

MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING WITH THE VILLAGE OF HUSTISFORD BOARD, TOWN OF HUSTISFORD BOARD, AND THE HUSTISFORD FIRE BOARD – OCTOBER 22, 2024

The Village Board of the Village of Hustisford met with the Hustisford Fire Board and the Town of Hustisford Board on Tuesday October 22, 2024, at 7:00pm at the Fire Station to Discuss/Approve the proposed 2025 Fire Department Budget.

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

Trustees Absent: Andy Buchanan

Others Present: Dave Margelofsky, Alvin Hildebrandt, Phil Dahnert, Agnes Schulz, Courtney Hildebrandt, Brian Frank, Kim Hopfinger, Matt Pieper, Colin Marshall and Marcus Kirchoff

Marcus Kirchoff called the meeting to order.

Bob made a motion, seconded by Cynthia, to approve the minutes from the October 18, 2023 joint meeting with the Town and Fire Board. The motion carried unanimously.

Fire Chief Matt Pieper gave an update on the Fire Department and EMS activities.

Chief Pieper then went through the budget numbers with those in attendance. In the proposed budget, the Village appropriation would increase \$11,000 over 2024, the Township would increase \$6,570 over 2024, and the Town of Hubbard contract would go up \$26,680. This is an overall increase of \$44,250 (15.0825%). Chief Pieper answered questions from the board. The proposed operating budget is \$245,644, which is a 13.52% increase, and the proposed Equipment Replacement Fund is \$91,992 which is an increase of 19.48%. The total proposed budget comes to \$337,636. Village President Laurie Buchanan stated that the Village is only allowed to raise their expenditures no more than 3.2% this year and that this large increase in the Fire department appropriation would not work in the Village's budget. Laurie stated that the Village was sticking to a 3.2% increase for the joint departments. Buchanan stated the Village was willing to raise the appropriation by \$2,000 over last year. Township chairman Dave Margelofsky was not in favor of lowering the appropriation. After much discussion between the Village Board, the Town Board and the Fire Department Board, no compromise could be made. Another joint meeting was scheduled for Monday November 4th at 7pm at the Fire Station to once again discuss the budget and try to come to some compromise.

With no further business before these boards, Bob made a motion, seconded by Ken, to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING WITH THE VILLAGE OF HUSTISFORD BOARD, TOWN OF HUSTISFORD BOARD, AND THE HUSTISFORD COMMUNITY LIBRARY BOARD – OCTOBER 22, 2024

The Village Board of the Village of Hustisford met with the Hustisford Community Library Board and the Town of Hustisford Board on Tuesday October 22, 2024, at 5:30pm at the Hustisford Village Hall to Discuss/Approve the proposed 2025 Library Budget.

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

Trustees Absent: None

Others Present: Kim Hopfinger, Dave Margelofsky, Alvin Hildebrandt, Phil Dahnert, Agnes Schulz, Nicole Mszal, Anne Roberson, Judy Key, and Rebecca Glauvitz

Laurie Buchanan called the meeting to order.

Library Director Nicole Mszal went through the budget numbers with those in attendance. In the proposed budget, the Village and Township appropriations would increase \$8,000 each over 2024. The library is asking for \$68,000 from both the Village and the Township. Last year, they each contributed \$60,000. Mszal explained that the main reason they were asking for such a large increase was because their funding from Dodge County was decreasing by \$19,701 from what they received in 2024. Their funding from Jefferson County was also decreasing by \$7,032 from what they received in 2024. She stated that this decrease in funding is taking a toll on their operating budget. When asked why the funding was decreasing by so much, Mszal stated that a lot of it had to do with a decrease in their circulation at the library. Finance Chairman Andy Buchanan stated that the Village is only allowed to raise their expenditures no more than 3.2% this year and that this large increase in the library appropriation would not work in the Village's budget. Andy stated that the finance committee is recommending sticking to a 3.2% increase for the joint departments. Andy stated the Village was willing to raise the appropriation for the library by \$2,000 over last year. Township chairman Dave Margelofsky was not in favor of lowering the appropriation. After some discussion between the Village Board, the Town Board and the Library Board, Margelofsky stated that the library board would be willing to agree to an increase of \$4,000 instead of \$8,000 for both the Village and the Township, making their appropriations \$64,000 each. The boards could not come to an agreement on this. Jay made a motion, seconded by Andy, to table the discussion on the joint library budget. Another joint meeting was scheduled for Monday November 4th at 6pm to once again discuss the budget and try to come to some compromise.

With no further business before these boards, Cynthia made a motion, seconded by Ken, to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.