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Amended Minutes of the November 2, 2023, Town Board Meeting Budget review and analysis

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call: present; Chair Barb Lange, Supervisor Kevin Kangas, Supervisor Jeff Bovee, Treasurer Jacki Olson, Clerk Kelly Fallon. 10 audience members were present.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of the Agenda: Jeff Bovee made a motion to approve the agenda. Kevin Kangas seconded the motion. A vote was taken, the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of the Minutes: Jeff Bovee made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 17, 2023, budget workshop meeting. Barb Lange seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, Chair Barb Lange- Aye, Supervisor Jeff Bovee- Aye, Supervisor Kevin Kangas abstained.

Fire/EMS Information: Act 12 and Act 19 limit the use of Shared revenue funds. Next year's shared revenue will be \$78,400, from the previous year of \$27,000. Barb Lange stated Shared Revenue has a very limited use with road work and Fire/EMS costs being two of the areas that are available for Newark to use these funds. Barb Lange would like to consider using Shared Revenue to offset Fire/EMS costs, resulting in no increase to the taxpayer. The Clerk is working on a \$100,000 loan from The Commission of Public Lands. The loan will cover the transfer from Orfordville Fire Dept. to Town of Beloit Fire Dept. Chair Barb Lange stated Newark does have a signed contract Town of Beloit.

Budget discussion: Kevin Kangas stated the debt levy will go up, so in reality there will be an increase. Barb Lange stated the first payment on the loan is not due until 2025, so we can revisit that next year. Kevin Kangas would like a copy of the levy worksheet when completed. A hearing on the budget will have to be held and must be published 15 days prior to the meeting date.

Kevin Kangas has worked on a budget worksheet with year-to-date projections. A motion was made for Kevin Kangas to provide his budget summary to Clerk Kelly Fallon tomorrow. Jeff Bovee seconded the motion. A vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

For purposes of the budget, it is noted, the Building Inspector and the Assessor would like increases in their respective contracts. Kevin Kangas made a motion to put the Assessor and Building Inspectors contracts on the November 13, 2023, agenda. The motion was seconded by Barb Lange. A vote was taken, the motion passed unanimously.

The next Budget meeting will be Tuesday, November 7, 2023. The Electors meeting will be tentatively set for November 30, 2023.

Report updates: Jeff Bovee reported on the cemetery committee, Craig Jones, Zac Segerstrom, Jim Disrud are the committee members. Members receive \$10.00 per meeting and Jim Disrud indicated they have had no meetings.

There are 270 cemetery plots available. The cost is \$200.00 per plot for residents and \$1,000.00 per plot for non-residents. Internment is \$1500.00 to dig a hole for a plot and \$400.00 for a cremation plot. Beacon Light and the Baptist Cemetery does not allow burials, as they are not plotted cemeteries and we cannot determine current location of previous burials. Craig Jones has the cemetery records from 2005 to current date on his computer. Craig will put this information on the One Drive once we have that set up with our new computers. Craig has boxes of paper records and ledgers, which he is willing to transfer to Town Hall.

Jeff Bovee made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kevin Kangas seconded the motion. A vote was taken, the motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:
Kelly Fallon, Clerk