

**Village of Cambridge
AUDIT & FINANCE COMMITTEE
Monday, May 23, 2022
6:30 p.m.**

**Amundson Community Center, Community Room
200 Spring Street**

AGENDA

- 1. Call to order/Roll Call**
- 2. Proof of Posting**
- 3. Approval of Minutes from October 25, 2021**
- 4. Public Appearances/Citizen Input**

- 5. Old Business**

- 6. New Business:**
 - a. Questions from Becky Borchardt Numbers 1,3,4,10,13**
 - b. Payroll Expenditures**

- 7. Update/Other Items for Future Consideration**

- 8. Adjournment**

Chrissie Brynwood, Treasurer/Deputy Clerk/Deputy Administrator

- a. Persons needing special accommodations should call 423-3712 at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.
- b. A quorum of the Village Board will attend this meeting for the purpose of gathering information relevant to their responsibilities as Village Trustees. Recommendation by the committee will be made to be acted upon by the Village Board at a regular meeting.
- c. More specific information about agenda items may be obtained by calling 423-3712.

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THIS IS AN IN-PERSON MEETING. DUE TO INCREASE CASES OF COVID 19 AND ITS VARIANTS, DANE COUNTY HAS REINSTATED A MASK MANDATE SO MASKS WILL BE REQUIRED AT THE MEETING. THE MEETING ROOM WILL BE SET UP FOR SOCIAL DISTANCING. THANK YOU!

MINUTES

1. **Call to order/Roll Call:** Trustee Wittwer called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m. Members present; Trustee Galler, President McNally, and Chairman Wittwer. Others present: Lisa Moen, Administrator; Chrissie Brynwood, Treasurer; Kris Breunig, Public Works Director; Karyn Saemann, Cambridge News.
2. **Proof of Posting:** The Agenda was posted in the upper and lower levels of the Amundson Community Center, Cambridge Post Office, Hometown Bank and the Village Website.
3. **Approval of Minutes from October 20, 2021:** Trustee Galler made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by President McNally. Motion carried.
4. **Public Appearances/Citizen Input:** None
5. **Old Business**
 - a. **2022 Budget:** Brynwood presented updated levy limit worksheet, newspaper publication and proposed budget overview. Ehlers has reviewed them as well.
 - \$100,000 has gone toward roads/capital improvements
 - If we need additional expenses to balance the budget, it can go towards capital improvements
 - Eliminate any proposed income from Foundation Grant as it is an unknown. Get rid of the line item in Intergovernmental revenues and keep it in contributed capital.
 - Verify dollar amount for vineyard payments
 - Library was left at \$95,350. Galler would like to see it down to \$90,000. This is up from \$85,000 from last year. Include soft revenues. Would like to see them use these moneys to increase wages for their employees.
 - Should the \$10,000 for parks get moved to Capital and earmarked? Keep at least \$1,200 in equipment to maintain current parks.
 - Senior/youth services – remove the youth. Discussion regarding the Senior Services and the contract that we have.
 - Computer: increased security measures, new server in 2023. Is this a good deal, should we be looking at other options?
6. **New Business:**
 - a. **Leaf Vac:** After using the current leaf vac that we have, Director Breunig determined that it was not efficient or safe and should be replaced. Former Director Wright had it on his list to be replaced in 2021. Our current one is a 1994. Breunig was searching for a used one, and found a one-year-old one, which can be operated by one person, can be used for leaves as

well as cleaning out storm drains. Much safer and more efficient. This would be paid for out of Stormwater, which has a current balance of \$192,000. The asking price is \$85,707, delivery included. They would also take our old one in on trade in, \$2,000. It was requested that Breunig try negotiating the price.

McNally made a motion to recommend to the Village board to purchase a leaf vac from Stormwater funds, not to \$86,000, seconded by Galler. Motion carried.

7. Update/Other Items for Future Consideration

a. McNally mentioned Village owned land – this has been discussed and will be forwarded to the Economic Development Committee.

8. Adjournment: McNally made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Galler. Motion carried. Wittwer adjourned the meeting at 6:52 p.m.

Lisa Moen, Village Administrator/Clerk/Deputy Treasurer

Lisa Moen

From: Bobby ???? <borchardtsbarbershop@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 26, 2022 8:47 PM
To: Lisa Moen
Subject: Questions for board from Becky Borchardt

Questions for board

- 1 how much was spent on legal fees for Koshkonong solar?
- 2 why did the commission shut down opposition and refuse the grant?
- 3 I understand you gave an explanation of the numbers I presented previously, but afterwards I found out I was looking at the wrong numbers, I was looking at what was owed not our tax base which is found under revenue. How do you explain the loss of tax revenue when no buildings have come down and only 1 building has been changed from commercial to residential and we have consistently put housing up?
- 4 how long do you intend to raise our taxes 95k a year since there was no cap put on the vote that was originally a no vote then passed in recount by 1 vote?
- 5 how did the distillery pass inspection when it was without a testing reservoir or sewage meter?
- 6 in 2017&2018 we spent over a million dollars each year to maintain water due to problems based on regular maintenance not being done, like emptying water towers to clean them which would cause green water. Where's the money that was being spent on water maintenance leading up to 2017?
- 7 is it legal for you to make residents responsible for bills of a private company?
- 8 why is the winery not being forced to uphold their end of the developer's agreement? Meaning where's their \$2million winery?
- 9 how did you come up with \$11,000 for the distillery's payments? I was told it was set up like a tif which means they should be paying what their tax payments would be. I know of a house in Cambridge that pays \$11,000 in property taxes a year after our 10% tax hike, so how is a distillery that has spent \$45million to be built spending \$11000?
- 10 I was told each sector has its own budget, but at a water, sewer, storm water committee when Steve struss felt the committee did not need to get approval from the board for an 8,000 expenditure that was not budgeted for his reason was they had their own budget now and he asked Krissy to verify and she said "not yet, we're working on it" how long will it be until that is prepared for each sector and how do you calculate the village budget without those budgets? Are we writing policies so committees understand they aren't able to spend outside of budget without permission?
- 11 Joan Beam is set to receive \$79,000 for unused sick and vacation time, how is that calculated so we know it's the accurate amount? The village is not the state, we don't have the financial flow that a larger government has. Are we going to write our own policies for hire that will change that? We should be. There should be a rollover limit. That leaves way to much room for irregularities, misstatements, and fraud. Our audits show that.
- 12 I am giving Lisa a copy of this list, with my email address on it, and requesting on record you add me to your email list for agendas, as I cannot access those or the minutes on the website. When will the website be fixed?
- 13 If the board members do not meet out of board meetings, when do you discuss the money being spent that is not budgeted for and where it's coming from? Do you ever revisit your budget to see where you are financially and if you need to make adjustments? Because I don't think a committee can make those adjustments, correct me if I'm wrong but since you have to vote on the budget don't you have to vote to amend the budget? When does that happen?
- 14 who paid for the board to join the league of municipalities?
- 15 Scott farms, you guys voted to allow the shrinkage of the barrier between the wet lands and the development so they could get 3 more lots in the sub division, but the Scott farms development is already having water run off problems. Is this going to become a problem that is going to cost the tax payers more money or will it be on Scott farms to fix that problem when it arises?
- 16 when is blue jay way going to be fixed? We have inexperienced drivers, and kids walking without a side walk, there's people that run. How long until the village gets sued for not taking care of the road because someone gets injured? You don't need to answer the last part of that question, it was rhetorical.

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