve Roseth, Bob Hulett, Justin Beaman, Tammy Weisman, Shane Rose & Cathy Rose arrived at 5:03pm

Absent: Julie White

Visitors: None

Having no residents present **motion to Adjourn Public Hearing was made by B Hulett, 2nd S Roseth, 5 yes votes, motion carried.**

**Regular Board Meeting**

**December 11, 2023**

President Kniseley called the meeting to order at 5:10 pm

Present: Joe Kniseley, Sheryl Narva, Steve Roseth, Bob Hulett, Justin Beaman, Cathy Rose, Adam Bush, Shane Rose & Tammy Weisman

Absent: Julie White, Attorney Radcliffe & Sergeant Mazur

Visitors: None

**Minutes: S Narva made a motion to approve all of the minutes as received, 2nd B Hulett, 5 yes votes, motion carried.**

**Attorney Radcliffe:** T Weisman indicated that Attorney Radcliffe will present documentation required to abolish the Birch Lane subdivision & road at the January board meeting. T Weisman reported that the survey has been scheduled and the cost will be $2,000.

**Officers Report** – Summary of the November Patrol log was included in the board packets & no questions were presented to forward on to Sergeant Mazur.

**Barb Brueggen-Library Director:**

* Sunday December 10th Holiday Event – We had 46 kids & 34 adults in attendance. Isaiah the Magician was unable to make it, however Miss Jackson County & her attendants came and read a story and sang a few songs with the kids. Nancy Waller did a great job decorating for the event and Thank You to A Bush & T Halverson for putting up the tables & chairs.
* S Rose & I went to the LaCrosse South Library. This library will be closing due to funding issues, so they were giving away items. We came home with 1 stand, 2 benches and 4 boxes of books & DVDs free of charge.
* There are no more events planned for this year. I will be working on the Annual Report and inputting the books & DVDs acquired today into the system.
* I was on vacation Tuesday December 8th – 11th. Mary Ann Hulett & Brenda Olson covered the library hours.
* Library will be closed on Monday December 25th & Monday January 1st.
* Library board meeting was held on December 4th & the next board meeting will be February 5, 2024
* Happy Holidays and if you have any questions, please let me know.

**Maintenance Report:** Adam Bush

* Update on Walking Bridge Repair – Sam Kling will work the repair into his schedule. J Kniseley asked if there was something that we could do in the interim since it could be a while before Sam gets to it. We should at least try to replace the broken 2X4. A Bush indicated that they will look at it & see what they could do.
* Diamond Lumber Quote/Bid. A Bush presented a written bid/quote from Diamond Lumber with 1 ½” Styrofoam covered with an ERP Panel (glass board); materials & labor $8,520. A Bush reported that the verbal bid/quote received for $3,750 did not have the correct measurements, so it was low. A Bush indicated If we go with the ERP Panel, it will eliminate the need to paint, which was quoted at $8,600. It will also being easier to maintain.

T Weisman will post the Notification of Bid by Friday December 15, 2023 and will be publicly opened and read aloud at the January 8, 2024 board meeting.

**Personnel:** J Kniseley indicated that end of year incentives were presented in Taylor Bucks for 2022, however for 2023 we would like to do the same dollar amounts in Village of Taylor apparel. J Kniseley indicated that he would like to increase Al Austad’s incentive to be the same as Tony’s. After discussion, **motion was made by S Narva to have 2023 end of year incentives be in Village of Taylor apparel for same dollar amount, with the increase for Al Austad, as 2022, 2nd J Beaman, 5 yes votes, motion carried.**

**Financial -** Included in the board packet was the 2024 Budget Summary that was posted in the Banner Journal on November 22, 2023. 2024 Budget Summary was also posted at Municipal Building, US Post Office, & General Store/Cafe on November 20, 2023. Also included were the Jackson County Mill Rate Input Sheet & the Village of Taylor 2023 Municipal Levy Limit Worksheet that was submitted to the WI Dept of Revenue. T Weisman reported that amounts on the levy worksheets are provided from our Statement of Assessment and information received from the WI Dept of Revenue. **B Hulett made a motion set the levy limit, accept 2024 budget summary, 2nd S Roseth, 5 yes votes, motion carried.**

**Park & Rec:** J Beaman reported that the BTYSA agreed to a $3,500 annual rental/lease amount to help cover the costs of the utilities and maintenance of the gymnasium located at 141 Pearl Street. J Beaman indicated that the BTYSA board wanted to know if we would be committing any dollars to the BTYSA & if we considered looking into grants to help the Village of Taylor maintain this building. T Weisman indicated that there is nothing in the 2024 budget, due to the insulation of the north wall project & we have not investigated any possible grant opportunities. B Hulett indicated that the 501-3c non-profit designation should help BTYSA also obtain grants. T Weisman asked if we need to have Attorney Radcliffe draft a rental/lease agreement. After further discussion, T Weisman will reach out to Attorney Radcliffe to draft a rental/lease agreement.

**Public Services –** Nothing to report.

**Zoning Board –** Nothing to report.

**Clerk’s Report:** Shane Rose & Tammy Weisman reported the following:

* S Rose reported that he passed all 3 waterworks exams taken on 11/8/23 and that he will be able to assist with the submission of the monthly report to the WI DNR. Congratulations Shane!
* T Weisman indicated that included in the board packet was a letter received from the Republican Party for 2 Election Inspectors designated for the Village of Taylor. We will be reaching out to these individuals to attend training & for elections during 2024-2025.
* T Weisman reported that included in the board packet was the Village Board meeting attendance, please review to make sure accurate. Village Board payroll will be sent out by Friday December 15, 2023
* T Weisman reported that the sales rep from EO Johnson submitted a quote to replace existing Toshiba copier, due to the age of the copier maintenance costs are increasing 10% per year. The quote contains a five (5) year monthly lease payment. Our monthly lease payment on the Toshiba ended in August, so although the quarterly maintenance contract & cost per copy are lower it would cost the Village an additional $660 annually. T Weisman indicated that on Friday December 8th, the sales representative from Tri-State Business Machines in LaCrosse stopped in and they also provide copiers to local governments. After discussion, T Weisman will reach out to Tri-State Business Machines to obtain their quote and present it at the January board meeting.

**Treasurer’s Report:** The Treasurer’s Report was provided to the board. **S Narva made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report as presented, 2nd J Beaman, 5 yes votes, motion carried.**

**Approval of Bills to Pay: General Fund $8,470.88; Water $5,827.21; & Sewer $9,475.92. J Beaman made a motion to approve all unpaid bills and all other bills received with a due date before the next scheduled board meeting, 2nd B Hulett, 5 yes votes, motion carried.**

**Unfinished Business:**

Bridge St./Main St. Sewer Main Project – T Weisman reported that the USDA SEARCH Grant application was approved in the amount of $25,000 with the Village of Taylor contributing $5,000. Next step is to obtain a formal written agreement from SEH. Letter of conditions was forwarded to SEH.

**New Business:**

Set Caucus Date **– B Hulett made a motion to set the caucus date for January 8, 2024 at 5:00pm., 2nd S Roseth, 5 yes votes, motion carried.**

Ratify Picnic License Issued to Taylor Fire & EMS for November 25rh Chili Feed – J Kniseley reported that Taylor Fire & EMS forgot to submit their Picnic License application for their Chili Feed. Since this has been a prior board approved request, we went ahead and issued them the Picnic License needed. Currently, we need a motion to ratify the issuance of this license. **Motion by S Narva to approve Picnic License issued to Taylor Fire & EMS for the November 25th Chili Feed, 2nd B Hulett, 5 7es votes, motion carried.**

Operator’s License Application submitted to the Village of Taylor by Angel Beaman for P-Nut Gallery – All necessary supporting documentation has been received & reviewed**. Motion by S Roseth to grant Operator’s License to Angel Beaman, 2nd B Hulett, 5 yes votes, motion carried.**

Provisional Operator’s License Applications submitted to the Village of Taylor by Shannon Johnson for Taylor Tap LLC – Ms. Johnson currently has an Operator’s License issued by the Town of North Bend. However, there is a pending criminal court case. After discussion, **Motion by B Hulett to grant Operator’s License to Shannon Johnson, however may be revoked pending outcome of outstanding court case, 2nd S Roseth, 5 yes votes, motion carried.**

**S Roseth made a motion to adjourn at 5:55pm, 2nd C Rose, 5 yes votes, motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Weisman

Clerk/Treasurer

December 14. 2023