

VILLAGE OF TWIN LAKES SPECIAL VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 26, 2024 – 6:30 p.m.

Village Hall, 105 E. Main Street, Twin Lakes, WI

CALL TO ORDER AT 6:38 PM BY PRESIDENT SKINNER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ ROLL CALL:

Present: Trustees Barb Andres, Bill Kaskin, Ken Perl, Aaron Karow, President Howard Skinner. Via Phone: Trustee Kevin Fitzgerald. Absent: Trustee Sharon Bower. Also Present: Administrator Laura Jager, Clerk Sabrina Waswo

PUBLIC COMMENTS. None.

Discussion and possible action regarding Resolution R2024-8-2 Village of Twin Lakes Exercising Referenda Option for EMS Services.

Skinner/Perl motion to put the referendum question back on the November ballot. Trustee Fitzgerald does not want to leave the question as it is. He would like to change the amount. Skinner feels we really need to educate the public. Jager explained that we start at \$450,000, which is the amount the Fire Department stated they needed for four full-time employees. Then, a 4% increase is added each year for the first five years, which totals \$526,000. Rather than asking for just \$450,000, there is room for wage increases. It was noted that the 4% annual increase is not written into the resolution.

Karow did the math: if you take \$450,000, multiply it by 1.04, and compound it, by the fourth year, it totals \$526,000. So that is the top amount. The average, however, is \$486,000. If we collected \$486,000 for the entire five-year period, then we would have the necessary funds to meet the 4% increase, though we couldn't spend it all within the first three years. Skinner was in agreement with that.

Fitzgerald stated that we were previously giving \$85,000 each year to the rescue squad. He suggested taking \$400,000 or \$410,000 instead of \$450,000 and applying the 4% increase to that amount. Skinner recommended a flat \$450,000 yearly amount.

Jager consulted the attorney before the meeting, who advised that changes could be made as long as they are clearly defined and formally approved through motions. Jager expressed uncertainty about the 11.752% figure and what it might change to. She stated that she will confer with the attorney and seek approval from the DOR for the revised wording tomorrow. Jager noted that, as of now, the referendum is written such that if it passes, it is an ongoing referendum with no time limit.

Skinner/Karow motion to approve it at \$450,000 plus adjusting the percentage of increase. Motion carried 6-0.

Skinner/Andres motion to approve Resolution R2024-8-3 to borrow \$220,000 from the Trust Funds of the State of Wisconsin for the purchase of an ambulance. Jager stated we were able to get a lower interest rate. Motion carried 6-0.

Clerk Waswo noted that the referendum must be approved tomorrow, as state statute requires it to be submitted to the County Clerk by August 28th. The board scheduled a special meeting for tomorrow, August 27th, at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURN

Skinner/Karow motion to adjourn at 6:50 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

/s/Sabrina Waswo, Village Clerk