

6:00 p.m. Budget Public hearing. Clerk Emerson stated that the budget had been adjusted since posting. A decrease of approximately \$50,000 in total budget was made. There were no residents present for the public hearing.

**Call to Order:** President Brunkhorst called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. in Council Chambers Village Hall.

**Members Present:** Brunkhorst, Ducklow, Falde, Huepfel, O'Connell, Olson, Vorlicek.

**Members Absent:**

**Staff present:** Clerk/Treasurer Emerson, Chief Verges

**Approval of Minutes: Motion (O'Connell/Olson) to approve November 4 minutes. Carried.**

**Approval of Agenda: Motion (O'Connell/Olson) to approve agenda. Carried.**

**Appearances: none**

**Action items:**

- 1) **Motion (Ducklow/Huepfel)** to approve the budget as presented in the public hearing. Vote: Ayes: Brunkhorst, Ducklow, Falde, Huepfel, O'Connell, Olson, Vorlicek. Nays: none. Absent: none. Abstain: none. Carried.
- 2) **Motion (O'Connell/Vorlicek)** to set the levy limit at \$399,026.83 for Pierce County, \$7,349.17 for St. Croix County for a total levy limit of \$406,376; and to set the local mill rate before county adjustments at .005897738. Vote: Ayes: Vorlicek, Olson, O'Connell, Huepfel, Falde, Ducklow, Brunkhorst. Nays: none. Absent: none. Abstain: none. Carried.
- 3) There has been considerable dumping of people's "junk" at the county recycle bins and village compost areas. PW will meet to discuss and implement options to help remedy the problem. Current discussion includes increased fines, cameras, restricted days and hours with PW monitoring, closing the sites all-together. Ordinance committee will meet to change the fee schedule to reflect increased citation amounts.
- 4) A LRIP-Discretionary grant application for Van Buren Rd/bike path extension that was previously unsuccessful has now been awarded but at a lower percentage of job cost. The Village would have to fund a large portion of the project. Tabled until the State/Municipal Project Agreement comes from the state. SMA will have more details.
- 5) ACOE has offered back land which was initially given for the dam/levee project in the 1960's at no cost to the Village. The Village will accept the land if the Village is bypassed and the land goes directly to the adjacent property owners. The parcel to be returned is along the Eau Galle river along a portion of north McKay Ave. Emerson will contact ACOE.
- 6) **Motion (Brunkhorst/Olson)** to approve Operator's licenses for Emily Hofacker, Olivia Satterlee, Matthew Baker, Carrie Gazdik, Mario Vasquez. Carried.
- 7) Vorlicek inquired about the status of the meter project. It was stated that the project was approved by PSC, contracts were signed by Village board and PW Lead Gausman; scheduling needs to begin. Finance will review at their next meeting; this project is part of the bonding.
- 8) Census is at 30. There are no resident COVID cases, there is 1 staff COVID case.
- 9) **Motion (O'Connell/Vorlicek)** to approve Treasurer's report and pay requests of \$216,817.49. Carried.
- 10) **January monthly board meeting Wednesday January 6, 2021. 6:15 p.m.**

**Library** – Rebecca Dodge last day is Friday December 18 2020. Katie Schneider has accepted the Director position. Blegen and Buchal will carry on until Katie begins on January 2<sup>nd</sup> 2021. Curbside services continue.

**Police** – Both Chief Verges and Officer Lilly worked on election day to cover the time polls were open: there were no issues. Chief Verges is nearing the end of Lexipol training. A COVID-related grant has been applied for and PPE items have been purchased. Training continues for the new mandated state and federal reporting system for criminal statistics. Incident log for the month of November including calls, complaints, 911, traffic stops, assists, etc.: 38. Accepted as presented.

**Clerk's Report** – Spring Valley Community Cancer Fund will hold another virtual walk this December. A Christmas Tree will be displayed under the shelter at the beginning of the bike path. Kinsman and Yauch, part-time plow drivers for the Village, expressed their thanks for the raise; they were very much appreciated.

**President's Report** - none

**Motion (O'Connell/Ducklow)** to go into closed session pursuant to WI State Statute 19.85(1)(e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business. For the purpose of discussing SV Clinic lease and property.

**Motion (Ducklow/Olson)** to go back into open session.

**No action from closed session.**

**Motion (Falde/Huepfel) to adjourn 7:46 p.m. Carried.**

Respectfully submitted

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Luann Emerson, Clerk

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Marsha Brunkhorst, President