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CONTINUATION OF ANNUAL LUTSEN TOWN MEETING
August 15th, 2023
LUTSEN TOWN HALL
MINUTES

Call Meeting to Order/ Reconvene 2023 Annual Town Meeting: Clerk S. Mcquatters-Spangle called meeting to order at 6pm

Attendance: S. Mcquatters-Spangle, Carl Friesner, Chris Homyak, Lolli Cooper, Ashley VanDoren, Sharon Hexum-Platzer, Paul Goettl, Matt Kartes

Nomination from the floor for Meeting Moderator: Clerk Mcquatters-Spangle nominated Sharon Hexum-Platzer for moderator; Paul Geottl seconded. Motion passed; Moderator took their seat at the head of table.

Pledge of Allegiance: Flag was presented for the pledge of allegiance.

Setting of Agenda: Moderator S Hexum-Platzer asked for a motion to approve agenda. C Friesner motioned to approve the agenda. M Kartes seconded. Motion passed.

Other town business:

- IRRRB report; grant for area around town hall almost completed. Dollar amount is almost filled; after August 15 approval of claims the grant will be completed. The reimbursing amount will be mail to Lutsen townhall with in the coming days. Volunteer recognition on work for the IRRRB grand both paid an unpaid will be decided at a later date.
- Lutsen trailbreaker donation helped to go to replacing washed out bridge along with a separate IRRRB grand for the needed total of bridge replacement of \$150,000

Reading of Treasurer's Report: Clerk S. Mcquatters-Spangle read the June Treasurer's report which indicated 6-month spending budget status. Balances as of June 30, 2023; Business; checking account is \$354,130.81. Building fund is \$35,708.20; GMSB Operating General Fund Money Market \$50,277.82; GMSB Checking is \$50,000. Fire/EMS Truck Fund \$218,451.84; Total Funds—\$708,568.67; YTD Receipts \$168,857.22; YTD Disbursements \$141,839.47; 2023 General Town Budget \$32,900.00; 2023 Fire district Budget \$179,645.00; 2023 General Town Levy: \$25,000 and Fire District Levy: \$140,000; Approved 2022 Total Tax Levy is \$165,000

Review of proposed 2024 budgets from Treasurer:

2023 Budget packet presented and on file describing budget and levy; The main difference we are looking at between march and now is the 2023 projected column. Much of these are taken and then doubled for the second half of the year. Larger things of note that are different from what was budgeted and are different now really just have to do with the IRRRB grant expenses that we will be reimbursed for, the shed expenses along with the Lutsen Trailbrakers funding

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request. The main difference between the 2023 and 2024 budgets on the general side is the increase in the legal professional services because we have gone over in the past. The election has gone down because it is an even year and jumping ahead a little bit, I added the Lutsen trailbreakers request for 2024 donation and added it as a line item. Fire admin the building maintenance went up due to painting need in 2024. Plowing, janitorial and electric and insurance went up and down prospectively, professional services went up. The fire budget training went up due to being an even year. Insurance and capital funds went down and the truck fund went up \$5000; those are the main changes between budget from last year the proposed budget for 2024. Moderator Sharon made the comment that even though spending more the budget is staying on track and asked why when money comes in 80% goes to fire administration and 20% goes to general yet when budgeting it is split 50%/50%; should it be that way? Paul Geotl asked what kind of items come in that are split 80/20. Treasurer VanDoren responded; the township aid and the county tax are split up that way. C Homyak commented that all township board employees, maintenance, insurance are all paid from general. Anything that is not solely fire admiration. Moderator Sharon let it be know that fire administration covers the entire fire district area and the general is suppose to be for only township is my understanding. Paul Geotl commented that it was surprising having two taxing districts that we don't have two bank account for general and fire. At the end of the day, we are taxing tax payers differently but money is all going into the same account. Moderator Sharon commented that was probably the reason why fire got more because that would be larger then the 30 square miles. Paul Geotl commented maybe we should consider our bank accounts be tired to the taxing districts? Moderator Sharon commented that when John was here anything to supervisors spend would come out of the fire district budget too; it was for everyone in the fire district for labor on township land. C Homyak commented that is made sense to have the one bank account or each person working would end up having two bank accounts. Moderator Sharon asked the room is there were any other question for the proposed 2024 budget. C Homyak asked for details on the proposed maintenance for the 2024 budget. Specifically asking if the entry way needed work estimating over \$1000 because of the concrete and it looking like the exterior slab was pulling away from the interior slab and a couple things like that have been noticed since the original proposal of the 2024 budget.

Finalize 2023 Lutsen Township Levy: C Friesner made a motion to finalize 2023 Lutsen Township tax levy at \$25,000; Fire District budget tax levy of 140,000. P Geotl seconded. Moderator S Hexum-Platzer called for a vote; unanimous, motion carried.

Setting Location and time of 2023 Election and Annual Meeting: The Election is 5-8pm on March 12, 2024 at Lutsen Town Hall. Annual Meeting will follow at 8:05pm. P Geotl motioned for acceptance of the time and place; M Kartes seconded; Moderator S Hexum-Platzer called for a vote; unanimous, motion carried.

Adjournment: C Friesner made a motion to adjourn the 2023 Annual Town Meeting. P Geottle Seconded; motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:24pm

Submitted by Clerk: S Mcquatters-Spangle

Moderator: S Hexum-Platzer

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