

Village of Balsam Lake Village Board of Trustees
Public Hearing on the 2012 Budget November 1, 2011 6:45 pm to 7:00 pm

Public Hearing called to order by President Guy Williams.

Members present: Guy Williams, Caroline Rediske, Mike Voltz, Josh Hallberg, Jeff Reed, Geno D'Agostino, Chris Sondrol

Village Board members addressed questions and concerns on the matter of the 2012 Library Budget in regards to the funding of the budget. The proposed library budget is \$60,054.00. The Finance Committee allocated \$50,000.00 be levied as a tax and \$10,054.00 be allocated from the Library ACT 150 Savings.

No other issues were raised.

Public hearing closed by President Guy Williams.

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Regular Meeting of Trustees November 1, 2011 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

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Meeting called to order by President Guy Williams.

Unapproved minutes

Members present: Guy Williams, Caroline Rediske, Mike Voltz, Josh Hallberg, Jeff Reed, Geno D'Agostino, Chris Sondrol

Public Comments were heard from Jesse Mattocks addressing an issue on the burning pile and an issue with a local tavern. Carl Holmgren asked the board to consider a verbal roll call from each trustee.

Motion by Mike Voltz to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Caroline Rediske. All in favor. Carried.

Minutes from the previous board meeting & special board meeting were presented. **Motion by Caroline Rediske to approve the board minutes as presented. Seconded by Jeff Reed. All in favor. Carried.**

Monthly Library Report presented by Librarian Director Trish Olson.

Monthly Fire Report submitted by Fire Chief Tim Moore.

Monthly Police Report presented by Police Chief Tom Thompson. Part time police officer Lindsay DuBois won a radar traffic sign at a charitable event and will be donating it to the Village.

Monthly Chamber of Commerce Report presented by Chris Nelson. The chamber is raising funds for the pocket park on Main Street and County Road I east. A big thank you to all involved in helping to bring a photography business owned by Tom & Sandy Mabry to Main Street.

The 2012 budget was presented to the board.

Discussion was held on the allocation of funds to the library budget. **Motion by Guy Williams to allocate \$60,054.00 as a 2012 tax levy to the library budget. Seconded by Mike Voltz. On roll call: Guy Williams, yes; Caroline Rediske, no; Mike Voltz, yes; Josh Hallberg, no; Jeff Reed, no; Geno D'Agostino, yes; Chris Sondrol, no. Motion failed.**

Motion by Mike Voltz to allocate \$55,054.00 as a 2012 tax levy to the library budget. Seconded by Guy Williams. On roll call: Guy Williams, yes; Caroline Rediske, no; Mike Voltz, yes; Josh Hallberg, no; Jeff Reed, no; Geno D'Agostino, yes; Chris Sondrol, no. Motion failed.

Discussion was held on the changes to the fire department line items within the fire department budget. The fire department will be proposing to create another chief position and are proposing to move \$2400.00 out of operations and into the fire salaries. This will create no difference to the proposed budget. There will be an increase to the revenues of \$4000.00 from the Balsam Lake Township to be allocated to a Fire Department Truck. An omission was made on the proposed budget of \$1,000.00 to the Police Department training budget. **Motion by Jeff Reed to accept the changes to the Fire Department and Police Department budget. Seconded by Caroline Rediske. All in favor. Carried.**

A special board meeting will be held on Monday November 14th 2011 at 6:00 pm to review the final budget with the changes made.

Burning permit will be tabled to December 2011 board meeting.

Discussion was held on the creation of a pocket park on Main Street and County Road I east. An electric pole owned by Northwestern Wisconsin Electric needs to be moved to create the park. The pole is no longer used for electricity. The cost will be around \$1100.00. Discussion was held on who should pay to move the pole. **Motion by Jeff Reed to pay the cost out of the Park Department budget to move the electric pole to create a pocket park. Seconded by Chris Sondrol. On roll call: Guy Williams, no; Caroline Rediske, yes; Mike Voltz, no; Josh Hallberg, yes; Jeff Reed, yes; Geno D'Agostino, no; Chris Sondrol, yes. Motion carried.**

Resolution 2011-07 presented to the board for consideration. This resolution requests that Polk County institutes parking restrictions on County Road I starting at the intersection of 130th Street and County Road I for a distance of 450 feet east on both the north and south side of County Road I and beginning on the south side bridge for a distance of 885 feet east to Indianhead Shores Drive and beginning on the north side bridge for a distance of 820 feet east to Park Avenue. Comments were heard from Thirsty Otter Tavern and Paradise Landing. **Motion by Chris Sondrol to accept the proposed Resolution 2011-07 as presented. Seconded by Caroline Rediske. All in favor. Carried.**

Northwestern Wisconsin Electric Property Acquisition and Condemnation at 411 Main Street will be tabled to December 2011 board meeting.

Motion by Geno D'Agostino to approve the purchase of four new tires for the half ton pickup at \$150.00 each. Seconded by Mike Voltz. All in favor. Carried.

A land use agreement for the purpose of a snowmobile trail during the months of December 1 – March 31 each snowmobile season was brought before the board to consider. **Motion by Jeff Reed to accept the land use agreement. Seconded by Caroline Rediske. All in favor. Carried.**

The Public Protection Committee report was given by Geno D'Agostino. The Police Department Policy and Procedure Manuals are done and will be distributed. A Nuisance Property Policy was discussed. The committee agreed that anonymous complaints made will not be accepted and a complaint form will need to be filed.

The Smart Growth Committee report was given by Jeff Reed. Another presentation was given by Bob Kazmierski on action plan phase two. The expectations of this plan are: mission statement, revisited; review notes from meeting #1; GAP Analysis; action planning; and group presentations.

The Finance Committee report was given by Chris Sondrol. The Finance Committee met to discuss the Fire Department needs with department officers and members of the Balsam Lake Township. These items were discussed previously with the 2012 proposed budget. The committee also recommends the board to consider purchasing 7 iPad's for Village Board members to use as a tool to view, organize and store board and committee meeting material. Approximate price is around \$500.00 each. The iPad's can be purchased from the communication budget using what is remaining this year and purchasing the others in 2012. This item will be tabled to the Special Board Meeting on the 14th.

The Water Sewer Committee report was given by Josh Hallberg. The committee members addressed a letter received by the Public Service Commission concerning the financial viability of the water utility. The PSC strongly suggested that the Village Board consider filing a water rate case to increase rates. The committee met with the auditor to review the water utilities finances. Josh Hallberg suggested to the board to wait on their decision to file a rate increase until after the audit of the 2011 year end and a closer look at restructuring utility debt is done. **Motion by Jeff Reed to wait on their decision to file a rate increase until after the audit of the 2011 year end is done and Clerk will inform the PSC of this decision. Seconded by Caroline Rediske. All in favor. Carried.**

Caroline Rediske gave a report on the activities of the Balsam Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District. The Village board will meet at the Special Board Meeting on the 14th and will address the trail cost estimate from the BLPRD Bridge Project Committee in regards to the culvert dam project.

Committee meetings set for November

Public Protection Committee	November 8	6:00 pm Fire & Police Dept
Park Committee	November 10	6:00 pm Playground Equip, Website pics
Special Board Meeting	November 14	6:00 pm

Vouchers were presented to the board. **Motion made by Chris Sondrol to approve vouchers as presented. Seconded by Geno D'Agostino. All in favor. Carried.**

Treasurers Report was presented to the board. **Motion made by Jeff Reed to approve the Treasurers Report as presented. Seconded by Caroline Rediske. All in favor. Carried.**

Motion to adjourn by Mike Voltz. Seconded by Jeff Reed. Carried.

Lori Duncan, Village Clerk Treasurer