

SPECIAL MEETING – October 5, 2021

President Hackl called the Special Meeting of the Muscoda Village Board to order at 6:00pm in the Council Chambers of the Kratochwill Memorial Building. The following members were present: Anderson, Imhoff, Johnson, Miller, Seifert and Wiederholt. Also present: Schramm, Wardell, and Johnson.

PROOF OF PUBLICATION: Motion Imhoff, second Anderson to accept the Proof of Publication. Motion carried.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON UTILITY BOX FOR NEW PICKUP TRUCK:

Wardell reported that the new pickup has been ordered from Jones Chevrolet and hopefully will arrive the first part of 2022.

Trustee Anderson reported that he traveled to Sleepy Hollow Auto Sales in Viroqua to discuss the price and availability of a utility box for the new pickup truck. The updated cost is \$8,047 for the box, plus \$749 for installation and the unit is available. The sales representative explained that the cost is increasing, but this price is good through today. Wardell explained that the Village crew can do the installation of a hitch. The funding for the new truck and box will be from the Electric Department with interim financing from the General Fund. Roll call vote: Yes- Anderson, Imhoff, Johnson, Miller, Seifert, Wiederholt and Hackl. No-none. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON PURCHASING PUBLIC WORKS DUMP TRUCK:

Anderson also reported that Sleepy Hollow had a 5500 Chevy Dump Truck but that is not large enough for Village purposes. The search for a dump truck will continue.

WORK ON 2022 BUDGET:

Chief Schramm said the one taser needs to be replaced at a cost of approximately \$1,200. A new camera for Squad #2 is needed. The Chief explained the different brands of cameras and cost. WatchGuard seems to be a better unit and the squad and body cameras will sync up when downloaded. Estimated cost is around \$6,000. Since there were only two full time officers for approximately six months, there are funds available in the 2021 budget to purchase the taser and camera. This equipment purchase will be placed on the October 12th agenda. Schramm also discussed an upgrade to the radios; however, this purchase can wait until the new towers and broadband are completed for Grant County. Squad #1 should be replaced in 2023.

Administrator Johnson asked if there were any questions on the information that was distributed last week on the budget categories, wages, benefits, and insurances. Johnson explained the budget restraint program through the Department of Revenue and in order to qualify for funding, the increase in general fund expenditures cannot be more than 3.4%. Johnson also announced the highway estimate for 2022 and shared revenue amount.

CLOSED SESSION ITEMS:

Motion Anderson, second Imhoff to adjourn into closed session to discuss 2022 wages and benefits, review of evaluations for public employees, and conduct evaluations of Supervisors pursuant to Wis. SS 19.85(1)(c). Roll call vote: Yes- Anderson, Imhoff, Johnson, Miller, Seifert, Wiederholt and Hackl. No-none. Motion carried.

Supervisors left at this time.

The Board discussed 2022 wages and insurances.

RETURN TO AND RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION:

Motion Anderson, second Miller to reconvene in open session. **Roll call vote: Yes-** Anderson, Imhoff, Johnson, Miller, Seifert, Wiederholt and Hackl. **No-**none. **Motion carried.**

ACTION, IF ANY, AND IF REQUIRED BY LAW TO BE TAKEN IN OPEN SESSION ON CLOSED SESSION MATTER:

Motion Anderson, second E Johnson to pay approve the same benefit package for insurances as 2021: Village pays 80% of health insurance premiums, 50% of dental insurance premiums, and 80% of life insurance premiums. **Roll call vote: Yes-**Anderson, Imhoff, Johnson, Miller, Seifert, Wiederholt and Hackl. **No-**none. **Motion carried.**

The Board had questions on newly hired employees contracts and will discuss wages at next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion Anderson, second Imhoff to adjourn the meeting. **Motion carried.**

Cinda Johnson
Cinda Johnson, Village Administrator