**Town of Clayton**

**Monthly Meeting Minutes**

**November 9, 2023**

**Public Budget hearing & Special Town Meeting**

**with the Monthly Town Board meeting to Follow**

Chairman Bill Vanda opened the Public Budget Hearing/Special Town Board Meeting at 7pm.

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

\***BROCK GEYEN from CLA-PRESENT 2024 BUDGET** - Auditor Brock presented the 2024 budget via phone to the board and residents present. Brock 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 went over the continued plan for the future capital improvements (Dump truck/Cold Storage shed) stating that again this year the board will exceed the levy for the (truck/shed) and would add a total of $40,917 to the levy for debt service making it a total of $327,868. After Brock’s presentation Arling “Ole” Olson moved with a second by Scott Gilbertson to exceed the levy by $40,917 and adopt the full levy with debt service added for a total of $327,868. Motion carried. Brock asked if anyonehadany other 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.

**APPROVE/ADOPT THE 2024 BUDGET**- Arling “Ole” Olson moved, with a second by Roger Olson to approve the 2024 Budget as presented by Brock. Motion carried.

* The Highway Expenditures amount budgeted for 2024 is $**192,830.00**. Arling “Ole” Olson moved with a second by Scott Gilbertson to approve the budgeted amount for highway expenditures for 2024. Motion carried.
* Arling “Ole” Olson moved with a second by Scott Gilbertson to adopt the 2024 Town Tax Levy of **$327,868.00** to be paid in 2024 pursuant to Sec. 60.10 (1) (a) of the Wis. Statutes. Motion carried.
* **Reconvene to the Monthly Town Board Meeting-** Ole moved with a second by Roger to adjourn the Public Budget Hearing/Special Town Meeting and go into the Town Monthly Board Meeting. Motion Carried.

\*\* **Monthly Town Board Meeting Minutes \*\***

Chairman Bill Vanda called the posted meeting Town Board Meeting to order at 7:10 pm. Also present Supervisor Arling “Ole” Olson, Supervisor Roger Olson, Supervisor Scott Gilbertson, Supervisor Paul Ladwig, Treasurer Debbie Elmer, Clerk Tracy LaBlanc & Roadman Jamie Wood. Also Present were 2 town residents.

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

**Minutes** – Ole moved, with a second by Roger to approve the October 12th, 2023 regular meeting minutes and the October 19th, 2023 Special Town Board Meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

**Treasurer’s report**- shows a balance of $7533.15 in the checking and $562,304.77 in the Money Market account for a total of $569,837.92, in a separate account there is the ARPA funds of $102,858.25 bringing all town funds held to $672,696.17. Ole moved, with a second by Scott to approve the Treasurer’s report as presented. Motion carried.

**Bill Payment** – Ole moved with a second by Paul to approve payment voucher #15028 to #15064 and pay the State & Federal Withholdings & WRS for a total of $39,134.10. Motion carried.

**BUSINESS:**

**Discuss/Action on Fire dept Agreement- Sheldon-** Sheldon was at another meeting so Fire Chief Bill Vanda presented the fire service agreement to the board along with a copy of the Clayton Fire Dept. budget. Bill stated that for this year again the fire dept decided to go with a cap based off the 2023 rate of ¾ of a mill of the equalized value not exceeding the $66,777.00 (+ annual 2% fire dues). After presentation, Ole moved with a second by Roger to accept the capped amount of $66,777 + 2% fire dues presented in the agreement. Motion carried. Bill abstained from voting. A copy of the agreement will be signed and given to Bill.

**Paser Ratings Presentation- Roger Olson-** Roger did the road ratings for the town again this year and presented to the board a power point presentation of all 52 miles of the town roads and how they are rated and why. Roger has also entered the current ratings into the WISLR system. Roger took photos of the roads and showed the board what is currently happening with them. Roger pointed out some of the past various road projects and methods used and stated some methods are better than others according to the procedures used and who did the projects and how long they have been completed. The power point is a great tool for the board to determine which future road projects need to be done, as the actual road tours don’t give this much detail. The board is very impressed with Roger’s 2023 Paser Ratings report and it has been a useful tool to have a board member involved in this process.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**ROADMAN REPORT-** Jamie gave the boardcopies ofhis report for the month, a lot of work completed this month. The 8 culverts that were put in have been capped/patched with hot mix. County capped/patched the culvert on 85th also. Beavers are busy building in culverts again so Jamie has been out clearing those. The culvert on 25th St. was completed by County as part of the bridge aid project. Jamie had some salt/sand delivered so it’s here when needed. Jamie got the Fecon machine this week to brush back more ditches. They will continue to mow ditches and cut trees weather permitting. With the nice weather coming next week Jamie hopes to do some grader patches and pot hole patching. Then get equipment ready for plowing. Jamie gave the board a rough list of what the dump truck needs as far a future repairs. Sidewalk in front of hall has been done and it looks great.😊

**Clerk’s Report-**  Clerk Tracy stated there were no land use permits this month. Tracy gave the board the 3 Animal Control reports. Tracy is busy with completing the transportation Aid big map and working on tax prep. Tracy mentioned that the contractor that did the new hall sidewalk suggested getting some rain gutters put on the front of hall to help prevent the sidewalk from future deterioration. Noone acted on getting gutters done.

 **Chairman’s Report**- Bill went over the fire runs since last meeting, stating there were 10 total runs( 0 fire/medical, 7 medical, 2 fire, 0 Mabas, 1 semi over turned ) Bill updated the board on some of the events they’ve had and the different trainings that they’ve attended this past month as well as some coming up.

**PUBLIC COMMENT-(MAX 3 MIN)-** Lee Elmer informed the board he won’t be putting any logs in the ditch by his house this year as it didn’t work out very well last year. 😊

**Date & Time of Next Meeting:**

December 14, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.- Regular Monthly Board Meeting- with Voucher Approval at 6:45 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**: Ole moved, with a second by Scott to adjourn at 8:42pm. Motion carried.

Tracy LaBlanc, Clerk