

TOWN OF BONE LAKE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

November 14, 2024

BUDGET HEARING

Chairman Andy Brown called the Budget Hearing to order at 7:00 pm on November 14, 2024 at the Bone Lake Lutheran Church. Clerk Ellen Gnan read the proposed budget for 2025, Revenue and Expenses of \$475,158.00. After questions asked and answered, Supervisor Nancy Beduhn moved to accept the budget for 2025 with a 2nd by Supervisor Nate Bell. The meeting was adjourned at 7:13 pm.

SPECIAL ELECTORS MEETING

Immediately following the Budget Hearing, Chairman Andy Brown called to meeting of the Special Electors to order. Nancy Beduhn moved to approve the town tax levy for 2024 payable in 2025 in the amount of \$178,788. The motion was seconded by Nate Bell and approved by unanimous vote of the electors present. Supervisor Nancy Beduhn moved to adjourn the Special Electors Meeting with a second by Supervisor Nate Bell. The meeting was adjourned.

TOWN BOARD MEETING

Immediately following the Special Electors meeting Chairman Andy Brown, called the monthly meeting of the Town of Bone Lake to order on November 14, 2024.

Roll Call of the Board was taken by Clerk Ellen Gnan. Present were Chairman - Andy Brown, Supervisor Nancy Beduhn and Supervisor - Nate Bell. Also, in attendance the clerk, treasurer and 3 town residents.

The minutes of the October meeting were read by clerk Ellen Gnan. Supervisor Nate Bell moved to approve the minutes with a second by Supervisor Nancy Beduhn.

Treasurer Rhonda Bazey gave the Treasurer's report with \$6,494.84 in checking and \$38,583.74 in savings. Showing a total fund balance of \$45,078.58. Mrs. Bazey pointed out that the cash on hand would not cover the November expenses. She would move funds from the Cemetery savings account to cover the shortage and replace those funds to the Cemetery account in December. Mrs. Beduhn moved to accept the Treasurers report with a second by Mr. Bell.

Public Comments: Doug Route reported that he had received a call from Mike Neilsen who was concerned that the Town could be saving money on road work by hiring the county to perform some of the work. Chairman Brown added that he had received an email from Sue Nielsen with the same concerns. It was explained to all in attendance that the Neilsen's were comparing the cost of chip sealing to the cost of an overlay and they are not the same thing. Mr. Brown stated that some towns who have trucks and employees will work together on road projects to defray the costs. Bone Lake does not own any equipment and has no employees to perform such work so that is not an option for our town. Nancy Beduhn suggested a letter writing campaign to encourage the county to install rumble strips at the intersection of Hwy 48 and County Road I. She will produce a template of such a letter and share with the group. Gerry Albright reported that the Lions Club is collecting funds for the addition of a bench at Don Langle Park. The bench to be installed in the Spring.

Chairman Brown presented a request to divide the property at 2562 Round Lake Road. Section 27 Parcel 012-00650-000. Mrs. Beduhn moved to approve the subdivision with a 2nd by Mr. Bell.

Mrs. Beduhn explained the need to a change to the Northwestern Municipal Ambulance Services by-laws. The change is needed to create a process for evaluating the addition or deletion of municipalities who will use the service. Mrs. Beduhn moved to accept the bylaw change with a second by Mr. Bell. The rate the Ambulance service will charge in 2025 will go up from \$14 per resident to \$20 per resident.

County Supervisor Doug Route reported the approval of a 1-year tax of \$35 per improved property to help cover the cost of the new machinery at the recycling center.

Mrs. Beduhn moved to pay the invoices with a second by Mr. Bell. Checks numbering 11640 thru 11659 were issued totaling \$46,938.99.

Road Report: Mr. Bell reported that the shouldering, patching, radius repairs and grading had been completed by Nick's Trucking. He also reported that he expects a rate increase for this work next year. Mr. Brown reported that Jeff Peterson had mowed the triangle of property at the Straight River that is owned by Peggy Schilling. Mr. Peterson intends to provide a bench of some sort and maintain the area as a small park. The town does not own the property and will have no responsibility for the cost to maintain it.

Clerk's Report: Clerk Ellen Gnan reported that the Election on the 5th of November went very smoothly. 474 Bone Lake residents' cast their ballots, 92% of the registered voters. She shared a Thank You card received from Scott Construction and a training to be held in December about Planning and Zoning.

No further business appearing, Mr. Bell moved to adjourn the meeting with a second by Mrs. Beduhn.

Respectfully submitted

Ellen Gnan

Clerk