

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 4, 2023**

The regular board meeting of the Village of Hustisford was called to order by Village President **Laurie Buchanan** at 201 South Lake Street, Hustisford, Wisconsin at 7:00PM in accordance with the Notice of Meeting delivered to trustees on December 1, 2023

Trustees Present: Bob Knueppel, Cynthia Stroessner, Andy Buchanan, Ken Westphal, Ted Engelbart and Jay Huncosky

Trustees Absent:

Others Present: Roger Zubke, Todd Tessmann, Police Chief Greg Kaepernick, Nathan Schoenike and Kim Hopfinger

Hold Public Hearing on 2024 Budget/2023 Tax Rate:

There was no one from the public to speak about the budget. Bob made a motion, seconded by Andy, to close the public hearing. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Appearances:

None

Minutes:

Ted made a motion, seconded by Jay, to accept the November full board meeting minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Bills:

Andy made a motion, seconded by Cynthia, to approve the November bills with checks #46123 - #46149 for a total of \$51,539.41, with check number 46143 void. The motion carried unanimously. The original report was for \$54,639.41, but check #46143 for MI-DE for \$3,100 will be void, due to the fact that MI-DE adjusted the bill down to \$1,100 after further review. Kim will pay the \$1,100 the beginning of December.

Utility:

Todd gave a brief update on the Utility.

Police Committee:

Police Chief Greg Kaepernick went over the monthly police report with the board.

Ted made a motion, seconded by Cynthia, to approve an operator's license for Erin Hildebrandt. The motion carried unanimously.

Ted made a motion, seconded by Andy, to approve the Street Use Permit for the Toilet Bowl Parade on January 1, 2024, and to waive the fee. The motion carried unanimously.

Finance and Administration Committee:

Andy made a motion, seconded by Ted, to approve the 2024 budget at a total of \$611,472 with a mill rate of \$8.56 for 2023 taxes. The levy is within the required levy limit. This budget includes a 3.5% wage increase for Village employees. The motion carried unanimously. A copy of the budget summary is attached to these minutes. A detailed budget is available at the Village Hall.

Andy made a motion, seconded by Cynthia, to approve the appointment of Election Inspectors for the 2024 Election Cycle as follows: Grace Degner, Carole Smith, Marian Scharnell, Jan Neuhaus, Sue Spang, David Stryck, Debbie Falkenthal, Sarah Neu, Bruce Nekich, CeCe Nekich, Kathie Bock and Barb Wittnebel. The motion carried unanimously.

Report from Village Representatives on Joint Boards:

Ken reported that the Fire Department is putting new gutters on the fire station in hopes that it will help with the drainage on the parking lot.

Cynthia gave an update on the library and handed out a flyer with many upcoming events for the next couple of months.

Bob gave an update on the recreation department. The Santa visit on December 2nd was attended by 100 children. The men's basketball league has 12 teams and is played on Saturdays through March. A bags league will begin in January and be held at The Community Hall. The Sinissippi Poms will be performing at halftime of some high school basketball games. The next recreation board meeting will be December 13th at 6:30pm.

With no other business before this board, Jay made a motion, seconded by Ted, to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.