



Village of Wells River
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2024 Village of Wells River Annual Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order by Chip Conquest @ 7pm

Election of president of Village meeting – Brian Emerson was nominated by Fay Homan, Jeff morin Seconded, Clerk Cast 1 ballot. All in Favor

Recited pledge of Allegiance

Brian Emerson asked to forgo the reading of the entire warning, and all were in favor. (See Warning Attached for Concise language)

Article 1 –Three Village Auditors for a 1-year term - Mary Corey and Lyndia Melchin were nominated for Village Auditors for 1 year. All voted in favor. A third Auditor will need to be nominated by the trustees later.

1 BMU School Board Member – No nominations were given; The board will have to nominate one later.

One trustee for a 3-year term – Jean Welch was nominated by Jeff Morin John Mahnker seconded all in favor.

1 Village Clerk for a 1-year term – Mary Schilke Nominated by Richard Roderick John Mahnker seconded All in favor.

1 Village treasurer for a 1-year term - Mary Schilke Nominated by Richard Roderick Jeff Morin seconded All in favor

1 Village Tax Collector for a 1-year term - Mary Schilke Nominated by Richard Roderick John Mahnker seconded All in favor.

Brian Emerson discussed that 1 person doing all three jobs, checks and balances are in place to ensure all is monitored. Mary Schilke discussed the warrant procedure where all expenditures were signed off on by the trustees before any payments are made.

2 Baldwin Library trustees for a 3-year term – Nominated were Chip Conquest and Chris Bruhner, Fay Homan made motion Jeff morin Seconded all in favor.

Article 2 - To Hear and Dispose of Village Reports



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Brian went through each Page of the report and these discussions ensued.

1. Lorenzo Cyr questioned the recent Lead Line Survey and the procedure to get assistance, he questioned how and when 2 water lines were put on his property, Jeff morin explained that all this happened many years ago before his time and he could not really answer this question. Mary Schilke said she would assist Lorenzo as best she could after the meeting closed to address his questions.
2. Richard Roderick brought up there was no Charter Report in the book. Due to health issues with 2 of the board members things got waylaid. He stated that the revised charter had been sent to a lawyer for review, once received there would be 2 public meetings held then a vote and finally it would get sent to the state for approval. Plans are to revive the board and proceed onwards.
3. Page 6 Delinquent Tax Report – Richard Roderick wanted to know what was being done re delinquent taxes. Mary Schilke stated a lawyer had been contacted and plans were to do a tax sale asap.
4. Re Library Report Chip Conquest wanted to state how pleased the board was with Melissa Beaulieu working as librarian. She had hard shoes to fill and has done a fabulous Job.

A motion was made to approve all Pages as written: Frank Tegethoff moved and John Mahnker seconded all in favor.

Article 3: Authorize to borrow in anticipation of taxes: Jeff Morin moved, Kelsey Root-Winchester seconded all in favor

Article 4 Raising of the Tax dollars to be paid in 2 installments: John Mahnker moved Jeff Morin Seconded All in favor

Article 5 Appropriation of \$342.100 for general fund Operating Budget – Kelsey Root-Winchester moved Richard Roderick Seconded it. All in favor

Announcements:

John Mahnker wanted to let everyone know that He and Mev were celebrating their 69th Wedding Anniversary at the meeting tonight. They were congratulated.

Mike Thomas introduced himself as a new member and stated that it was a hard job with many layers. He understood that many times people can get frustrated at times over matters but they should come to the board and seek assistance. Violence or threatening talk would not be tolerated.



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Special mention was made to thank Sandy Boyce for all her hard work and dedication to running the Welcome Center.

Kudos and Congratulations were given to Brian Emerson for being named #1 tech School Director in the the State . Scott Blood was also named #1 principal in the State.

Meeting Adjourned 7:45 pm

Respectfully Submitted

Mary Schilke
Wells River Village Clerk.

Warning
Annual Village Meeting
March 19, 2024

The legal voters of the Village of Wells River are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Village Garage/Office at 15 Creamery Street, Tuesday March 19, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. to transact the following business by floor vote.

Article 1: To elect Village officers by floor vote:

- One Village President for a one year term
- Three Village Auditors for a one year term
- One BMU School Board member for a three year term
- One Trustee for a three year term
- One Village clerk for a one year term
- One Village treasurer for a one year term
- One Village tax collector for a one year term
- Two Baldwin Memorial Trustees for a three year term

Article 2: To hear and dispose of Village Reports

Article 3: To see if the Village will authorize the Trustees to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

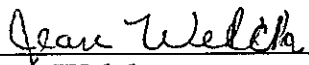
Article 4: To see if the Village will vote to collect taxes as follows:

- ½ payable by September 20, 2024 & ½ payable by November 20, 2024
- and set interest rate: 1% per month for first 3 months and 1 & ½ thereafter
- Delinquent Penalty of 8% after November 20, 2024

Article 5: Shall the voters of the Village of Wells River raise and appropriate the sum of \$342,100.00 for the operating budget for the Village for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

Approved and adopted at a meeting of the Trustees of the Village of Wells River duly called, noticed and held February 15, 2024


Chip Conquest


Jean Welch


Michael Thomas

Received for record this 15th day of February 2024 by

Mary Schilke
Village Clerk

