

December 11, 2023 the Regular Town Board meeting was held in the Town Hall beginning at 7:00 p.m.
Present: Coun. Wilbur, Coun. Brown, Coun. Diekel, Sup. Ferguson, Town Clerk Marcinda Wilbur
Absent: Coun. Barber, Highway Super. Hobus

Sup. Ferguson led the pledge to the flag.

Coun. Diekel addressed the board about the minutes as dispersed that they should reflect the changes made during the meeting and reflect those changes before the board should vote to accept them. The Town Clerk said that the changes are noted in the month that the change occurs and those are posted on the town website for the reader to acknowledge. However, any changes will be notated on unapproved minutes so the board can recall what changes were made before accepting the minutes of the previous month's meeting. It was also noted by the town clerk that the minutes for the meetings held are exclusively her responsibility. The town board members are not required to approve the minutes but in the interest of accuracy, it is advisable that the opportunity to approve them is included in every meeting. A motion to accept the previous month's minutes was made by Coun. Wilbur and there was no second. A motion to pay the audited bills was made by Coun. Brown and was seconded by Coun. Diekel and the only board member to vote in favor was Coun. Brown.

Old Business: Under the heading of Chubb's Dock, Coun. Wilbur discussed the use of filling the Fire Trucks for emergency use with Dresden Volunteer Fire Chief, Ed Rehm. During the discussion, Mr. Rehm informed Coun. Wilbur that in the event of a fire emergency located in the town, the fire company would not be able to use the Chubb's Dock location due to the narrowness of the current road in the dark and the possibility of not being able to access the water through the ice. Some discussions included the use of a dry hydrant located next to the Fire Company and look into any grants available. The town should wait for a review from the Army Corps of Engineers and final permits to access the Chubb's Dock location.

The town is still in need of (2) BOAR appointees.

The current dog control officer will be resigning as of December 31, 2023 and if anyone is interested to contact Sup. Ferguson. It was discussed that perhaps it should go into the official newspaper.

The Volunteer Fire/EMT Tax exemption Law has not been completed and the town board is waiting for the town attorney to be present during a meeting to adopt the proposal to adopt it. The town clerk presented a point of view that the town attorney has emailed the board on 3 separate occasions laying out the correct procedure to pass a town law and the 9 steps to do it correctly and that it wasn't necessary to spend tax payer monies on having him attend a meeting when it is all laid out in the emails. Upon consideration, the board elected to wait until the attorney can attend a meeting so that it is done correctly.

New Business: Financials are on file at the clerk's office.

Resolution #23-2023 titled **Budget Amendments** to cover expenses as the end of the year draws near, was introduced by Sup. Ferguson. A motion to move forward was made by Coun. Brown and was seconded by Coun. Wilbur and all were in favor.

The Oaths' of Office will be administered during the 2024 Organizational Meeting that will be held on January 8, 2024. It is recommended that the Town Justice, Jared Eggleston, be in attendance to administer the oath to the town clerk so that she can do the rest of the elected officials.

Sewer District #1 and #2 Fredrick's Point is in need of insurance. A quote was given late during the day to Sup. Ferguson and the board will go over the quote during the Organizational Meeting on January 8.

Building Maintenance: The roof over the stairway is half way off and the window is out in preparation of replacing it. Two-Hundred amp services will be installed and the wire ran underground from the pole to the building. National Grid recommends that the power pole be replaced and they will be doing it in the future.

June Maniacek will be resigning from the Sole Assessor position on December 31, 2023 and the letter was read to the board and the crowd by the town clerk. Laura Chadwick, who was in attendance during the meeting, is interested in the appointment of the position. She will be retiring as the Washington County Real Property Tax Service Director as of December 31, 2023. She has been working extensively with Ms. Maniacek for the past few months and will continue to be assisted by her knowledge as Ms. Chadwick learns the town. Her appointment will be conducted during the Organizational Meeting on January 8th.

The close-out on all bills to be paid in December will be on December 31, 2023.

The monthly bills for the month of November are as follows:

GEN-\$8173.25 HWY-\$259592.48 SD#1-\$1892.62 SD#2-\$24991.00

Public Comment: It was brought to the board's attention that some new construction is being done in Huletts Landing on Elm Tree Path. Washington County Code Enforcement Director, John Graham, will be contacted as well as Danielle Hollman who is the local officer for the town to check it out.

The meeting concluded by recess until January 8, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at 7:51 p.m. The board entered into executive session for personale reasons and came out at 8:04 p.m.

There were no further discussions. Respectfully submitted, Marcinda Wilbur, Dresden Town Clerk

Attendance: Marilyn Borden, Suzanne Shad, Laura Chadwick, Kim Brown, Thomas Mowatt, Stephanie Aiken Copeland, Warren Gordon, Paul Diekel