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MINUTES SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING: October 29, 2020 at 6:00 pm

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Tom Christensen called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm
- 2 **Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3 **Roll Call, Establish a Quorum:** Tom Christensen, Brian Cooper, Tim Clark and Jim Swenson along with June Vogel clerk in room 4 of Community Center with 6 members of the Fire Department. Ted Ritter in attendance via Zoom.Us along with Marion Janssen treasurer. There were 2 members of the community in attendance via Zoom.Us.
- 4 **Open Meeting Verification:** Mr Christensen noted that he had posted the meeting agenda at three locations in town on Wednesday, October 28, 2020 before 6:00 pm.
- 5 **Discussion /Action Items:**
- a. **Continuing 2021 Budget Workshop** Discussion on adjusting fire chief’s budget, it was not the right thing to do when the fire chief not in attendance. Motion by Christensen to reinstate the fire department officer wages that were put forward in the budget prior to Tuesday, October 27 in the amount of \$12,850, line 127 of the budget and payroll tax line 128 to \$4000, carry over balance is \$92,915.17 to produce a balanced budget; second Cooper. Discussion: Mr Ritter was questioning approval without having conversation with chief. This was discussed after Mr Ritter after he had left the previous meeting. Discussion was done with Chief on October 21, 2020. The chief made adjustments to all wages and left his own wage the same. Christensen put in wage for the chief. Carry over amount would be adjusted for shortfall. John Vojta spoke on behalf of fire department asking to put original Fire Department salary budget numbers back into budget and have a meeting with the Chief about the budget and what is appropriate for new salaries. By roll call vote: Christensen – yes; Cooper – yes; Swenson – yes; Clark – no; Ritter – yes.
- Motion by Cooper to add to the 2021 budget an additional \$6000 each to Clerk and Treasurer salaries and necessary increases in payroll taxes, with the levy for 2022 being adjusted for salaries; with a special electors meeting to increase compensation; second Swenson. Discussion: Depending on outcome of referendum, may need to call another special electors meeting to increase compensation. By adding salary adjustment into the budget means the town board supports it, as a recommendation to the electors. By roll call vote: Christensen – no, Cooper – yes; Swenson – yes; Clark – no; Ritter – no. Motion did not pass.
- Mr Ritter left the meeting at 6:35
- b. **Source for the Fall Borrowing** The best rate is from Peoples State Bank. Per WTA, the payment schedule for the loan needs to add up to what is levied in debt service. The interest rate for 2020 fall loan has a lesser interest rate than the last two loans. Motion by Christensen that our fall borrowing source be People’s State Bank; second Cooper. Discussion: Peoples State Bank is the correct name of the bank. By roll call vote: Christensen – yes; Cooper – yes; Swenson – yes; Clark – yes.
- c. **Set 2020 levy to be collected 2021** Motion by Christensen that the board sets the requested 2020 levy to be collected in 2021 at 905,048.00; second Swenson. Discussion none. By roll call vote: Christensen – yes; Cooper – yes; Swenson – yes; Clark – yes.
6. **Adjourn:** Mr Christensen adjourned the meeting at 6:46 pm

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