WORKSESSION

NOVEMBER 16, 2021 2:00PM

Present: Supervisor Greg Hartranft, Councilor Garry Stanard, Councilor Margaret Rusaw, Councilor Ariane Hamblin-Smith, Attorney Graham Seiter, Assistant Project Manager Tanner DeWolf, Highway Superintendant Roger Dunsmoor, Bookkeeper Jen Allen, and Town Clerk Sandy Austin.

Meeting started with the board signing vouchers,

Tanner DeWolf spoke briefly on the water projects: Mt Pleasant/Batman/Distin Rd held the pre construction meeting with Supervisor G Hartranft on Monday the 15th. Clerk S Austin provided additional paperwork requested by Rural Development. CR6/Maple Ave is going forward; Attorney G Seiter has and will sign paperwork for both projects.

Attorney G Seiter spoke to the board and clerk and told them about the new standards set starting November 18, 2021 which requires any items on the table for an open meeting will need to be put on the website prior to the meetings.

Also told the board that the Local Law #3 for Cannabis was not process completely so it needs to be repealed and the process needs to be done again. He provided the town clerk with all the needed paperwork. There will be a new public hearing in December.

Items brought up by the town clerk were as follows:

Extra resolutions:

1. Receipt of ARPA funds
2. Transfer of money to cover remainder of 2021shortage reported by the bookkeeper
3. Loan Resolution $701,000.00
4. Loan Resolution $56,000

**Discussions:**

1. Fire Department contract: A copy of the new Fire department contract was passed out and the board agreed with it as well as Attorney G. Seiter
2. Copies of the upcoming Organizational meeting resolutions where passed out and town clerk S Austin asked the board to review them and have their updates ready by next work session December 14th to give the clerk time to prepare for the organizational meeting.
3. Organization meeting date and time was set for Jan 4th 2022 at 5:00pm
4. Town Clerk S Austin suggested the board transfer back the $100,000 that was encumbranced in Jan 2021 to cover the shortage the bookkeeper reported last month, (as no one else had followed up with an amount or why we are short, she spoke with the supervisor prior to the meeting to make this suggestion). Bookkeeper J Allen asked how the town clerk knew how much to transfer, S Austin stated she was doing the resolution up for Thursday and went by the number J Allen gave out last month and had spoke to supervisor G Hartranft about a dollar amount. S Austin then stated J Allen will need to give her an amount tomorrow Wednesday November 17th for Thursday’s meeting.
5. Spectrum: no changes yet
6. Need to start creating projects to use the ARPA funds.

Attorney G Seiter stated most towns were retaining Bonadio for tracking and helping with the use of the ARPA funds. This had been suggested in the past by the Town Clerk and dismissed.

1. Garage upgrades, electrical, generator, overall repairs to structure
2. Street and parking lot lighting

Supervisor G Hartranft let the board know that Dave Turner is changing jobs and will be monitoring the ARPA funds.

Highway Superintendant R Dunsmoor advised the board that he cannot even get a price for a new plow truck at this time maybe within the next few weeks he will be able to get one. Pickup trucks (2) were ordered in May and he may receive them by February, 2022.

Discussed a little bit about the Town Hall project, Attorney G Seiter stated it will be very difficult to get around the WICKS laws and regulations for a municipality but he will look for more answers. G. Seiter will be attending the Town Hall Project Committee meeting on Monday, November 22nd at 6pm

Having no more business the meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra L Austin

Volney Town Clerk