

**BUDGET MEETING
MINOCQUA BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
October 12th, 2023**

A special meeting of the Minocqua Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman Mark Hartzheim at 1:30 p.m. on October 12th, 2023 in the Board Room of the Minocqua Center for the purpose of budget preparations.

Present were: Chairman Mark Hartzheim, Supervisors Billy Fried, Brian Fricke, Erika Petersen & Sue Heil; Roben Haggart, Town Clerk and Mark Pertile, Director of Public Works. Krystal Westfahl, Let's Minocqua Visitors Bureau arrived at 2:00 p.m.

Motion by Heil, seconded by Petersen to approve the agenda as presented. Voice Vote: Motion Carried.

BUDGET PREPARATIONS

Krystal Westfahl was present. The board expressed concerns for funding community assets at past year's levels and wondered if she had any ability to help some of the organizations. She advised that room tax revenue is pretty strict on what it can be used for, but thought she could find ways to help if asked. She would review the organization's budgets and find ways to help in areas that would qualify.

PUBLIC WORKS

Mark Pertile presented his 2024 budget for the public works department, town buildings and parks. The board reviewed each section in the budget, there was very little variance to report. Mark presented a capital improvement plan for 2024 which would involve borrowing \$650,000 to complete and includes \$347,000 committed grant share costs. Clerk Haggart advised that the loans for the 2019 equipment loan and the 2019 Organisk house would be satisfied in 2023. The annual payment total for those loans is \$85,000, which could be replaced with new debt. She received rates from Incredible Bank for a 10- year loan at 6.5%, which could change in 2024. The board authorized Clerk Haggart to borrow up to the payment amount for the retiring debt of \$85,000 annual payment. This should be around the \$650,000 amount to get the 2024 capital improvement projects done. The board also briefly discussed the need for repair of the tennis courts at Torpy Park. Mark P. had a proposal from Pitlik & Wick in the amount of \$188,550. The board approved Mark's wage proposal for the public works employees.

Motion by Fricke, seconded by Heil to approve borrowing \$650,000 to complete the 2024 capital improvement projects as presented by Mark Pertile, with the condition that the annual payment not exceed \$85,000. Voice Vote: Motion Carried.

Brian Fricke clarified that we could borrow up to the \$85,000 payment amount, depending on interest rates at the time.

The board did not go into closed session for Mark Pertile's performance evaluation.

Motion by Heil, seconded by Petersen to adjourn meeting. Voice Vote: Motion Carried. Meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Roben Haggart
Town Clerk