

November 14, 2012

The **public budget hearing** with notice having been posted at Mike's Service, Bob's Northern Lights and the town hall and also published in the Antigo Daily Journal, was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Casper Buettner. Also present at the meeting were Supervisor Susan Hawley, Treasurer Linda Frank and Mary Lee Heise, clerk. Jim and Janet Tilkens were also present.

The budget for 2013 was reviewed. The levy will increase \$802 from 2012. However, the total budget of \$406,915 for 2013 is \$13,717 less than the 2012 budget.

After further review the 2013 budget hearing was approved upon motion by Jim Tilkens and seconded by Janet Tilkens, motion carried.

The budget hearing was adjourned upon motion by Supervisor Hawley and seconded by Clerk Mary Lee Heise, motion carried.

The **special town meeting of electors** was called to order immediately following the public hearing on the budget. The purpose of this meeting is to approve the 2012 highway expenditures and the 2012 tax levy to be paid in 2013.

The highway expenditures were approved upon motion by Supervisor Hawley and seconded by Chairman Buettner, motion carried.

The 2012 tax levy to be paid in 2013 was approved upon motion by Supervisor Hawley and seconded by Jim Tilkens, motion carried.

The special town meeting was adjourned upon motion by Supervisor Hawley and seconded by Jim Tilkens, motion carried.

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The regular monthly town board meeting as posted at Mike's Service, Bob's Northern Lights and the town hall and also published in the Antigo Daily Journal was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Casper Buettner. Also present at the meeting were Supervisor Susan Hawley, Treasurer Linda Frank and Mary Lee Heise, clerk. Townspeople Jim and Janet Tilkens and Mike and Sharon Steckbauer were also present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given by all those present.

Jim Tilkens was appointed supervisor to fill the position left open with the death of Supervisor William Majest. This appointment was made pursuant to Section 17.25 of the Wisconsin Statutes. The appointment was made upon motion by Chairman Buettner and seconded by Supervisor Hawley with Chairman Buettner, Supervisor Hawley and Clerk Mary Lee Heise all approving the Motion, motion carried. Mr. Tilkens will fill the position for the remaining term and will have to run for office in the April

election, along with the remaining board members. Mr. Tilkens was sworn into office by Clerk Mary Lee Heise. He thereafter signed the official oath of office.

The agenda for the November meeting was approved upon motion by Supervisor Hawley and seconded by Supervisor Tilkens, motion carried.

Minutes of the October meeting were approved upon motion by Supervisor Hawley and seconded by Supervisor Tilkens, motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was given by Linda Frank. Transfers were made from the general savings and a CD into checking to pay for the new highway truck. When the equipment replacement cd comes due in the spring, the savings will be replenished. Motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Supervisor Hawley and seconded by Supervisor Tilkens, motion carried.

Non-Board Business: None

Unfinished Business: The Focus on Energy program will no longer be pursued by the township. Wisconsin Public Service has contacted the clerk and, due to changes in the program, it would cost the Town far more than the savings it would hope to recoup from the program. Window replacement – 6 windows have now been replaced by Jeff Wickersheim Construction. Alex will stain and varnish them.

New Business: Discussion on hall rental fees – there still will be no charge for educational classes such as Hunter's Safety, etc., clubs and associations will be required to pay \$50 for the use of the hall. The cost to use the hall for a funeral will be \$125. A motion was made by Supervisor Hawley and seconded by Supervisor Tilkens to approve the updated hall rental fees, motion carried. In December the board will discuss the fees for the use of town highway equipment.

General Building and Plant – Salt/sand used on the roads has been delivered. The new windows are in – motion lights by the office have been replaced. The flat roof above the furnace room was tarred again. Discussion on what to do with the old safe. This will be discussed again at a later date.

Highway – The new highway truck will be here on December 10th. Up until that time we have the use of the one we currently have.

Fire Department – The open house is set for December 1st.

Rescue Squad – They have had 126 runs to date. Last year at this same time they had 114. Their Medicare audit has been completed and they have passed. Quarterly payments are due from the municipalities.

Recycling Center – Larry Bolstad is off on opening day of deer season. Tina Lancaster will be managing the center that day. Jim Tilkens will be the person to check up on how the recycling center is running and reporting back to the board at the monthly meeting.

Cemetery – The shrubs have been trimmed. Discussion on all the work Mike Klimoski has done to get the mapping of the gravesites done. The town appreciates all his hard work.

Correspondence – The Notice of Election for incumbent officers must be posted in the paper by November 28th. The clerk will be posting and publishing this next week. Letter read from the County Sheriff's department concerning a public hearing relating to the county Dog Ordinance. The towns may now have to have an animal control officer to handle most of the issues pertaining to dogs running at large, etc. with a possibility of the town recouping their money for the cost of hiring an officer from dog license fees. A revised ordinance will be sent to the town. Hadley's Office Products was here on the 24th of October to do routine maintenance on the copy machine. Everything is working very well. A letter was received from the Dept. of Natural Resources concerning money due from a towns person for managed forest law yield tax that the town may have to help collect. A reminder was received from the Dept. of Transportation regarding the town road certification which is due on December 17th. The final estimate of population for January 1, 2012 is 737. A letter was read from the Red Arrow Snowmobile ATV Club, Inc. regarding snowmobile routes for the 2012-2013 seasons. As there is some confusion regarding this matter, Jim Tilkens was asked to contact John Brantmeier to discuss this with him. It will be discussed again at the December meeting. A license application has been received from George Hawley, who will be taking over the Full Throttle bar. The clerk will have the proper notice put in the paper and the application will be up for approval at the December meeting.

The December meeting will be on the 11th at 6:30 p.m.

Bills for November were approved upon motion by Supervisor Hawley and seconded by Supervisor Tilkens, motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned upon motion by Supervisor Hawley and seconded by Supervisor Tilkens, motion carried.