

Proceedings of the budget hearing held Tuesday, November 11, 2014 at the Village Hall, Cochrane, WI at 6:45 p.m. Notice of hearing was recognized in the C-FC Recorder. Village President Dave Busch presiding. Trustees present were Shawn Auman, Tim Bossert, Greg Hofer, Tom Hansen, and Chuck Speltz. Kari Wilde was absent. Also in attendance were Ric Ahern, Dave Schams, Tom Platteter, and Jim Wilke.

The hearing was opened for discussion on the 2015 proposed budget. The Fire Department has pushed back their equipment funding request one year, as Buffalo City was not ready to commit this year. It should be noted that 2003 was the last time we were asked to contribute funds. No other discussion or questions.

Motion Shawn; second Greg to adjourn the public hearing and move into our regular board meeting. All yes. Approved.

Proceedings of the regular meeting held Tuesday, November 11, 2014 at the Village Hall, Cochrane, WI at 7:00 p.m. Notice of meeting was recognized in the C-FC Recorder. Village President Dave Busch presiding. Trustees present were Shawn Auman, Tim Bossert, Greg Hofer, Tom Hansen, and Chuck Speltz. Kari Wilde was absent. Also in attendance were Ric Ahern, Dave Schams, Tom Platteter, and Jim Wilke.

There were no public comments.

Rick Ahern, Dave Schams, and Jim Wilke are here representing the Buffalo County Land & Trails Trust. They are working on a bike and recreation trail through the County. Highway 35 is already part of the Great River Trail; which goes from LaCrosse to Osseola. However, developments have not been completed from the Buffalo Town Hall on. The mission of this committee is to move portions of the trail off of Highway 35, into the towns and business districts, away from heavy traffic, and onto more scenic areas. The trail being proposed is a Recreational trail, meaning it could encompass ATV's , horseback, and others in some areas. To move forward with this trail, a feasibility study needs to be done for the road from Winona to Nelson. The committee is researching grants for the funding. They are requesting a Resolution of Support from each municipality. These resolutions will help the county procure funding. In addition, the plan may consist of loops with the trails. Such as a loop around Buffalo City. They are also looking at some areas that could be mountain bike trails. This is the beginning of a long project. The board thanked the committee for the information.

Motion Tim; second Shawn to approve the October 14, 2014 minutes. All yes. Approved.

Committee Reports

-The curb stop on South Main has been fixed. The sidewalk will need to be replaced next spring.

-The lagoons have been drained.

-Reglin cleaned out the flood control gates.

-Reglin should begin working on Goose Lake in the next couple of weeks.

-Insurance rates were discussed. The handbook states the Village will pay 50% of premiums. From a business point, should we put a cap on the dollar amount the Village will pay.

Currently, both employees have insurance through their spouses, so the rate is not too high. If

one is forced to get their own insurance, the rate could be quite high. Suggestion is to cap the monthly reimbursement at \$300 with review on an annual basis.

-Motion Shawn; second Greg to approve the 2014 Budget Amendment Resolution. All yes. Approved.

-Motion Shawn; second Tim to approve the Unpaid Bills Tax Assessment Resolution. All yes. Approved.

-Next month discuss the possibility of turning off water for customers who are over 1 year delinquent.

-Motion Greg; second Chuck to approve the 2015 proposed budget of \$107,847. Roll call vote. All yes. Approved.

Motion Shawn; second Greg to approve the bills. All yes. Approved.

Motion Shawn; second Chuck to adjourn. All yes. Meeting adjourned.