

Official – Town of Montezuma

Public Hearing Board Minutes

October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023

At 6pm

Supervisor David Corey opened Public Hearing at 6:10pm, on the 2024 Preliminary Budget, led by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: Supervisor: David Corey

Deputy Supervisor/Councilman: Lee Brew

Councilman: Tom Fitzsimmons

Councilman: Chris Howard

Councilman: Tom Hitchcock Jr. (ABSENT)

Others Present: Town of Montezuma Clerk: Marie L. Cronin

Historian: Cheryl Longyear

Dog control officer quote from Moravia: \$9,900.00 per year. \$825.00 per month. Plus \$125.00 per adult dog that is sheltered. And a \$100.00 for each euthanasia and cremation services. This is a very high quote. David Corey to wait and hear from Carl Collier after his meeting on Monday 10/30/23 to see if Carl has any suggestions. Carl may still do this with his daughter Jen. We have to have someone per the state so we will have to budget for this. Supervisor Ed Ide from the Town of Aureliues, thinks Carl will do this for 1 more year but would like a pay increase. Per David he would like to raise the Dog control Contractual A3510.4 account from \$5,800.00 to \$11,000.00, just in case the Town has no choice but to go with the \$9,900.00 quote. Motion made by Lee Brew second by Chris Howard to raise the dog control contractual to \$11,000.00 and that when an owner of the dog redeems the dog that they will have to pay the Town of Montezuma back for all the fees from the dog that is being sheltered. Motion carried 4/0. Marie Cronin Clerk will try and call to speak with Eric Riddley in Throop to see whom they use for dog control officer.

Lee Brew has, Mayor (Ron Wilson) and Supervisor (Mark Emerson) from Port Byron called to set up a meeting yet.

Public Hearing on the 2024 Preliminary Budget is opened At 6:10pm. Just one change to the Budget and that was to raise the Dog Control Contractual A3510.4 from \$5,800.00 to \$11,000.00. Supervisor David Corey after asking if any Public would like to speak on the 2024 Budget, David declared the Public Hearing over (at 6:30pm) as there is no Public at this meeting.

Motion made by Lee Brew second by Chris Howard to adopt the 2024 Fiscal Budget as amended. Motion carried 4/0.

David Corey to give all Budget changes to the Town Bookkeeper Pat Craine and when she is done with all the changes, give a copy to Town Clerk Marie Cronin to file. Marie will have Tom Fitzsimmons look at the Budget before filing incase any mistakes were made.

Tom Fitzsimmons asking is the Town of Montezuma Fire Department, do they still have a contract with the Town of Throop ambulance service. Lee Brew stated that per Kelly Thurston (in Montezuma fire dept) said yes they do.

For the Rt.31 park project – in order to place the orders for the pavilion and the storage shed for the rt. 31 parking lot, the State requires them to have Architectural Drawings of this first. The Town of Montezuma will be reimbursed for this but need a motion to pay the \$1,300.00 for the Architect (Cross Road Structures) to do the drawings. They need to be built first and need to be seal approved and signed in order for the State to ok this. Motion made by Tom Fitzsimmons second by Chris Howard to pay the \$1,300.00 voucher for Architectural drawings. Motion carried 4/0.

Per Historian Cheryl Longyear - (Marie Cronin Town Clerk) can you call L.A. Mathiesons to pick up both of the portable toilets for the winter.

Adjourn Meeting: Motion made by David Corey second by Chris Howard for adjourn meeting. Motion carried 4/0.

Minutes submitted by Town of Montezuma Clerk:

Marie L. Cronin

