

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL VILLAGE BOARD MEETING –  
NOVEMBER 14, 2023**

The special Village Board Meeting of the Village of Hustisford was called to order on Tuesday November 14, 2023 @ 7:00pm by Village Clerk Kim Hopfinger at 201 South Lake Street, Hustisford WI, in accordance with the Notice of Meeting delivered to trustees on Friday November 10, 2023

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

**Trustees Absent:** Laurie Buchanan

**Others Present:** Kim Hopfinger

Andy made a motion, seconded by Ted, to have Bob Knueppel serve as chairperson for the meeting in the Village Presidents absence. The motion carried unanimously.

**Discuss/Approve 2024 Budget to go to Publication for Public Hearing on Monday December 4, 2023:**

The board had the detailed budget and discussed proposed numbers that were put in by all of the committees. Kim informed the board that the levy limit for the 2023 taxes from the 2024 budget for the general fund is \$384,696. The total levy limit with debt service is \$611,473. Kim explained that there is less debt service in the levy this year because much of the debt service is transferred in from the TIF District. The shared revenue from the state increased by \$44,978 over 2023 and the State Aid-Connecting Streets increased by \$7,894, which was very helpful in the budget process. With all of the final proposed numbers in from the committees, a total of \$17,214 needs to be cut to stay within the levy limit. The finance committee met and had the following suggestions to get within the levy limit:

1. The committee recommends taking out the \$7,199 under streets account 100-522014-390 on page 4 of the budget and paying this yet in 2023. This is for the work Dodge County did on the Village portion on Highway E in 2023. \$1,970 would be paid with the remaining ARPA money and \$5,229 would be paid out of the general fund.
2. The committee recommends cutting \$10,015 from the part-time police budget. The Police committee proposed raising their budget by \$44,922 over their 2023 budget. The committee felt this was a very large increase for one department, and amounted to almost the whole amount of increase in the state aid. The main increase in the proposed police budget is because they put on a full-time officer in the middle of 2023. The health insurance and retirement alone add \$18,834 to their budget. The finance committee felt that now that this one officer is working 2080 hours a year vs. under 1200, that they do not need as many other part-time hours.

With these adjustments, the Levy for the general fund sits at \$384,696. The total levy with debt service is \$611,472. This amount is \$1 under the levy limit. This puts the Village mill rate at 8.56. Ted made a motion, seconded by Ken, to approve the 2024 budget to go to public hearing on December 4, 2023, at a total of \$611,472 with a mill rate of \$8.56 for 2023 taxes. 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.

The budget will go to publication and the budget hearing will be held on December 4<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with the regular board meeting.

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