

**Town of Wood River**  
Regular Board Meeting  
November 8, 2023

Joel Johnson                      Mike Chell                      Gilbert Meyer  
Marjean Legler                  Laura Mckeag  
2 others in attendance

1. Chairman Joel Johnson called the meeting to order 6:30pm

2. Pledge of allegiance was recited

**Budget Hearing:** Mike Chell motioned to open the hearing at 6:32, Gilbert Meyer seconded, carried. Gilbert Meyer motioned to accept the 2024 budget Mike Chell seconded, carried. Mike Chell motioned to close the budget hearing Gilbert Meyer seconded, carried 6:39.

**Special Meeting of the Electors to Approve the Levy:** motion was made by Mike Chell to open the meeting at 6:39 Gilbert Meyer seconded carried. Chuck Swenson made a motion to approve the 2023 levy to be collected in 2024 of \$459,324.00 seconded by Dick Strom, carried. Mike Chell motioned to close the Special Meeting of the electors, Gilbert Meyer seconded, 6:43 carried.

3. Mike Chell made a motion to approve the agenda seconded by Gilbert Meyer, carried.

4. Motion was made by Gilbert Meyer to approve the October Regular Board Meeting minutes seconded by Mike Chell, carried.

5. **Treasure's Report:** there is \$79,266.28 in the operating account, \$37,687.85 in the CD and \$243,677.32 in the Money Market account and the cemetery savings \$7,761.32. Mike Chell moved to accept the Treasurer's report as read, seconded by Gilbert Meyer, carried. Gilbert Meyer motioned to move \$20,000 from the MM to the checking, seconded by Mike Chell, carried.

6. **Clerk Communications:** Marjean reported she has been to the county and picked up a 1938 assessment plat book of the town as well as a 1940 plat book. Everyone come take a look!

7. **Maintenance Report:** given by Joel Johnson all road ditches have been mowed twice. Matt will be making a third pass. The culvert on N. Alpha has been put in. Still waiting to hear from the DNR about N. Fossum. Four new tires for the back of the grader have been put on.

8. **Chairman's Report:** Joel Johnson has found some used tires for the front of the grader Alpha Tire will put them on. Joel Johnson explained a new process for repairing town roads that the town will investigate more. It is recycling the asphalt, heating it, and mixing it with oil and emulsifiers and laying it back down. It would come in at about ½ the cost but would require chip sealing.

9. **Public Comments:** Dick Strom mentioned there is a hole on N. Shore Drive that could use some patching. Chuck Swenson said he believes Tyler is a good worker for the town.

10. **Tobacco License:** Mike Chell motioned to set the cost for a permit to sell tobacco at \$100 per year, Gilbert Meyer seconded, carried.

11. **Solar/Wind Ordinance discussion:** Much discussion

12. **Motion to move to closed session:** Mike Chell motioned to move to closed session, Gilbert Meyer seconded, carried.

13. **Identify agenda items for the next meeting:** General Store tobacco license, solar, wind ordinance, Tyler's insurance and buying used grader tires.

14. **Audit bills and sign disbursements:** Gilbert Meyer motioned to pay bills, seconded by Mike Chell, carried. Bills were audited and paid.

15. **Adjourn: 7:30**

**(12) Closed Session minutes:** Tyler's work performance was discussed and Mike Chell made a motion to give Tyler a \$2 per hour raise, Gilbert Meyer seconded, carried.