

November 8th, 2023

Regular Board Meeting

Chairman Bukovic called the November 8th, 2023, meeting to order at 6:15 pm.

Roll Call:

Present: Bukovic, Ferris, Bruno, c/t Micolichek, D-c/t McCarthy

Absent: None

Approval of Agenda:

Motion was made by Ferris to approve the agenda as read; motion seconded by Bukovic. Motion carried.

Reading and approval of October minutes:

The minutes from the October Regular Board Meeting were read by McCarthy. Correction was made to change the month of Dam meeting to November 14th instead of May 14th. Motion to approve corrected minutes made by Ferris, seconded by Bruno. Motion carried.

Financial Report:

The October Financial report was presented. Motion to approve the Financial Report as read for October was made by Bukovic, motion seconded by Bruno. Motion carried.

Approval of the 2024 Budget:

2024 Budget was read by Micolichek and discussed. Motion to approve the 2024 Budget as presented was made by Bruno, motion seconded by Ferris. Motion carried.

2024 Crandon Rescue Contract Discussion and Possible Action:

2024 Contract for the Crandon Rescue was read and discussed. Motion to approve the 2024 contract for Crandon Rescue was made by Ferris, motion seconded by Bruno. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2023-11 Room tax discussion and Possible Action:

The ordinance was read and discussed. Room tax will go from 4.5% to 6% effective January 1st, 2024 with the burden of collecting the room tax going to the Forest County Chamber of Commerce d.b.a. Visit Forest County. Forest County retains 70% while the town will receive 30%. Grants then are made by Forest County to towns. Motion to approve Ordinance 2023-11 was made by Bukovic, motion seconded by Bruno. Motion carried.

Ayers Compensation Increase:

Ayers compensation increase will be put on hold until official notice is received by the town.

Appointment of New Service Director for Hiles First Responders:

Nancy Ciapato will be the new Service Director for the Hiles First Responders. Motion to approve Nancy as the Service Director was made by Bukovic, motion seconded by Bruno. Motion carried.

Officer and committee reports:

Ferris: Has a call into the sign company and waiting on a call back.

Bukovic: Packer party was held at the Trailhead Pub in November and \$2426 was raised in donations for Hiles Fire and Rescue. Thanks to Mark and Julie and the Pub for hosting this. Looking for a new "support" vehicle for Fire and Rescue. Will reach out to State regarding if vehicle can be used.

Micolichek: Chuck Hill took his jump bag to Arizona. Hiles North is having their meeting tonight, would like the town to send a register letter to him in Arizona to have the EMR bag returned. It was also discussed that he also ordered a flag for North that had flown over the capitol in Madison and wanted reimbursement for this. The town will reimburse this cost. Hiles is hosting the next WTA meeting in May 2024. If anyone has ideas for speakers, let Jane know. Micolichek also requesting new laptops and desktop as we will be getting a new tax program next year that is cloud based and our systems are very old. Will also have the town's new email set up to .gov when the laptops/desktop are set up.

Citizen Input:

Bill Beimborn brought up that Mastec, the ones who are putting in the cable, messed up the phone lines in some areas and are doing a bad job cleaning up after themselves-leaving both piles of dirt and ruts in the roads and leaving garbage behind. Ferris will reach out to them (Spectrum is the main contractor). Also brought up that there are dumpsters up north being put on new pavement and not where the homeowners should have them.

Jerry Duhn brought up that Ferris can serve on the Lake District Board if the town appoints him and would have voting rights.

Someone needs to be appointed to the Kentuck Lake District.

Approval to Pay Monthly Bills:

Motion made by Ferris to approve the payment of checks that we have printed. Motion seconded by Bruno. Motion carried.

Adjournment:

Motion was made by Ferris to adjourn; motion seconded by Bukovic at 7:05pm. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned.