

Town Electors 2023 Annual Meeting – April 18, 2023

Posted April 10, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. at the Town Garage and the Town website.

Four Town Electors were present.

Chairman Paul “Rocky” Tribovich called the Electors Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center. Clerk/Treasurer David L. Good was also present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those present.

Approve Minutes of the 2023 Budget Hearing and Special Meeting of the Town Electors held on November 15, 2022 and the Annual Meeting of April 19, 2022. Tribovich paused the meeting to allow the electors to review the minutes. A motion was made by Don Sullivan and seconded by Dick Weidinger to approve the minutes. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0-0.

2022 Financial Report – Clerk Good presented the following summary of the 2022 revenue and expense budget and explanations.

2022 BUDGET VERSES 2022 ACTUAL REVENUES AND EXPENSES

Total revenues are \$577,129 and expenditures are \$587,936 for the year. Revenues were over the budget by \$17,332. However, expenditures exceeded the budget by \$28,139. This required the Town to use \$10,087 of cash reserves to meet expenditures.

2022 MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The Town focused on a number of significant issues in 2022:

1. Controlling expenses to more closely align with revenues was a key focus for 2022.
2. Energy efficient LED lighting was installed at the Community Center parking lot and the exterior of the Town Garage.
3. The Town Community Center and Town Garage/Clerks Office were burglarized resulting in the need for lighting improvements and repairs to damaged lighting systems.
4. Efforts continued to seek funding to re-pave West Old County K but none were successful.
5. Discussions were held regarding methods to increase revenues to support Town operations. Items under consideration are a new campground on property north of the Community Center and a marina facility at Little Sand Bay.

2022 REVENUE EXPLANATIONS

The Little Sand Bay Recreation Area for the second year experienced an outstanding year with revenues of \$117,213.

The Town received the second payment of State and Federal grants of \$61,961 to help defray costs associated with dealing with COVID for elections and general operations. This is the final payment of these funds.

Unanticipated withdrawals of lands from Forest Crop/Managed Forest Law by property owners prior to their contracts expiring generated one time payments of \$12,728

These items comprise the majority of the revenue budget overrun. Small over/under runs comprise the balance for the difference. (See the details on the 2022 Annual Revenues Statement).

			2022 Approved	2022 Actual			
EXPENDITURES			Budget	(Compilation)	Variance		
		Operating Expenditures					
		General Government					
		Board of Directors	\$12,769	\$12,819	\$50		
		Legal/Audit	\$11,000	\$11,600	\$600		
		Clerk/Treasurer Office	\$39,901	\$42,464	\$2,563		
		Elections	\$24,730	\$13,421	(\$11,309)		
		Assessor	\$8,487	\$8,506	\$19		
		Community Center-Shooting Range	\$13,200	\$26,108	\$12,908		
		Property Surveys	\$0	\$935	\$935		
		Town Garage	\$10,505	\$15,357	\$4,852		
		Economic Development/Broadband	\$0	\$5,400	\$5,400		
		General Town Expense	\$2,111	\$2,082	(\$29)		
		Total General Government Expenditures	\$122,703	\$138,692	\$15,989		
		Public Safety					
		Fire Protection	\$29,186	\$29,186	\$0		
		Ambulance	\$23,958	\$23,958	\$0		
		Total Public Safety Expenditures	\$53,144	\$53,144	\$0		
		Public Works					
		Road Maintenance	\$37,576	\$102,084	\$64,508		
		Road Reconstruction	\$66,361	\$108	(\$66,253)		
		Gravel Mining & Crushing	\$0	\$0	\$0		
		Equipment Purchases	\$0	\$930	\$930		
		Road Wages	\$80,925	\$96,810	\$15,885		
		Fringe Benefits	\$26,477	\$26,459	(\$18)		
		Workman's Compensation - UI	\$3,725	\$3,278	(\$447)		
		Payroll Liabilities	\$6,192	\$6,950	\$758		
		Total Public Works Expenditures	\$221,256	\$236,619	\$15,363		
		Culture & Recreation					
		Town Recreation Area	\$50,726	\$47,975	(\$2,751)		
		Other Cultural	\$0	\$0	\$0		
		Total Cultural & Recreation Expenditures	\$50,726	\$47,975	(\$2,751)		
		Loans					
		Northern State Bank - Pick-up	\$5,742	\$6,193	\$451		
		Bremer Bank - Land	\$3,370	\$3,370	\$0		
		Bremer Bank - Tractor/Mower	\$16,188	\$16,188	\$0		
		Bremer Bank - Turner Road Paving	\$12,643	\$12,643	\$0		

		Bremer Bank - Old K, Turner, Equipment	\$52,920	\$52,920	\$0		
		Total Loan Expenditures	\$90,863	\$91,314	\$451		
		Other Funds & Expenditures					
		Recycle Grant Flow Through	\$8,961	\$8,942	(\$19)		
		BRB Town Contribution	\$1,144	\$1,144	\$0		
		Property Liability Insurance	\$11,000	\$9,690	(\$1,310)		
		Small Balance Write-offs	\$0	\$9	\$9		
		Miscellaneous	\$0	\$407	\$407		
		Total Other Funds & Expenditures	\$21,105	\$20,192	(\$913)		
		Total Expenditures	\$559,797	\$587,936	\$28,139		
		NET REVENUES vs EXPENDITURES	\$0	(\$10,807)	(\$10,807)		
			12/31/2021	12/31/2022			
		CASH BALANCES	Balance	Balance	Variance		
		General Checking Account - Bremer Bank	\$52,390	\$25,447	(\$26,943)		
		Cash	\$519	\$1,452	\$933		
		Money Market - Northern State Bank	\$456,629	\$452,879	(\$3,750)		
		Freedom Investors - Bremer	\$121,649	\$149,041	\$27,392		
		Tax Collections Due Others	(\$44,096)	(\$11,060)	\$33,036		
		Accounts Receivable	\$41,942	(\$1,751)	(\$43,693)		
		Accounts Payable	\$13,258	\$1,341	(\$11,917)		
		Sub totals	\$642,291	\$617,349	(\$24,942)		
		Restricted Funds WHEDA-Bremer	(\$185,000)	(\$185,000)			
		Total Cash - Unrestricted Funds	\$457,291	\$432,349			
		Outstanding principal owed on loans	\$515,610	\$451,172			
		TOTAL CASH AVAILABLE TO TOWN	-\$58,319	-\$18,823			

Tribovich called for questions. None were asked. Tribovich called for approval of the financial report. A motion was made by Judy Meierotto and seconded by Dick Weidinger to approve the report. The motion carried 6-0-0.

Report on actions being taken regarding property tax impacts from Federal Court of Appeals decision – Tribovich provided a detail report on the history behind this court decision and possible additional impacts to Town taxpayers. He also reported on efforts with the State Legislators to provide some relief to Town taxpayers.

Updates on Little Sand Bay Marina, Valley View Campground – Tribovich reported that the marina and campground projects are currently in the concept stage. He provided details regarding the preliminary configuration of the marina and discussions with the National Park Service. The campground layout is being developed by a consultant. Both of these projects will require sizable funding grants in addition to Town funds to move forward.

Any other business that may legally come before the electors at the Annual Meeting per **Wisconsin §60.10 Powers of a Town Meeting** – Tribovich called for other business.

Rob Halvorson asked that the Town install a PA system to better enable residents that have hearing issues to hear the meeting better. Tribovich stated we will do this.

Dick Weidinger requested that the Town sponsor a “Dumpster Day” for residents dispose of household wastes not normally accepted at BRB Recycle. Tribovich explained why this is not practicable for the Town.

Set date, time, and location of 2024 Annual Meeting – The 3rd Tuesday in April is the designated date by State Statue to meet. Tribovich called for a vote to approve to set the 2024 Annual Meeting for 7 p.m., April 16, 2023 at the Town Community Center. A motion was made by Don Sullivan and seconded by Dick Weidinger to set the meeting time and date as required. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0-0.

Tribovich called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made by Don Sullivan and seconded by Judy Meierotto to adjourn at 8:03 p.m. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0-0.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by:

David L. Good – Clerk/Treasurer

Proof of Posting; I, David L. Good, Clerk/Treasurer for the Town of Russell certify that the minutes of the Electors Meeting held April 18, 2023 were posted at the Town Garage and on the Town website at 4:00 p.m. on April 21, 2023.

David L. Good – Clerk/Treasurer