

Town of Freeman

Public Budget Hearing November 27th, 2023

The Budget Hearing and Special Town Meeting were brought to order at 7:00 by Al Thompson.

All members present. Al Thompson, David Olson, and John Leirimo. Also, present were Peggy Thompson, Bud Powell, Sacha Powell, Greg Lane, Patricia Lane, Bob Severson, Leigh Carlson, and Forrest Carlson.

After some discussion, Bob made a motion to set the administrative wage for FEMA/WEM projects for all board members at \$25.00/hour, Greg seconded. All yes.

After some discussion and review of the proposed budget, John made a motion to adjourn the budget hearing at 7:17, Dave seconded.

The regular meeting of November 27, 2023 was called to order at 7:17 pm by Al Thompson

All members present - Al Thompson, John Leirimo and David Olson.

Peggy certified the meeting was posted at River Bank, P.O., website, and the Town Shop.

John Leirimo made a motion to adopt and approve the 2024 budget using the allowable levy limit increase, Dave Olson seconded. Roll call vote all yes. David Olson made a motion to approve the total 2024 highway expenditures. John Leirimo seconded. Roll call: all yes.

John made a motion to approve the agenda, Dave seconded.

Patrolmen hours were reviewed, Dave made a motion to approve, John seconded. All yes

Peggy presented the minutes from the 10/30/2023 regular meeting. Approved as read.

Sacha Powell stated there was nothing to report for the tax account.

The November bills were reviewed. Dave made a motion to approve, John seconded. All yes.

Peggy gave a summary of the current account balances.

Old Business:

- FEMA: Peggy stated nothing to report on the 2018 project or 2023 WEM project.
- Road Repair: Al has not heard back from Kyle Kozelka on Lawrence Hill Road LRIP project. The board will complete the road ratings and submit by December 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Fence viewing matter with La Plante's: Nothing to report
- White construction road damage: Al spoke stated there was nothing to report.
- Delinquent Property taxes: Nothing to report.
- Planning and Zoning Committee: There was no meeting.
- Shop Furnace: Waiting on wiring.

New Business:

- Permit requests:
  - Variance request was received from Jim Murray for construction of new home. John made a motion to issue the variance due to topology of land, Dave seconded. All yes. Jim will need to submit a residential building permit request.

Public Discussion:

- Discussion on property on County B and Smith Road. Dave will contact DNR.
- Al stated the increase for the Farmland Preservation tax credit from \$7.50/acre to \$10.00/acre is in the state legislation waiting for Evers to sign. The next FLP training will be December 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 at Sugar Creek Bible Camp.

Next meeting will be December 27, at 7:00 pm.

John made a motion at 7:53 to adjourn, Dave seconded.

Peggy Thompson, Clerk