Morgan Town Budget Hearing
Tuesday November 12, 2024
Budget Hearing Minutes

1. Meeting called to order 6:01 PM by Town Chair, Lori Witthuhn.

Attendance: Town Chair, Lori Witthuhn, Supervisor, Jeff Folts, Supervisor Joe Brusky, Town Clerk- Erin Mooers, Treasurer- Lorie Wiese

2. Copies of both budget summary and budget detail were made available to the public.
3. Budget detail was read by Clerk Mooers and Treasurer Wiese.
4. Chair Witthuhn opened the floor to questions; all questions were answered.
5. Meeting adjourned 06:25 PM by Town Chair, Lori Witthuhn

Meeting of the Electors
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Meeting of the Electors Minutes

1. Meeting called to order 06:25 PM by Town Chair, Lori Witthuhn.
2. Motion made by Glori Heimke to pass the levy amount being asked of $177,051; second by Dave Wirtz. All in favor: 19 Yes, 0 No; M/C
3. Meeting adjourned 06:27 PM by Town Chair, Lori Witthuhn

TOWN BOARD MINUTES
Tuesday, November 12, 2024
TOWN OF MORGAN

1. **Called Board Meeting to Order.** Meeting called to order at 06:28 PM by Chairperson Lori Witthuhn. **Roll Call**: Chairperson Lori Witthuhn (present); Clerk- Erin Mooers (present); Treasurer- Lorie Wiese (present); Supervisor-Joe Brusky (present), and Supervisor- Jeff Folts (present).
2. **Pledge of Allegiance was recited.**
3. **Approval of Agenda:** Firefighter Straub asked to move the letter from the Fire Company up on the agenda so they could get to their department meeting. Board agreed to move to item up on agenda. Supervisor Folts motioned to approve the agenda with the change to item 14b to place 6; Supervisor Brusky second; M/C.
4. **Approval of 2025 Annual Budget**
    a. Supervisor Brusky made a motion to adopt the 2025 Annual Budget Summary; Supervisor Folts second; M/C
5. **Approved Minutes:**
    a. Supervisor Folts motioned to approve the minutes for 10/14/2024 as written; Supervisor Brusky second; M/C.

14b. Fire Department Letter: Fire Chief sent a letter; copies were printed and available for residents to take. Fire Department planned to present at the December meeting.

6. **Treasurer's Report:**
   Beginning balance for October was $7,819.06; deposits of $1,485.62; expense of $134,325.97; transfer of $132,000.00; ending balance of $6,978.71. Savings account total at the beginning of the month $437,077.88; deposit $36,014.43; transfer of $132,000.00 to checking; ending balance of $341,022.31. Escrow account beginning balance of $5,950.00; deposits of $100.00; ending balance of $6,050.00. Capital Funds total $8,688.76- no change for the month; ending balance of $8,688.76. Cemetery funds beginning balance is $1,200.00; no change for the month; ending balance $1,200. Veteran's Memorial funds beginning balance is $162.84; deposits of $135.00; ending balance of $297.84. General Assets total $348,001.02. ($2,275.06 in outstanding checks.)
7. **Oconto Falls Area Ambulance-** not present, but can work in if they are able to attend.
8. **Update on Cemetery-** Randy sent a message letting the board know that 88 individual plots remain.
9. **Veterans Memorial Update-** No new updates.
10. **Morgan Land Use Plan Commission (MLUPC)-**
    a. No meeting for November. Secretary Nelson-Kispert is working on setting up a meeting with Jaime from County, ***potentially*** will be scheduled for Wednesday December 11, 2024, notice would be published once scheduled.
    b. MLUPC is working on 2 initiatives from survey results. Lot sizes and invasive species, phragmites.
11. **David Behrend, 8th District County & Jolene Barkhaus, 9th District County, made a presentation to the board members.**
    a. County board looking into how to store audio information.
    b. Procurement of where money is going.
    c. Salt- issue on roads.
    d. The transportation meeting discussed NextEra is looking for an early start. Discussed payment to the town. Purchase Plan Agreement regarding batteries.
    e. ATV trail will be reducing speed in the Mountain area.
    f. The county budget was discussed; commission on aging non-profit group will not be receiving funds, funds moved to Health and Human Service (HHS) department. A new program is being looked at.
    g. NextEra did reach out to County to set up appointments with Highway Department and Zoning, met via Zoom. Discussed what permits they would need. Supervisor Barkhaus met via Zoom the following day with NextEra.
    h. Oconto County is looking into repurposing land to be used as an ATV park. Start price is close to $2.9 million. ARPA funds are looking to be utilized, but the deadline to spend APRA funds is running out.
12. **Phone:** Chair Witthuhn working on securing a new phone, at a lower monthly rate.
13. **NextEra/ Solar Farm:** Meeting scheduled for Thursday November 14, 2024, 6:00 PM at the Oconto Falls Performing Arts Center. Conversations regarding the project were initiated by third party vendors, not from NextEra. Chair Witthuhn was able to connect with NextEra's project manager, Danilo Cabrera. Two separate conversations were had. Chair Witthuhn expressed her concern with ensuring all local departments are properly trained in handling the potential of an emergency. Procedure for Thursday's meeting was discussed, questions will be taken via note card. Chair Witthuhn discussed aspects of her conversation, including that she asked NextEra to cover all town legal fees for the project. Several State representatives will plan on attending this meeting as well.

14. **Correspondence. Action, if any. (Any correspondence unless specifically listed below will be for information only)**
    a. Dumpster for Deer carcasses will be arriving at town hall. The Alliance Group is asking not to throw hides in the dumpster, hides will be picked up separately.
    b. Fire Dept Letter- Moved to top.
    c. Presidential Election November 5, 2024: 59 In-Person voters; 86 mail-in ballots/ 77 received back. Election results pertaining to Morgan were read. ***Special Thanks to all election workers for their help!***
    d. In Persons Tax Collections will be held:

Saturday	Dec 21st	8 am- 2 pm
Monday	Dec 30th	5 pm- 8 pm
Tuesday	Dec 31st	noon- 8 pm
~~Saturday~~	~~Jan 18th~~	~~8 am- 2 pm~~ (Changed to Jan 25th 8-2)
Friday	Jan 31st	noon – 9 pm

    e. Lottery and Gaming credit- a new process this year that is all done online. Who qualifies: Wisconsin resident who owns a dwelling and you use it as your primary residence as of January 1st of the tax year.
    a. Financial Audit- Last meeting on 10/2/24 @ 5:30 PM; 2023 checking was reviewed. Next meeting will be in early 2025. The public is encouraged to attend.
15. **Town Hall**
    a. Upcoming Rental:, 11/28/24, 11/30/24, 12/7/24, 01/09/25 & 06/14/25
16. **Road Work Report-**
    a. Schroeder Road East of County C: ditch to be redone at no additional cost.
17. **Building Permits-** No new permits at this time.
18. **Approval of Orders for payment were read.** Supervisor Folts motioned to approve the Orders of Payment; Supervisor Brusky second; M/C.
19. **Open Comment:**
    a. Tree down on Elm Lawn, Supervisor Folts will address.
    b. Discussed ARIP opportunities and requirements.
20. **Adjourn:** Chairperson, Lori Witthuhn adjourned meeting at 07:51 PM. Next meeting Monday December 9, 2024 at 7:00 PM.

Minutes submitted by Clerk Erin Mooers

Approved on 12/9/2024

Lori Witthuhn, Chairperson

Joeseph Brusky, Supervisor

Jeff Folts, Supervisor

Erin Mooers, Town Clerk