

### VILLAGE BOARD PROCEEDINGS

A special meeting of the Village Board, Village of New Auburn, was held on Thursday, February 23, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the Village hall. The purpose of the meeting was to obtain information on Health Care Reimbursement Accounts for small employers and explore police department coverage options.

#### **Call to Order, Roll Call, and Pledge of Allegiance**

The meeting was called to order by President Donna Bischel at 6:00 p.m. Answering roll call were Donna Bischel, Brad Lotts, Gary Pitts, and John Knight. Robert W. Lemmons was absent. Clerk/Treasurer Peggy Stanford was also present.

**Others present:** Jarod Zweifelhofer and John Baier.

#### **Telephonic conference with a representative from TASC about HRA for small employers**

Andrew Hanson, from Total Administrative Services Corporation (TASC), spoke with the Board over a telephone conference. A HRA provides a cost saving solution that reimburses employees for medical expenses and individual medical insurance premiums. The plan has three choices: Insurance premium reimbursements only, medical expenses and individual medical premiums, or medical expenses only. The plans are employer funded medical reimbursement plans. The employer sets aside a specified amount of pre-tax dollars on an annual basis for the employee to use to pay for healthcare expenses. Participants must have a form of Minimum Essential Coverage, such as an individual health insurance policy or coverage under a spouse's or parents' employer sponsored health plan, to receive tax free reimbursement for the Qualified Small Employer HRA.

The maximum reimbursement allowed in 2017 is \$4,950 annually (single) or \$10,000 annually (family). Benefits are available to full time employees.

Administrative costs include a \$375 set up fees, monthly charge per employee is \$7.50 with a minimum fee of \$450 per year total. Annual renewal fee is \$100.

#### **Explore police department coverage options with the Bloomer Police Department**

Jarod Zweifelhofer, Police Chief and John Baier, Sargent from the Bloomer Police Department were present to discuss options for providing police coverage in the Village. The discussion was preliminary and will need additional meetings if the parties move forward.

The Board requested budget figures to determine what dollar amount would be available for the HRA.

#### **Adjournment**

Motion by Lotts to adjourn at 7:55 p.m.; seconded by Bischel. Motion carried.

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

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