

Nov. 9, 2023

## Budget Public Hearing and Special Meeting

Present: Supervisor Marty Mason, Councilman Paul Aubertine, Councilman Alan Wood and approximately 12 visitors.

Absent: Councilman Wiley and Councilman Maloney, both excused.

Councilman Aubertine made a motion to open the Budget Public Hearing at 6:00pm, seconded by Councilman Wood.

Supervisor Mason called for the pledge of allegiance.

Supervisor Mason welcomed everyone to the meeting and said that the proposed tax rate will be .69 for the town and .63 for the ambulance.

Supervisor Mason also said that at the last town board meeting there was discussion on putting funds back into the budget for the Library. He said that a new line was created in the B fund in order to spare the village residents from having to pay a library tax three times.

Kathy Pierce spoke to the board about the Library Charter that was set up by Hazel Purcell in which the town had agreed to budget \$2,500.00 each year. She said she was grateful for the B fund.

Supervisor Mason said that the board does not look for people to give money to and that they would have to come to meetings to ask for funding.

Councilman Wood said that he was told there was an endowment for the library, and asked if the library can get money from that; he also said that he knows they receive money from school taxes.

Councilman Aubertine said that it is important if the library could come to a meeting in August to request the funding because that would be easier to get into the budget.

### Privilege of the floor

Amy Pond – Amy spoke to the board about the library and thanked the board for their consideration. She gave an overview of what services the library provides and what they do for the residents. She said that the library is proud of the services they offer and she thanked the board again for supporting them.

Neil Farrell – Neil asked what the B fund was.

Supervisor Mason said that it is the B fund is the part of the budget that has allocated funds from town residents only. He said it takes care of line items such as Planning and Zoning expenses. He said that the town can't charge the village residents for the town's planning and zoning.

Mary Farrell – Mary asked if they would be signing the IMA with the Development Council. Supervisor Mason told her not at tonight's meeting.

### Resolutions

#### Resolution #61

Resolution #61 was moved by Councilman Aubertine, seconded by Councilman Wood. Resolution #61 is to authorize the Supervisor to pay Jefferson County the amount of \$17,420.11 for County charge backs because if not paid, it would increase the town tax rate.

There was no discussion. All members present voted AYE.

#### Resolution #62

Resolution #62 was moved by Councilman Aubertine, seconded by Councilman Wood. Resolution #62 is the adoption of the 2024 town budget and wages/salaries.

There was no discussion. All members present voted AYE.

#### Resolution #65

Resolution #65 was moved by Councilman Wood, seconded by Councilman Aubertine. Resolution #65 is the appointment of Sheila Lawrence as the Part Time Clerk to the Assessor, and that she is to start on Nov. 14, 2023 and her rate of pay will be \$18.00 per hour.

There was no discussion. All members present voted AYE.

#### Resolution #66

Resolution #66 was moved by Councilman Aubertine, seconded by Councilman Wood. Resolution #66 is to accept the bid from Farney Tree & Excavation, LLC to grind brush as the transfer site in the amount not to exceed \$10,000.00.

There was no discussion. All members present voted AYE.

Councilman Aubertine made a motion to adjourn at 6:20pm.

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Michelle Bouchard, RMC – Town Clerk