

**SARDINIA COUNCIL MEETING**

**SPECIAL MEETING**

**FEBRUARY 24, 2025 5:30 P.M.**

**Prayer** Mayor Bill North

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**Roll Call:** Gary Troutman, Anna Turner, Angela Lyons, Peggy Vance, Ashlie Webster

**Absent:** Dustin Puckett

**Also in Attendance:** Amy Mason, Administrator, Venita Milburn, Clerk

**ADMINISTRATOR**

Ms. Mason informed the council this meeting is only to address two items. One is to approve the 2025 budget to be approved and sent to Jill Hall. It has been temporarily approved a couple of times, once in July then approved in December where we thought the numbers would be. This is the finalized budget with closing out the year 2024 with the actual numbers.

Ms. Webster asked Ms. Mason how she felt about the budget as it is. Ms. Mason stated that there was a lot of work that had been done on the budget. The main thing that changed was there was less money in the police line item. The police get so much money for taxes and the remaining money comes out of the general fund. Did have to pull the Chief's salary to put in another category. Amounts were not changed, just shifted from one category to another. We did add one item to the police budget which wasn't a lot. In the main cruiser we have video from the car camera which has been significantly vital in a few recent incidents, so we are budgeting to put a car camera in the second vehicle. The mayor asked if cameras were in the Tahoe's, which Ms. Mason answered affirmatively the white Tahoe and also the new truck will be equipped.

Ms. Mason mentioned the one good thing is we were able to rollover \$36,000 from street budget to \$87,000 that is now projected for 2025. We didn't do a lot on the streets in 2024, but we do have the hot box operational, we have a saw to cut things out, and Dave is meeting with Sawyer's to see if they will sell to the Village this year. Ms. Mason meets with the guys every Friday morning to discuss what areas need to be done. A street review will be done by June which will determine which order the roads will be done first. Amount of money we saved last year and with the guys doing their own work we can get more done on the roads if Sawyer will sell to the Village.

*Motion made to suspend the rules made by Ashley Webster, second by Peggy Vance. Roll call all yes.*

*Motion to approve the 2025 permanent appropriations for the 2025 budget made by Angela Lyons, second by Anna Turner. Roll call all yes.*

*Attachment: 2025 Annual Budget*

Ms. Mason mentioned for the purpose of documenting that it has come up publicly that we have all this money, but we are not spending \$1.7 million. She wanted to reiterate that you cannot spend money from a category that it is not allocated for. You can pull general for a lot of different things, but sewer money must be spent for sewer, water money must be spent on water, roads money must be spent on roads, cemetery money must be spent on cemetery. When you take all these, you have \$1.7 million to \$1.8 million. Anyone is welcome to look at the budget to see where the money is allocated.

The second item on the agenda is the resolution. This was discussed at the last council meeting. Ms. Mason stated that we had not heard back from the auditors if they were requiring a resolution but wanted to go ahead and get this approved. Resolutions are not required to have three readings they are just a financial piece which is passed or failed. The resolution is to pay for Winchester Street fire remediation from the general fund (gives the general fund number), for the Village of Sardinia whereas the Village of Sardinia entered into a contract with Bonar Excavating to provide remediation and clean-up of the fire located at Winchester Street and as the Village of Sardinia has remaining funds left over from the Coronavirus Relief Fund, and whereas the council of the Village of Sardinia has found it necessary to complete the remediation and pay for said remediation to provide for the health, welfare, and protection of the citizens of Sardinia now therefore be it ordained by the council of the Village of Sardinia, Brown County, by two thirds vote or more of all members therefore concurring that Bonar Excavating be paid out of the funds in the amount as seen below with said contract. The total \$66,614.62 for this resolution.

*Motion to pass resolution to approve fund transfer from Covid Relief Fund made by Peggy Vance, second by Ashlie Webster. Roll call all yes.*

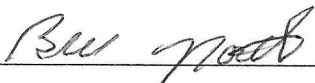
*Attachment: Resolution to Approve Fund Transfer for Covid Relief Fund*

*Motion to adjourn made by Angela Lyons, second by Ashlie Webster. Roll call all yes.*

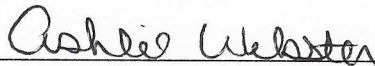
**Meeting ended at 5:28 p.m.**

3-10-25

**Date Approved**



**Mayor**



**President of Council**