

**VILLAGE OF NEW AUBURN
MEETING MINUTES
Special Board Meeting on
Thursday, December 29, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.**

The Village of New Auburn held a Special Board Meeting at the New Auburn Village Hall, 130 E. Elm St., New Auburn on Thursday, December 29, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. to:

1. Call to Order at 6:40 p.m. Answering Roll Call were: President Brad Lotts, Trustees Allan Anderson, Gary Pitts, Dalton Hinke, Shannon Berg. Staff present was: Clerk Story;
2. Discuss Tax Limit Levy;
Clerk Story requested the meeting with President Lotts to review the tax levy limit. A complete step-by-step process and review of how taxes are calculated by the Clerk was demonstrated to the full board. A question-and-answer period was also given. It was also reiterated by Clerk Story, as discussed with board members prior, that during the tax calculation process it was pointed out by an Accountant Consultant that previous administration used surplus to balance the budget. As Ms. Story was trained clerks are never to use surplus in the new budget(s). Due to not using surplus for the 2023 budget this also raised operating expenditures and the tax levy, which is different from past practices in New Auburn. That combined with the other oddities that occurred during 2022 (the \$143,000 chargeback from Superior Silica, the sand plant selling and loss of assessed value, etc) all contributed to the increase in taxes in the Village of New Auburn, Chippewa County. The full board discussed this and all indicated they understood and thanked the Clerk for taking the time to review this.
3. Consider/Act on Resolution 22-26 2023 Budget Adoption (Approved Nov 17, 2022); Motion by Trustees Berg/Pitts to approve Resolution 2022-26 2023 Budget Adoption. Roll call: President Lotts – aye; Trustees Anderson – aye; Pitts – aye; Hinke – aye; Berg – aye. None opposed. 5-0. Motion carried.
4. ~~Consider/Act on Resolution 22-27 2022 Budget Amendment;~~
No action.
5. Adjourn by President Lotts at 7:55 p.m.

Prepared by Ardith Story, Clerk-Treasurer