

### VILLAGE BOARD PROCEEDINGS

A special meeting of the Village Board, Village of New Auburn, was held on Thursday, October 28, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the Village hall.

The purpose of the meeting was to work on the 2022 Village budget and to conduct Village business.

#### Call to Order, Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by President Brad Lotts at 7 p.m. Answering roll call were Marvin Baroun, Shannon Berg, Daniel Stanford, Dennis Webb, and Brad Lotts. Clerk/Treasurer Peggy Stanford was also present. The Pledge of Allegiance was made.

**Others present:** none.

#### Meeting minutes: Joint Planning Commission and Regular Board Meeting on October 7 and 14, 2021.

Motion by Dan Stanford/Berg to approve the minutes with minor changes in grammar. All aye. None opposed. Motion carried.

#### Discussion/consideration of departmental budget requests

Clerk/Treasurer Stanford made opening comments regarding our expected financial status for 2022. Stanford reported that we had to return property tax amounts to Superior Silica Sand for 2019 and 2020. The necessary paperwork has been filed with the DOR. We were allowed to chargeback to the other taxing jurisdictions their share of the taxes. The school, WITC, and the Barron County have until February 2022 to repay these amounts. We have already received the amount due from WITC.

Along with the tax chargeback we received a significant cut in assessed value on the property. The 2021 assessment for Barron County was reduced by \$2,985,900. The 2021 assessment for Chippewa County increased by \$1,362,700. For comparison by using the tax rates for both counties from the 2020 year, the Village will lose \$3,245 in our tax collections from the previous year. Taking into consideration the WI levy limits, we will need to tighten up the budget figures.

As a reminder, items for submission to the budget does not mean the item is approved for purchase.

#### Items to be added to budget

##### Parks Commission

1. Electrical outlets (GFI's) throughout and by stage inside pavilion, Estimate cost of \$1,700.
2. Electrical outlets (GFI's) outside pavilion. Estimate cost of \$140.
3. 20 AMP dedicated circuitry for kitchen cooler and appliances. Estimate cost of \$150.
4. Two ceiling fans installed by an electrician. Estimate cost of \$270.
5. Replace one kitchen sink with a deeper undivided sink. Estimate cost of \$250.
6. Two seated folding tables like ones purchased in 2021. Estimate cost of \$3,300.
7. Kitchen exhaust fan.
8. Play area removed on the southeast corner of park to allow for more parking.
9. Discussed ball field maintenance: weeds/dragged/lime/bases. More information needed.

##### Public Works –

10. Street paving – N Columbia Street; resurfacing, drainage, gravel, culvert. Estimate cost of \$33,648.
11. N Columbia Street replace valve. Estimate cost of \$7,500.
12. LRIP – East St. 22' wide – 1561' total length from Pine St. to Main St. 685-ft; Main St. to Park St. 876-ft; pulverizing, paving, shouldering. Estimate cost of \$60,000 (\$25,000 from LRIP grant).
13. Road development of May Street: Development, water mains & laterals, sewer mains, shouldering. Funded by TID #1 \$280,000.

##### Water utility –

14. Two new hydrants. Cost of \$36,000.
15. Valve replacement North St, S Spruce St., E Dell St. \$7,500 each, estimate total \$22,500.

Sewer utility –

16. Sewer main lining, Pine St. Funded by ARPA monies: \$30K 2021/\$30K 2022.

Administration -

17. Electronic tablets for Board members. 5 x \$180; estimated cost of \$900.

18. 2022 Health insurance renewal.

Additional items discussed: possible wage increases, commercial property insurance including property, crime, cyber, and insurance through the League of WI Municipalities. Commercial sewer backup insurance. Employee Smart phones. Road repairs chip and crack sealing.

**Proposed capital expenditures –**

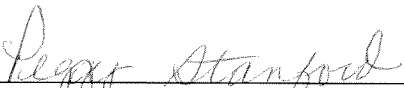
Items 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 listed above, would be capital expenditures.

**2022 Budget work**

Information gathered today will be added to the budget worksheets and presented to the Board at the November 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Adjournment**

Motion by Berg to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 p.m.; seconded by Dan Stanford. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:   
Peggy Stanford, WCMC, Clerk/Treasurer

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Brad Lotts, Village President