**Town of Clayton**

**Monthly Meeting Minutes**

**November 12, 2020 with**

**Public Budget hearing & Special Town Meeting to Follow**

Chairman Bill Vanda called the posted meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Also present Supervisor Jake Balog, Supervisor Scott Gilbertson, Treasurer Debbie Elmer, Clerk Tracy LaBlanc. Supervisor Arling “Ole” Olson, Supervisor Roger Olson, & Roadman Jamie Wood were absent. Also Present were 2 town residents.

The Clerk presented a signed affidavit as to where and when the meeting was posted.

**Minutes** – Scott moved, with a second by Jake to approve the October 8th, regular meeting minutes & Special Mtg. minutes from the October 13th Board Road Tour. Motion carried.

**Treasurer’s report**- shows a balance of $58,655.07 in the checking and $240,182.54 in the Money Market account for a total of $298,837.61. Jake moved, with a second by Scott to approve the Treasurer’s report as presented. Motion carried.

**Bill Payment** – Scott moved with a second by Jake to approve payment voucher #14008 to #14048 and pay the State & Federal Withholdings & WRS for a total of $18744.15. Motion carried.

**BUSINESS:**

**\*DISCUSS/ACT ON GEHRMAN’S TREES-** Discussion was had in regards to evidence presented by Scott/Nicki Gehrman in regards to their trees that were mowed off by ditch mower and what the board seen when they stopped by to look at on their road tour. Based on the information and discussion, Jake moved with second by Scott to offer $50 per tree for a total of $100 for the 2 trees mentioned and also have the Gehrman’s sign a full release of liability and further action or additional payment waiver prior to payment. Motion carried. Tracy will work with Roger & Bill on getting this letter to the Gehrman’s.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**ROADMAN REPORT-** Clerk Tracy gave the boardcopies ofJamie’s report in his absence, in his report he explained he has been out mowing ditches, pothole patching, replacing street/road signs throughout township and plowing/sanding snow when needed. Gerald came in and graded gravel roads, Jamie will continue to mow ditches weather permitting. Discussion of pay increase for the knowledge/availability of Gerald our seasoned/experienced PT roadman was had, Jake moved with a second by Scott to approve pay increase to $18/hr. for our PT roadman Gerald. Motion carried.

**Clerk’s Report-** Clerk Tracy since last meeting submitted the LRIP application for 2018-2019 road project. Tracy is busy with the transportation Aid big map, budget and tax prep. We had an animal call this month as well as 1 land use permit. Clerk Tracy brought up information from town insurance carrier Carl Thomfohrda in regards to his insurance review, currently the blanket limit for the town shop/hall are low in regards to replacement value, Carl recommends increasing the blanket limit to increase the value of both bldgs., and in doing so this would increase the coverage by about $176 per year for that additional increased coverage. Scott moved with a second by Jake to increase the blanket building coverage as recommended by Carl. Motion carried. Clerk Tracy mentioned for the November election we had 566 total voters, (165 of which were absentee voters) great weather and great turn out. Tracy had a concern since hand washing is such a huge deal with election process now and covid, she asked why is there no hot water in the bathroom? Board will look into this. Tracy also asked about fixing the sidewalk in front to the hall as it is breaking up due to salt, board will look into this in the spring. Lastly Tracy quickly addressed the Apple River Solar project agreement, county is putting together the working template for all involved and we will be able to use that template for our use, county is just asking for town board feedback on it at this time.

**Chairman’s Report**- Bill addressed with the board a couple complaints/concerns he received from residents in regards to mud on the roadway from farmers coming out of fields.

\***BROCK GEYEN-PRESENT 2021 BUDGET Via Phone**- Auditor Brock presented the 2021 budget to the board and residents present via phone. He also explained to the board that any of the line items in the budget can be changed this evening if the board chooses to do so. Brock stated the town is in good financial shape and budget came together very nice. Brock asked if anyonehadany questions regarding the budget, hearing none Brock mentioned if any come up get them to Tracy and she can pass them along to him for clarification.

**RECESS**: Scott moved, with a second by Jake to recess from the regular board meeting and go into the Public Budget Hearing-Special Town Meeting. Motion carried.

 \*\* **PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING - SPECIAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES** \*\*

 All those present had a copy of the proposed 2021 budget and had a chance to review it.

* Scott moved with a second by Jake to adjourn from Public Hearing and go into the Special Town Meeting. Motion carried.
* The section of the Wisconsin Statute that used to limit highway expenditures at $5000 per mile has been repealed, now the town can expend up to the amount budgeted. The Highway Expenditures amount budgeted for 2021 is $205,000.00. Scott Gilbertson moved with a second by Jake Balog to approve the budgeted amount for highway expenditures for 2021. Motion carried.
* Kaylee LaBlanc moved with a second by Lee Elmer to adopt the 2021 Town Tax Levy of $281,931.00 to be paid in 2021 pursuant to Sec. 60.10 (1) (a) of the Wis. Statutes. Motion carried.
* Jake moved, with a second by Scott to adjourn from the Special Town Meeting and reconvene back to the regular board meeting. Motion carried.

**APPROVE/ADOPT THE 2021 BUDGET**- Jake moved, with a second by Scott to approve the 2021 Budget as presented by Brock Geyen. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT-(MAX 3 MIN)-** Lee Elmer had a humorous story to share. ☺

**ADJOURNMENT**: Scott moved, with a second by Jake to adjourn at 8:05pm. Motion carried.

**Date & Time of Next Meeting:**

December 10, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.- Regular Monthly Board Meeting- with Voucher Approval at 6:45 p.m.

Tracy LaBlanc, Clerk