

CONTINUATION OF ANNUAL LUTSEN TOWN MEETING August 17, 2021

Lutsen Town Hall

Minutes

Call Meeting to Order/Reconvene 2021 Annual Town Meeting: Clerk Hexum-Platzer called meeting to order at 6:02

Attendance Sharon Hexum-Platzer, Carl Friesner, Ashley Van Doren, Ginny Storlie, Chris Homyak

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

Nomination from the Floor for Meeting Moderator: C Friesner nominated Sharon Hexum-Platzer as moderator. C Homyak seconded. All approved

Setting of Agenda: Moderator S Hexum-Platzer asked for motion to approve agenda. C Friesner motion to approve agenda. C Homyak seconded. Motion passed.

Reading of Treasurer's Report: Clerk Hexum-Platzer read June Treasurer report which indicates 6 month spending budget status. Balances as of June 30, 2021: Business checking account is \$277,721.76 Building fund is \$35,636.86. Operating General Fund Money Market \$75,258.56, Fire/EMS Truck Fund, \$168,381.33 Total funds-- \$556,998.51. YTD Receipts \$156,227.63 which includes first half of levy. YTD Disbursements \$98,417.20 [include transfer of \$25,000 to truck fund]. Clerk explained that both of YTD figures include those transfers monthly and reflect are town monies. 2021 General Town Budget \$32,350.00; 2021 Fire District Budget \$190,000.00. Approved 2021 Tax Levy is \$222,350.00.

Lutsen Town Sign-Celebrating Completion: Clerk Hexum-Platzer shared IRRRB grant request for the sign. 2004 Lutsen Town plan included such a sign. Other communities paid over \$20 K for theirs and current cost would now have been almost \$25K. With the 50-50 grant cost sharing and donations by the residents and Lutsen businesses/artists involved the total cost was just under \$13,000 with the township's cost half of that amount. Clerk Hexum-Platzer shared those who contributed: Arrowhead Electric [John Twiest] for location of the sign, permissions from Lutsen Cemetery group for clearing a portion of the property where Native cemetery is located identified by Alta McQuatters who also provided her support of the sign design, Peter Hall for large trees cut, Scott Platzer & Sharon for clearing the other trees and brush at the sign location, MacMillan Tee Service for removal of all tree & brush debris, Isak Hansen for berm installation, Dave Woerheide [Border Design] for sign painting, timber carving and sign installation, Greg Mueller [Mueller Studio] for metal work which represents our Sawtooth Mountains, Matt Kartes [Lutsen Landscaping] for the rock work around the sign & berm. Each of these entities donated part or all of their work. Clerk Hexum-Platzer made a motion to dedicate the sign: Lutsen Township dedicates the Lutsen town sign to all those people who first came to Lutsen area, to those who have made Lutsen their home, and to those who visit our community. After discussion of including names of those first settlers, and note that the history is given on the home page of Lutsen's website, the motion was seconded by C Friesner. Motion passed.

Review of Proposed 2022 Budget and any changes/updates: Treasurer A VanDoren reviewed the 2022 proposed budget. [Copies available in town office.] General Administration-- \$28,200; Fire Administration -\$32,750; Fire & EMS Department -\$88,600; Set payments [includes Building Loan, Truck Fund and possible PERA]-\$44,395. Total combined budget is \$193,945. A VanDoren shared that this total levy could be reduced since sources of funds including property taxes, surplus funds, and usual state grants and aids, hall rentals, donations the total 2022 Budget for a Levy amount can be reduced to \$155,000. Hexum-Platzer asked Supervisor Homyak to explain how insurance costs might impact the

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budget. C Homyak explained that an inventory needs to be completed and that replacement costs could increase costs. After a discussion about some current identified needs, C Friesner made a motion to add \$1500 for additional insurance costs separated to the three major funds that would increase the proposed tax levy to total of \$156,500. C Homyak seconded. This would mean the General Town budget would be \$28,700, The Fire District budget at 166,745 with a combined budget of \$195,445. With no further discussion, Moderator Hexum-Platzer called for a vote: Motion carried.

Finalize 2021 Lutsen Township Levy: C Friesner made a motion to finalize 2022 Lutsen Township levy at \$156,500 indicating the additional \$1500 for increased insurance costs. C Homyak seconded. Moderator Hexum-Platzer called for a vote. Motion carried.

Setting location and time of 2022 Election and Annual Meeting: The Election is 5-8 p.m. on March 8, 2022 at Lutsen Town Hall. Annual Meeting will follow at 8:05. Motion carried.

Adjournment: C Friesner made a motion to adjourn the 2021 Annual Town Meeting. C Homyak seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Submitted: Sharon Hexum-Platzer

Moderator S Hexum-Platzer