

Town of Menomonie
Budget Approval and Monthly Meeting
Tuesday, December 12th, 2023, 6:00pm

All Present: Kent Jackson, Brian Johnson, Scott Barnhart, Charisse Sutliff and Nancy Ponto.
Kent called the Budget Finalization to Order at 6:00 pm.

EXPENSES 2024

Total General Government \$155,571.00
Public Safety \$180,661.00
Roads and Town Hall \$ \$610,938.00
Solid Waste and Recycling \$188,400.00
Taxes \$25,275.00
Total Expenses \$1,160,845.00

REVENUES 2024

Levy-Taxes \$501,122.00
Shared Revenues, State and County \$449,543.00
Licenses and permits \$12,280.00
Town Services, Solid Waste, Fire, Dogs \$196,700.00
Checking Account Interest \$1,200.00
Total Revues \$1,160,845.00

The Board reviewed the 2024 Budget. Scott made a motion to approve the finalized budget. Brian 2nd Carried.
Kent Adjourned at 6:01pm.

Kent called to order the Special Elector Budget Meeting at 6:02pm.

Brian made a motion to adopt the Town Levy of \$425,636.00. Mike Kneer 2nd. Carried.
Scott made a motion to adopt the 2024 proposed budget. Brian 2nd Carried.
Kent adjourned the Budget hearing at 6:08pm

Kent called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 6:09pm

Minutes

- Minutes from the Board Meeting on Nov 14th, 2023, were reviewed. Scott made a motion to approve the minutes, Brian 2nd Carried.

Resolution 2023-05

Loan from People's State Bank for New Single Axle Truck

- Levi from People's State Bank presented an Exhibit Resolution. Total to borrow in the sum of \$160,323.00 with 6.2% interest. Payments of \$38,274.62 are to be paid yearly for five years.
- Kent made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-05 of \$160,323.00. Brian 2nd Carried.

Delmore Consulting

- Jeff Delmore presented the board with the Road Review he conducted. He provided a hard copy and a memory stick with the data. The report listed each section of every road in the township providing a PASER rating.
- Discrepancies were noted in comparison with Whistler's information/listing. All the information was broken down onto spreadsheets for easy review, along with recommendations.
- He stated that 77% of the roads in the Township have a chip/seal surface and he said that was "phenomenal!" He felt Town of Menomonie was an exception and had a great program in place.
- 76% of the roads had a rating of five, which is good. All roads have 20 feet wide asphalt or wider, he thought that was really good to see. He recommends that so farm equipment can safely travel.
- Scott asked if anything jumped out? He said that data was incorrect in Whistler from what he sees. He will be correcting errors and discrepancies.
- Brian stated that 77% was a good number and wanted to know what the recommendation was for chip sealing. Jeff said about 3 years after new asphalt paving.
- Kent asked if he could send the plans for the 330th/Turkey Road project. He wanted advice of the bids. Jeff said he'd love to look it over, and ensured Kent they work with Engineers from all over the state. Kent said he is looking forward to partnership with grant writing.
- Jeff said to feel free to call with any questions.

Public

- Mike Kneer informed the Board that the PRD was looking at Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs). It is becoming very common for homeowners to build a "mother-in-law" suite. Can a home in general ag and R1 add it if it has a separate entrance with a bath and kitchen? Mike believes that input from the Township is important, and this is an area of interest to define.
- Dennis Klass, Fire Chief, presented the Board with a financial analysis for 2022. He showed the Rural Fire Department pays fire dues of \$21.21 per capita which is only contributing about 7% of the current operational payments needed. He believes the Rural Fire Department should be contributing 35% (vs. 7%). He understands this can't happen overnight, but they are bringing the discussion to the table and have asked for a Town of Menomonie representative to attend the Jan 30th meeting.
- Scott made a motion to approve Brian as representative. Brian accepted, 2nd the motion. Approved.

Employee, Chairman Report

- Jeff informed the board that the panel box on the Sigal Axel had started on fire. It was brought to Indian Head to repair.
- Jeff reported that there is a dip in the road where Pat Miller's repaired culvert was. He plans to add gravel and see what needs to be done after the winter.
- Matt asked if we could put no parking signs up Woodland Terrace cul-de-sac? Vehicles are parked and makes it difficult to remove snow. For now, he has asked them to move the cars but would like something in place.
- New tires were put on the One Ton and slightly used tires on the Sigle Axel. Jeff will be getting quotes on the Boom mower for Alliance tires.
- The chains for the grader were too long and have to have some links taken out. Matt built a lift that can be used while putting on chains. It works pretty slick.
- Jeff completed the 4th pass of mowing and is done for the season.

Snow Blower Purchase

- Kent shared a quote he had from ACE Hardware for an electric snow blower. \$1499.00. It has the power of a gas engine and comes with two batteries that can clear approx. a 30-car lot. Plenty of power to clear snow around the dumpsters at the Collection Site.
- Brian made a motion to approve the purchase, Scott 2nd Carried.

Drop Off Site Electrical Upgrade

- Kent had a quote from JA Electric for \$750.00 to add an outlet, light, and heater to the shed at the Collection Site.
- Brian made a motion to approve the expense. Kent 2nd Carried.

Drop Off Site Report

- Brian asked if the Board should consider limiting constituents to one appliance drop off per visit? The Board discussed it and determined that the dumpsters aren't filling up too fast, and fear if they limit it they could end up with having to pick up appliances out of the ditches.

Junk Complaint

- Brian has seen improvements made at N5978 County Road K. Vehicles still need to be removed along with trash along the back of the house. Brian will continue to monitor it.
- New complaint on Frank Herrmeyer's property. A letter will be sent.

Drop off Site Employee Pay

- Kent proposed a \$0.50 increase for the Site employees. That is about a 2% raise, bringing Brian Burkle to \$18.50 and Clair to \$16.50.
- Brian made a motion to approve the 50-cent increase, Scott 2nd Carried.

Employee Contract/Insurance

- Kent had new contracts drawn up for the employees. He added a dollar increase on their wages bringing them to \$25 per hour. Jeff and Matt asked for a \$2 increase. The board discussed it, and with insurance going up they counter with \$1.50. Matt and Jeff shook their heads in approval.
- Kent made a motion to increase the Patrolman's wage from \$24 to \$25.50/hour. Scott 2nd Carried.

Clerk Report

- Charisse has completed the Mill Rate calculations and worked with the County Treasurer on getting the reports filed for the completion of the 2024 Property Tax Bills.
- The 2023 State of Taxes were filed.

Board Reports

- Nancy has been stuffing collection site permits with tax bills and should have them out in the next couple of days. The collection of taxes then begins.
- Scott will be attending the Jan 16th Joint City/Town Meeting.
- Brian received a complaint about too heavy sand/salt being laid. The guys will look at the spreader to ensure it's set correctly.
- Kent said that the application for TRID/TRIS ranked us at a #6 we won't get the LRIP that was submitted. He would look into submitting the application with a smaller section of the road. It seems

they approve a larger number of small grants to make the funding go further. He thinks our ask was too big.

- Kent asked County Zoning to look into a camper storage unit off of Hwy 12 on Ford Rd (330th)
- Cedar Corp turned in the ground water report for the well at the old dump site. Nothing alarming, they will continue to monitor.
- Kent had a bid for new LED shop lights. The board looked at it and discussed options. Brian made a motion to approve new LED shop lights of \$2675.00, Scott 2nd approved.

Vouchers Reviewed and Approve

- Vouchers were reviewed. Scott made a motion to approve check#21598-21636, Brian 2nd Carried.

Set Regular Board Meeting

- The next Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, Jan 17th.

Adjourn

- Kent made a motion to adjourn at 8:26 pm, Brian 2nd Carried.

Charisse Sutliff, Clerk Town of Menomonie