

# **Bellechester City Council Meeting Minutes**

## **September 20, 2023 @ 6:00PM**

Regular City Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Jody Gordon at 6:01 p.m.

Pledge to the flag.

Roll call was taken: The council in attendance: Mayor Jody Gordon, Council people Rich Majerus, Kyle Blattner, Mark Gerken, Jered Buxengard as well as City Clerk Lisa Redepenning and treasurer Kyle McKeown were present. Engineer Matt Mohs was absent.

Public hearing opened 6:01 closed at 6:02. No one was present. Public hearing was closed.

Minutes of August, 2023 regular meeting minutes were reviewed and motion was made by Rich Majerus with a second by Kyle Blattner to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Bills were reviewed and a motion by Kyle Blattner with a second by Mark Gerken to approve and pay the bills as presented. Motion carried.

### **Old Business:**

- Sewer Project Update – Waiting for attorney to file paperwork with USDA. Nothing more. Water surveys are done and waiting for their report.
- Water Sample Update – Took samples, sent in, but no report has come back yet. 2 samples from court and 3 outside of court was taken. When we get the report, it will be distributed to council.

### **New business:**

- Approve 2024 Preliminary Levy - Resolution #2023.4 – Motion was made by Rich Majerus with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jered Buxengard to approve Resolution #2023.4 to approve the 2024 Preliminary Levy to be set at \$70,000 as presented. Motion carried.
- 2024 Special Assessments – approve list for letters of consideration – Motion was made by Jered Buxengard with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rich Majerus to approve the list for Special Assessment consideration to be mailed. Motion carried.
- 2024 Sealcoating, crack sealing, or bituminous paving of roads – Motion was made by Rich Majerus with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kyle Blattner to not participate in this project. Motion carried.
- Land Purchase Agreement from Wabasha County – review and approve. Motion was made by Rich Majerus with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jered Buxengard to approve the purchase of land from Wabasha County for \$500. Motion carried.

**Engineer Report** – None

**Clerk Report - Quarterly Billing** – will be done this month. 2023 Levy – The 2024 Budget approved last month included the Levy amount to remain the same as 2023 - \$70,000. This is what you would approve as preliminary, taking into consideration that in November, the final can remain the same or go down. It cannot be raised from preliminary.

**Treasurer Report** – Past due report was distributed.

**Water/Wastewater/Facility Report** – We may not need to discharge this year. Well is up and running again. Water pressure was discussed as to getting it raised. Old mowing tractor was discussed with the possibility selling it at auction.

**Mayor Concerns:**

**Council Concerns:** Passing lane at intersection.

## **Adjourn**

Motion was made by Jered Buxengard with a second by Kyle Blattner to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 6:25. Motion carried.

Submitted by Lisa Redepenning – City Clerk