**TOWN OF BARRE BOARD MEETING November 14, 2023**

**MEMBERS PRESENT** Chairman Curt Berg, Supervisors Bob Miller and John McGowan

**STAFF PRESENT** Clerk Ann Schlimgen, Treasurer Meri McKinney, and Patrolman Todd Solberg

**CALL TO ORDER** - Chair Curt Berg called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was properly posted on the website and at the Town Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Motion by John for a consensus approval of last month’s meeting minutes, treasurer’s report, and vouchers, seconded by Bob. Minutes, treasurer’s reports, and vouchers approved.

John made a motion to approve the 2024 budget, Bob seconded motion. Motion carried.

Larry Schams presented information on the holding tank at his property on N3248 Holmgren Drive. The board looked at plans and discussed them with Larry. John motioned to approve Curt signing his permit, Bob seconded. Permit signed.

Kat Anderson from the UTV/ATV club appeared before the board. She was on the County task force to get policy set for UTV/ATV’s. She is looking ahead to petition the County to open roads in part of Barre. John motioned he would write a letter on behalf of Barre in support of her petition, Bob seconded. Motion approved.

Under Wis Stat 70.67(2) towns need to secure bond for the apportioned state and county taxes. An ordinance in 2017 opted Barre out of this bond making town liable for collected taxes. The board adopted ordinance 23-1 repealing the 2017 ordinance and obtaining a bond. John voted to approve the ordinance, Bob seconded. Motion carried and Curt signed the ordinance.

John made a motion to approve the patrolman job description with changes, Bob seconded. Ann will send out a copy to the board and Curt will get a copy to Todd.

As of January 1, 2024, personal property taxes are going away. This affects our Mobile home park. Currently, Bob Madvig assessor is billing as permit fee. Ann is checking with WTA to see if we just do an ordinance for this are we covered? More to come.

The board discussed what would be included in taxes. A new recycling flyer, refuse calendar, newsletter, and information about the discontinuation of the large dump will be included. John motioned to have the tax roll continue to be put on the website and available for pickup during tax collection days, but due to cost, not mailed with taxes. Bob seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Todd said he has been doing a lot of fill on Welsh Coulee Rd. He said the large dump went well. People were given out sheets on discontinuing service and he did have some express their disappointment.

We will be changing the faucets at the park to mechanical ones in spring to avoid having them left running.

Ken Schlimgen, County supervisor said the county budget was approved on 11-14, and it has a 7% drop. He also mentioned a logging company has been back in Russlan Coulee and the road is a little broken up now on both sides.

Ann mentioned the note she got from Todd about work needing to be done on the truck. Todd gave the board an update as to what was needed, including tires. He will get some quotes for work needed.

John made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bob seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:04.

Respectfully submitted, Ann Schlimgen Clerk – Town of Barre