

**Official – Town of Montezuma  
Third Budget Workshop  
October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
At 6pm**

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

**Members Present: Supervisor:** David Corey  
**Deputy Supervisor/Councilman:** Thomas Hitchcock Jr.  
**Councilman:** Thomas Fitzsimmons  
**Councilman:** Christopher Howard  
**Councilman:** Marvin King

**Other Members Present: Town Clerk:** Marie Cronin  
**Highway Superintendent:** Kenneth Cook  
**Bookkeeper:** Patricia Craine  
**Historian:** Cheryl Longyear  
**Deputy Highway Superintendent:** David Ware  
**Water Operator:** Stanley Longyear

**No residents present.**

Review the Dog contract agreement give to the Board and next meeting we'll vote on it.

A6772.42 – Meals on wheels account raise from \$300.00 to \$350.00.

A7310.4 – Youth Program raise to \$1,500.00 for now. If Tiffini Sharp goes ahead with this program will she have to do another Civil Service application and we will have to create the position for this also, per Bookkeeper Patricia Craine. Speaking to Town of Mentz, Village of Port Byron and Village of Weedsport about this. August of 2025 programs should be a good month to plan events.

Per Bookkeeper Patricia Craine, You can't delete any accounts for 2 years, it has to have a zero balance for this long first.

CHIPS - DA5110.2 lower from \$75,000.00 to \$70,000.00, Kenneth Cook wondering if he has enough to do the Town Hall parking lot and up the driveway, that's why he wanted the new account with \$20,000.00 in it.

DA5112.4 – Permanent improvements contractual Zero.

DA5130.2 - Machinery Equipment Outlay, is the account for the new truck purchase. If the truck we ordered doesn't come in late next year (2025) then we will transfer the funds from this account to the General Fund account.

Councilman Christopher Howard arrived at the Town Board meeting at 6:20pm.

A7510.44 – Historian contractual is the account for continued support with Mentz Church Historical Society. \$1,500.00.

A7989.4 – Events acct, for the 2 events in 2025. \$1,000.00.

A1620.4 – the New lights for the Town, the Gutters, Tables and Chairs came out of this account in 2023. That is why it states that we spent \$28,000.00 in 2023 and only \$15,000.00. in 2024 so far.

A3510.4 – Control of Dogs Contractual keep at \$11,000.00. Town Clerk Marie Cronin will need to get the ID# of the new Dog Control so the Bookkeeper Patricia Craine can put it on the 1099 paperwork for Suzie Tracy. Suzie will also need to send a contract with all the appropriate amounts and (dog laws) so the Town knows what she is requesting the amounts for. David Corey to contact Suzie Tracy on this. The Board is wondering doing a numeration and see whom needs to license their dogs and how many dogs are in the Town of Montezuma. The Town needs more information before making a decision to hire her, maybe she could come to our November board meeting. Then Suzie can explain everything to the Town Board.

Thomas Fitzsimmons was wondering about credit card payments, Marie Cronin Town Clerk will get the information from Williamson Law Book because they have programs for Clerks and Water.

If anyone sends bad checks to pay the Water Bills then the Town will charge them \$20.00 and will no longer accept a check from the person again.

Thomas Fitzsimmons also asking Bookkeeper Patricia Craine about the 2% tax levy. They County calculates the taxes. The County looks up last years taxes and we could either have a carry over or owe. This is why the 2% rise in taxes may help the Town. It's complicated per Bookkeeper Patricia. Motion made by Thomas Hitchcock Jr. second by David Corey to pass the Tentative Budget as amended. Motion carried 5/0.

Kenneth Cook highway Superintendent asked Bookkeeper Patricia Craine, do you know how things are progressing with the pay for his staff for doing the water meter reads. Per Patricia, they have to qualify for the position and a position created for this. Then Patricia can turn the paperwork into the Civil service.

Public Hearing on the Tentative Budget to be done on Thursday November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 6pm, The Town Board are all aware of the dates and are able to attend. The Montezuma Fire Department has not given their Budget to the Town Clerk yet. Town Clerk Marie Cronin will advertise the Public Hearing. Also a sheet at the Post Office and the Town Hall door.

Adjourn Meeting: Motion made by David Corey second by Thomas Hitchcock Jr. to adjourn meeting. Motion carried 5/0.

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