

## VILLAGE BOARD PROCEEDINGS

A special meeting of the Village Board, Village of New Auburn, was held on Saturday, October 28, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. at the Village hall.

### **Call to Order and Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order by President Donna Bischel at 2:00 p.m. Answering roll call were Donna Bischel, Shannon Berg, Robert W. Lemmons, Brad Lotts, and Gary Pitts. Clerk/Treasurer Peggy Stanford was also present.

The purpose of the special meeting was to work on the 2018 Village budget and to conduct Village business.

### **Discussion/consideration of departmental budget requests**

Street construction asphalt – costs will be like 2017 price unless oil prices drastically increase. Chippewa County 2017 prices: \$2.13/sq yard for milling; \$40.70/ton for paving. Sidewalks about \$5.00/sq foot.

Replacement of the 2008 Blue Ford truck. Estimates for a 2018 Ford Super Duty F-550 truck were reviewed. The Board asked for estimates for a smaller size vehicle.

Three point hitch tow behind trimmer. Cost \$999.99.

John Deere loader for 1023 lawn mower, 53" bucket. Cost \$3,400.

Storage shed. Placement locations were discussed.

Old fire hall sale. The rent to own agreement with Schilla will be done in April. Schilla is ready to purchase the building. The agreed upon selling price is \$140,000 with 80 percent of rents paid would go toward the down payment. Things to be completed is to move water hydrant, change dumpster site driveway exit to alley, and to build fence on the east property line. The Board discussed other options for the driveway with consideration of moving the dumpsters along the southside of the parking lot and not using the rear exit.

Committee Members wage. The Village has trouble getting residents to volunteer for committee work. Would paying a wage help.

Playground at park. Discussion of purchasing the playground equipment this year using the extra sand fees, with delivery of the equipment in the spring. The basketball court needs to be longer along with new hoops. Work on the park shelter with the cement floor being repaired.

Health Reimbursement account/health insurance. Discussed continuing the HRA for the full-time employees.

Employee wage increase

Property sale. Old equipment, police department equipment, and police car were all discussed.

### **Items postponed to budget time:**

Sidewalk plan – special assessment procedures. Lemmons will map a plan and share at a later meeting.

Cracked concrete at park shelter – need a bid to repair. What do we want done? Need advice from a contractor. Board feels the poles need to be sawed off, cement redone, and put poles on top of cement. Put out for bids. Contractor needs to meet with Board before construction.

LED light proposal from Crane Engineering at the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

Local Road Improvement Plan (LRIP) - plan needed to be considered for funds from the County.

**Proposed capital expenditures**

Asphalt and sidewalks - \$45,000  
 Park shelter repair floor - \$10,000  
 Park basketball hoops and pad - \$4,000  
 Public Works equipment - \$4,400  
 Truck - \$10,000 (plan is to set aside funds for a future purchase)  
 Miscellaneous outlay - \$2,000  
 Accessory building - \$50,000  
 Costs associated with the sale of old fire hall building - \$10,000

**Chippewa County Hwy proposal to replace portions of Cty Hwy M and SS – no action taken.**

**2018 Budget work**

Clerk/Treasurer Stanford presented and answered questions regarding proposed budget amounts.

Stanford explained that if need arises to replace a vehicle in an emergency, we can borrow the money in the current year using our general obligation debt. The following year we would then budget the loan payment and interest payment in the budget.

Stanford was directed to add amounts for an employee wage increase and to increase the HRA for 12 month at the same monthly rate as 2017.

The equalized value of property has decreased for 2018. This is mainly due to the decrease in personal property tax values for the sand plants. Stanford projects that the total property tax amount will be less than \$160,000 but your tax bill will remain about the same unless you received a decrease in your property value.

**Adjournment**

Motion by Lemmons to adjourn the meeting at 5:07 p.m., seconded by Pitts. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Peggy Stanford, WCMC; Clerk/Treasurer

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Donna Bischel, Village President