

TOWN OF WILLARD BUDGET HEARING AND
MEETING OF ELECTORS MINUTES

The budget hearing was called to order by Chairman Bob Nelson at 6:00 P.M. Those in attendance were Mark Taft, Linda Bentley, Bob & Mary Jane Nelson, Cody Smith, Vern & Linda Denzer, Scott Rood.

The Chairman asked if there were any questions about the proposed budget. The Clerk said that "interest income" under revenues should be \$500.00 and to counter this, the amount of \$500.00. The expenses should be changed to Computer Expense at \$800.00 and Highway Construction/maintenance should be changed to \$111,151.00. The budget hearing was closed at 6:03 p.m. and THE MEETING OF THE TOWN ELECTORS WAS CALLED TO ORDER. The Chairman asked for a motion to approve the 2023 levy of \$182,018.00. Motion by Taft, seconded by Bentley and carried to approve the levy as presented.

The Chairman asked for a motion to approve highway construction/maintenance expenses at \$111,151.00. Motion by Taft, seconded by Cody Smith and carried to approve as presented.

There was no other business brought up. Motion by Taft, seconded by Bentley and carried to adjourn the meeting of town electors at 6:06 p.m.

The Town of Willard monthly board meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m.. with the pledge to the flag.

AGENDA: There clerk asked that the agenda be amended to add Budget Resolution 2022-1.

There were no objections

MINUTES: Motion by Taft, seconded by Bentley and carried to approve the minutes as printed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer reported the October receipts were \$24,508.75; disbursements were \$71,846.56 resulting in an ending balance of \$104,079.33 The Contingency fund balance is \$28,458.20 and the Equipment fund balance if \$15,919.84. Total of all accounts is \$148,457.37. The ARPA funds balance is \$14,992.75. Motion by Taft, seconded by Bentley and carried to approve as presented.

APPROVAL OF BILLS TO BE PAID: Motion by Taft, seconded by Bentley and carried that the Town of Willard pay their bills as presented.

CLERK'S REPORT/APPROVE PERMITS ISSUED: The Clerk said we received a billing for our yearly dues to the Town Advocacy Council in the amount of \$131.75 and asked if the board would like to continue our support for the lobbying arm of the WI Towns Association. The response was unanimous to continue. She reminded the board that the caucus for the spring election will be on January 9, 2023 and if any of them are not interested in running they need to turn in a "declaration of non-candidacy" by December 23, 2022. The Clerk thanked the election inspectors for their work on election day. The election ran smoothly and they are truly appreciated for their diligence in their job.

The Clerk read Budget Resolution 2022-1 (attached). Motion by Taft, seconded by Bentley to approve the transfer of funds as requested. Ayes: Bentley, Nelson and Taft; Nays: none. Resolution passed by unanimous vote.

BUILDING/OTHER PERMITS: There were no permit requests.

PUBLIC INPUT: There was no public input.

OLD BUSINESS: There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS: Motion by Taft, seconded by Bentley and carried to approve the levy limit as approved by the electors.

ADOPTION OF BUDGET: Motion by Bentley, seconded by Taft and carried to approve the budget as approved by the electors.

PAYOFF BALANCE OF SNOW PLOW LOAN: There was discussion if this would be a good idea or should we just make the two payments left as the loan agreement we signed. The payments would be in March 2023 and 2024. Motion by Taft, seconded by Bentley and carried to not prepay the loan.

SIGNAGE ON TOWN ROADS: There was concern by some residents on Oak Ridge Road that the semi's that come in are causing damage and had asked if the town could put up a sign prohibiting semi use. Ms. Bentley said that there are 3-5 families that have wood hauled in for their heat and this would be a problem for those residents. There was no action on this suggestion.

ACCESSING PRIVATE LAND THROUGH THE TOWN PROPERTY: Ken VanTreese, Jr. has used a bobcat to make a trail to his hunting property along Main Creek. He would like to build a primitive hunting cabin there. The Chairman and Clerk has found him working on a trail through the town's land to get to his parent's property which is land locked. Mr. Taft and Cody Smith will be inspecting the trail after the gun season is over. Not having an easement for access could cause many problems. Our ordinances say that in order to build on your property you must adjoin a town or county road. The item was tabled to December.

COUNTY BOARD SUPERVISOR REPORT: Mr. Meyer was not in attendance.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS/CONCERNS: Supervisor Taft brought up the age of the Chairman and the Clerk and not having anyone prepared to take their places should something happen to them. The Chairman said that he intends to run again in the next election but will not run again if he is elected for the upcoming term.

The Clerk has asked several residents if they would be interested and has not had anyone willing to serve as a deputy. Her appointment ends in December, 2023 and she would like to serve for another year or two so she could train someone. Supervisor Bentley has worked with the software program the clerk uses and she is willing to learn for emergency purposes should the clerk be unable to continue. She would be required to resign from the board, if this should happen and the board would appoint someone to take her place as she would take over the Clerk's position. It was suggested that we put information out on the website and on Facebook that might bring some interest.

SET NEXT AGENDA: Next meeting will be on December 12, 2022 beginning at 6:00 P.M. with a report from the investigation of the land locked property and a resolution for overpayment of tax bills.

Motion by Bentley, seconded by Taft and carried to adjourn at 6:42 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jane Nelson, Clerk