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The Budget Workshop
of the Village of Birchwood was held on
Thursday, October 26, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.
at the **Birchwood Village Hall, 101 N Main St, Birchwood, WI 54817.**

MINUTES

Call meeting to order (Meeting is recorded)

Pledge of Allegiance: Recited

Roll call by Clerk: Present: R. VanGilder, S. Milligan, T. LeBrocq, and R. Seffinga. Absent: B. Boatman

Public Notice: Posted at the Birchwood Post Office, Village Hall, Gary's Grocery and Village Website.

Correspondence (if any) -None

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Motion by VanGilder 2nd by Milligan to approve current agenda. Carried 4-0
2. Approve meeting minutes.
 - a. Motion by VanGilder 2nd by Seffinga to approve the Budget Workshop minutes from October 23, 2023. Carried 4-0-**11-16-2023 MINUTES WERE AMENDED/CORRECTED PER BOT**
3. Municipal Levy and 2024 Budget
 - a. Finalize draft Municipal Levy Limit and balance 2024 budget. -VanGilder stated that there have been changes to the levy. The TID was not put in the levy, the fire protection of \$49489.92 was added to the levy instead. The Village will finance an 11 month note through Dairy State Bank at approximately 5.6% with a onetime payment in September 2024. There were also budget changes according to Beffa. She adjusted several things to put back items that were previously cut. \$500 was removed from police education. The office lowered office supplies by \$1000. Beffa asked the Board members to bring their laptops to meetings to eliminate the need to print meeting material. Crack filling was restored to \$13000. Greeners will pay for ½ of the fishing pier and Beffa will ask the Chamber to help with the remaining balance. Strand is looking for ways to lower the light cost. The sidewalk replacement was removed at the last meeting. Beffa commented that the Village could take out a loan for the sidewalks in 2024 with the 1st payment due in 2025. The abutting property owners would be assessed for their ½ of their sidewalk and the remaining ½ would be put on the tax roll. LeBrocq asked when the sidewalks were put in and if the company who installed them was covered under a bond. VanGilder replied that this was investigated and there was not. Beffa researched other campgrounds in the area and found that most of them had water and sewer, Wi-Fi, and winter storage available. She suggested offering winter storage for returning campers at the rate of \$250. Fee voiced concern over old campers possibly rotting if left at the site. Seffinga stated that he thought campers had to be 2014 or newer. VanGilder agreed. VanGilder suggested adding storage and internet to the camping agreement. Beffa is still working on the internet. S & K and Mike Lenbom (Village IT) are

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working together to find a cheaper route for Wi-Fi. Beffa suggested doing a 50/50 raffle to try and raise funds for the Village. VanGilder asked if there were any other questions regarding the budget. None noted. Motion by VanGilder, 2nd by Seffinga to approve the 2024 levy amount of \$285,077.83. Carried 4-0. Motion by VanGilder, 2nd by Seffinga to approve the 2024 Budget amount of \$570,377.87. Carried.

4. Closed session – Pursuant to 19.85 (1)C and 19.85 (1) (b) WI statute which, if discussed publicly, would likely have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person (s) referred to in such data. -None
 - a. Employee concerns. -None
5. Motion by Seffinga, 2nd by Milligan to adjourn. Carried 4-0

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