

**Town of Mekan Regular Monthly Meeting March 13th, 2024**, 1561 Evergreen Montello WI 53949 at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Michael Raddatz, Caroline Gemoll, Valorie Schable, and Tom Breiling. Nicole Carneal-Frazer

Meeting minutes from the February 14th, 2024, were read by Caroline Gemoll. Motion to approve minutes by Tom Breiling with correction of correct year for the minutes is 2024 not 2023 and correct the Annual meeting month is April not March by Nicole Carneal-Frazer. Passed.

Treasurers Report read by Valorie Schable, motion to put the treasurer's report on file by Tom Breiling, second by Mike Raddatz. Balances Checking as of February 29, 2024, \$161,912.63, deposits \$ 156,567.45, expenses, \$905,642.39.

The budget this year for assessor was ten thousand for salary and 16000 was to go toward assessor fee. We need to move part of the 16000 set aside for the new assessor salary due to the additional work required for the mobile home parking fees that we put into place. So, there is 9200 left in the assessor budget fund. Valorie stated she would like to mover 44000 plus the 9200 left into a CD for this year. CD at Fortify is 4% and Summit at 5%. Caroline stated that this amount is large and depletes our operating funds throughout the years, as we do not get some of the designated funds till July and October which may leave the general fund unable to meet bills waiting for funds to come in. Caroline suggested to only put the 30,200 into a CD at Fortify. Mike Raddatz recommends updating the budget for assessor to \$30,200.00, and put into CD at Fortify Bank, earmarked for assessor reevaluation funds, second by Tom Breiling. Passed.

American Transmission Co – Caroline received a call and they stated that they sent information on approval for doing high voltage lines. Mike stated that he is aware of this, and it runs in the upper portion of Mekan, he stated that he sent the approval back already.

The Board of Review Training = Mike and Nicole attended the meeting, and they did find out that an ordinance is needed for Confidentiality about Income and Expense information by the Assessor. He is recommending Ordinance 02-2024 – Confidentiality about Income & Expenses by the Assessor. Motion to approve Ordinance 02-2024 by Mike Raddatz, second by Tom Breiling. Passed

Delmore Consulting was at the meeting and wanted to identify every culvert for the Town and send it into the State. Mike was considering but when they went on the road tour, decided that this would not be beneficial to hire them.

Road Tour- Mike wants to have 10,000 for brushing down the roads. At this time, the Eagle Ln and Soda Road 2200 feet need to be repaired. Fern Ave & 19<sup>th</sup> Ct East 3750 ft, 1300 feet on 19<sup>th</sup> Ct, 20<sup>th</sup> 1100 feet and South of Fern and Fern Dr 3800 FT. At this time does not know the price of asphalt and fill will be but hoping to get all this done.

Lake District = We have 340 properties that pay into the Lake district funds. Mike stated that Cason Land and Water Management went way over budget and the board fired them. The Town of Mecan Chairperson had appointed Maddy Wergin over two years ago to the board, which the Town is entitled too. Most of the board had resigned at the last meeting and have now appointed board members to keep the board running. They are in the process of getting the bank information changed over to the correct board members and all authorities for the web and bank changed over to the current board. Mike stated that they wanted Maddy off the board and Mike stated that he wanted to hear from Maddy gave information that the Cason has been giving drafts to the DNR and keep charging for changes but never revised with the information that the DNR requested in the initial revision. Due to this they were unable to get grant funds due to missed deadlines. She stated that she is trying to make everyone happy, Maddy is also reviewing other proposals. Treasurer and Chairperson should have been reviewing the proposals and invoices being paid. Maddy has been coming to the meetings and keeping the board updated on what is going on with the Lake district. And due to the heavy weeds more people are concerned about the lake district and what they are doing about it. Maddy stated that appointees do not have any term limits, Mike thought that there was a three-year limit. Caroline stated at this time the information is showing there is a problem with the board but did not show that Maddy is not doing the job. Janet Mueller stated that she has served two years and stated that there was conflict of interest, and that someone else should have a chance. Mike stated that he also sees no reason to remove Maddy from the Board and stated that this should be taken up at the Annual Meeting of the Lake District. Mike stated that there needs to be more transparency on where money is spent.

Fire Meeting – They want to build a new fire station. Nicole stated that they need to set a timeline and just start to look at the big picture. Now thirty-three volunteers are fire fighters. New truck 804 is now being used. A semi load gets about \$3700.

Correspondence- Mike received two timber permits and letter that we are reinstated for workmen's comp. Caroline stated that she calls, and he has this issue with towns a lot. Our workmen's comp is due in January, and we paid in February. The insurance agent assured Caroline that we are covered. Caroline received letter to inspect the propane lines and tank and that they will be there Monday the 18<sup>th</sup> at 9 am to inspect. Tom Breiling stated that he will be at the town hall at that time.

Vouchers Checks 5455-5461. Motion to approve vouchers 5455- 5461 by Tom Breiling, second by Nicole Carneal- Frazer. Passed.

The meeting adjourned 7:30 p.m. Next meeting is April 17 Annual meeting and regular meeting to follow.

(Meeting needed to be changed to April 16<sup>th</sup> Tuesday due to something came up and correction was posted in the paper for correct meeting time.)