

Official - Town of Montezuma Board

3rd Budget Meeting Minutes

October 19th, 2023

At 6pm

Supervisor David Corey opened meeting, led by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: Supervisor: David Corey

Deputy Supervisor/Councilman: Lee Brew

Councilman: Tom Fitzsimmons

Councilman: Tom Hitchcock Jr.

Councilman: Chris Howard (ABSENT)

Others Present: Town Clerk: Marie Cronin

Highway Superintendent: Ken Cook

Bookkeeper: Pat Craine

NYCLASS – Bookkeeper (Pat Craine) suggested on the Highway fund account to put the new truck money into the NYCLASS – equipment account. Motion made by Tom Fitzsimmons second by Lee Brew to make this account. Motion carried 4/0. Tom Hitchcock Jr. asking the Bookkeeper Pat if any other Towns are buying equipment on a cycle.

Per Bookkeeper Pat Craine we should just have a savings and checking account for each fund. General Fund, Highway Fund and Water Fund. It would be so much easier.

Lee Brew asking if we still have money in the fund for the Cemetery Surveyor James Marin. Per the Bookkeeper and Supervisor David Corey, we will leave this account as is.

David got a call from the Town Judge Cary Eldridge on increasing pay for Court Clerk Dawn Bisgrove (Acct. A1110.11) but we already gave her a 3% raise. Cary is fine with his 3% raise.

Lee Brew asking if the Judge that resigned, is it going to be a write in on the election ballot. Unsure at this time. If the Town decides to abolish this position then we have to get the public involved.

Motion made by Lee Brew second by Tom Hitchcock Jr. to pay the Court Constable \$21.00 per hour instead of \$20.00 per hour and increase the account at the beginning of the year 2024. Motion carried 4/0.

Compalliance - Resolution to lock in Premium Rate for the next 3 years for the workers compensation coverage. Motion made by Lee Brew second by Tom Hitchcock Jr. to lock in this rate for the next 3 years. Motion carried 4/0.

Highway staff increase pay from: David Ware \$20.00 per hour to \$23.00 per hour.

Tom Young \$18.00 per hour to \$21.00 per hour.

Don Russell (Laborer) from \$15.00 per hour to \$17.00 per hour.

Motion made by David Corey second by Lee Brew to make this adjustment in pay. Motion carried 4/0.

Will need to train highway staff to read meters (\$25.00 per hour) as Stan Longyear will no longer be reading the meters. Motion carried 4/0. Will need the right title when meter reader starts this position. Per Bookkeeper Pat Craine. Pay out of the Water Fund. Put on time sheets what you are doing (water meter reading or Highway work) so Pat will know which account to take the funds from to pay staff.

Tom Young being late, Ken Cook Highway Superintendent gave verbal warning on this and a written one also. Ken not sure how many written to give him if it continues.

CCW Authority \$36,000.00 Loan Project, they handle this and they pay Port Byron. (is the Town still paying \$10,000.00 per year) for the tank debt and wheeling fee come out of the budget or is the Town paying twice for this or not. David Corey to speak with them on this matter. Lee Brew EDU'S. these are on the tax bills and

Motion made by Lee Brew second by Tom Hitchcock Jr. to pass the proposed 2024 Budget as amended and presented. Motion carried 4/0.

Public Hearing scheduled for Thursday October 26th, 2023 at 6pm and Town Clerk Marie Cronin to advertise this in the newspaper. Also on the November Board Meeting Tuesday November 21st, 2023 can we do this on Monday November 20th, 2023 instead. All agree with both of the above dates.

The Amish guy apologized for not getting back to David Corey and will let him know on the trees.

Dog warden Carl Collier has a meeting on October 30th, 2023 and will get back in touch with Town Clerk or David Corey with any input on a new dog warden. Can we put the job search on Towns facebook and website that we're looking for one. Need to have a Numeration done. Hire someone to do this.

Adjourn Meeting: Motion made by Lee Brew second by Tom Hitchcock Jr. to adjourn meeting. Motion carried 4/0.

Minutes submitted by Town of Montezuma Clerk: Marie L. Cronin