

Town of Mekan Budget Meeting November 15th, 2023, 1561 Evergreen Montello WI 53949 at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Michael Raddatz, Nicole Carneal-Frazer, and Caroline Gemoll. Valorie Schable, and Tom Breiling. Meeting called to order 6:00 p.m.

Also. present Sally Fitzgerald, Jim Warzynski, Kevin Warzynski, Adam Malsack, Emily Truell.

Meeting minutes from October 11th, 2023, were ready by Caroline Gemoll, Motion to approve minutes with corrections. Add corrected information about the CD rollover, and, add Tom Breiling in the signage paragraph and add last name of Mike Wergin in citizens comments paragraph by Mike Raddatz, 2nd by Tom Breiling. Passed.

Treasurers Report read by Valorie Schable, motion to put the treasurer's report on file by Tom Breiling, 2nd by Mike Raddatz. Balances Checking \$67158.66, deposits \$36,898.09 expenses, \$18403.81.

Caroline went over the budget numbers for 2024 with proposed levy amount for Town of Mekan \$178914.00 which is the allowable levy amount for the Town. Total levy would be \$382337.00.

Nicole Carneal-Frazer said the annual due to the website amount will need to increase the computer fees. Changed expenses from other financing to General government category. The final numbers are not being changed, just the category. The amount is still \$382337.

Tom Breiling made motion to approve the 2024 budget, 2nd by Nicole Carneal-Frazer. There are 8 town members present. The vote was 8 yes and 0 No.

Meeting moved to regular monthly meeting at 6:25.

Assessors Kevin Warzynski and James Warzynski present to answer questions on the change in personal property taxes that will be going away for the 2024 tax period. The question was how the property owners will get a breakdown of the personal property now, on the property that was previously billed to the personnel property on tax bills, to the owner of personal property. Kevin said that the program that they are using currently for personal property, is separate from Real property, but when the new 2024 information comes over next year they may be gone. Property owners are trying to figure out how they are going to bill their rentals seasonal sites going forward on the personal property. This year we are still under the old way but do not know how this will carry forward for 2024 tax year. If there are any changes on the

property, property owners will need to notify the assessor of any personal property changes, removal, or additions to the personal property. Valorie stated she will see if she can get a list for the owners of the current tax bills.

Nicole-Carneal Frazer on web Security. She stated that the web fee is an annual fee but stated that because we have .gov site our email also needs additional security that will cost \$160 per year to have the .gov extra protection. Nicole-Carneal Frazer made a motion to approve getting the security for the email, 2nd by Mike Raddatz. Passed.

We will have computer training, prior to our regular meeting on December 13 at 5:00. The regular meeting will follow at 6:00 p.m.

Building permit revision for Solar Energy. Mike said he wanted to add this to the building permit. \$500.00 for Commercial Solar Panel and \$75.00 for personal Solar Panels. Verison will be putting up cell tower on C.

Dalke Property – Caroline received a new draft that a parcel was left off. This was approved at the October meeting. Mike stated we did not need reapproval.

Correspondence- Caroline received Town Advocacy Council renewal. There is a 12-month option or 18th month option. Tom Breiling made a motion to approve membership for 18th month for \$282, 2nd by Mike Raddatz.

Building permits Caroline stated she will check on Lotus for Shed and a driveway permit.

Next meeting will need to approve elections workers and have them sworn in.

Mike wanted the ordinance for board policy reviewed to be voted on next month.

Vouchers – 5387-5398. Motion to approve vouchers 5387-5398 made by Tom Breiling, 2nd by Nicole Carneal-Frazer. Passed

Citizens comments – Valorie stated that she always sent dog licenses in the tax bill but now that personal property will not be listed any longer. We may need to do separate mailings.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, December 13th at 6:00 p.m. The meetings meeting notice will be published in the paper and on the website.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:55. P.m.