

Town of Hickory Grove
Regular Board Meeting
October 8th, 2024

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Gary Northouse at 6:00 p.m. He noted that meeting notices were posted at the town shop and on the town website.

Present at the meeting were Gary Northouse, Al Wester, Rhonda Gildersleeve. Tim Biba, George Gunderson, Gary Klein, Phil Henneman and Larry Schultz.

Gildersleeve motioned to approve the agenda. Motion seconded by Northouse. Motion carried.

Minutes were passed out and after reading them, Northouse motioned to accept the minutes. Gildersleeve seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Accounts payable were looked at by the board and approved for payment with a motion from Northouse and seconded by Gildersleeve. Motion carried.

Expenditures 18114-18133 were reviewed. Gildersleeve motioned to accept the expenditures, seconded by Northouse. Motion carried.

Wester went over the process of the levy and how it is determined what it should be.

Budget proposal was reviewed by the town board and had no changes. Wester said there will be a few changes when he gets a few more figures to enter.

Sleepy Hollow Bridge marker is believed to have been ordered.

Tree on Coon Valley has been removed.

Zoning permits for Chris Kleist and Rick Schumann was reviewed by the town board and the comprehensive plan board members attending the meeting.

Northouse ask the board to approve a salary raise for the clerk. Northouse talked to other town clerks and said the town of Hickory Grove is behind the average salary for the town clerk. Gildersleeve made a motion to raise the clerk's salary from \$8,000 to 10,000 per year. Klein second the motion. Motion carried.

The budget hearing is set for November 12th at 5:30 pm, prior to the town meeting.

Northouse presented the prices between two different quotes for a HV507SFA International. The lower bid was \$139,500 for the truck chassis from Thompson's out of Dubuque IA. Still waiting for a bid for the plow and dump box. After discussion, Gildersleeve made a motion to order the chassis from Thompsons. Klein second the motion. Motion carried.

There will be a meeting to meet with the Sleepy Hollow bridge project manager on November 12th at 5:00 pm before the budget hearing and the town meeting.

Next meeting set for Tuesday, November 12th, 2024 at 6:00pm

(Proceeded by 5:00 bridge meeting and 5:30 budget hearing.)

Motion to adjourn by Klein, seconded by Gildersleeve. Meeting adjourned.

Respectively Submitted
Allen Wester, clerk

