

Assessor Meeting
February 14, 2024

Assessors present: Daniel Barker
Ben DeFroscia
Bob Farrar

Sue Howe, Treasurer/Tax Collector
Donna M. Pelletier, Deputy Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: Bob motioned to approve minutes as read. Dan 2nd. All approved.

Written Communications: LUPC Activities, MMA Property & Casualty, LUPC Advisory Ruling, Donation Requests. All were reviewed and discussed by the Assessors.

Budget Discussions: Payroll was discussed and Assessor decided to increase the hour wage for the Deputy Clerk. Sue and Bob had done some research in the local area to find out what the going rate of pay was. Bob recommended \$20.00. A vote was taken and all were in favor. Assessors and Clerk pay to stay the same. **Reevaluation** cost estimated by Bob Gingras is 38,000.00 split over two years. **Tax Maps** to be updated will cost approximately \$3000.00. Dan and Donna working on that. **Donations** requested were reviewed. Dan made a motion for the following to be funded: Safe Voices \$100.00, Red Cross \$100.00, Coplin Historical Society \$1000.00. A vote was taken and all were in favor. **Coplin Plantation Town Office Rental Agreement** expires the end of February 2024. Bob to contact Johnny Morris. **ACO** Paul White will be contacted by Dan to discuss if his pay is satisfactory. **TRIO** upgrade to the WEB with TRIO as host would cost \$8000.00. The break-down: upgrade \$4000.00, Set-up \$1000.00 and yearly fee for hosting \$3000.00. Sue is going to look into the cost of the Planation excepting credit cards as payment. **TDS** upgrade to fiber optics would cost about \$30.00 more per month. Also, Sue is going to investigate the cost of adding another phone line to the office.

Treasurer/Tax Collector: Deanna Caron is a candidate for the Treasurer position and Sue will stay on as Deputy Treasurer through Deanna's training period.

Warrants: Warrants were presented by Sue, reviewed and signed by the Assessors.

Other: Liquor License for the Coplin Dinner House was reviewed. Bob made a motion to approve the license and seconded by Dan. Assessors were all in favor and signed the document. March 6, 2024 was set up to have a Budget Workshop to continue budget work. Also, Ben informed the Board of Assessors that he would not be seeking reelection in March 2024.

Executive Session: None

Adjourn: Dan made a motion to adjourn, ^{Bob} ~~Dan~~ 2nd. All approved. Meeting adjourned 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Donna M. Pelletier, Deputy Clerk

Budget Workshop Meeting

March 6, 2024

Assessors present: Danial Barker

Robert Farrar

Sue Howe, Tax Collector/Treasurer

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM

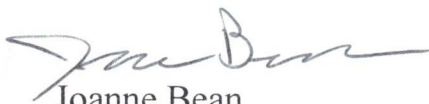
Discussion of 2024 Coplin Plantation Budget:

Sue discussed the budget with Assessors for the 2024 year. Sue stated that Office Expenses are up this year due to the raising of the hourly wage to \$20.00/hour, Website maintenance is also included with this. Office Computers are up \$1,250.00 due to Computer programs, Trio and computer program maintenance. Sue also discussed printers and fees for credit and debit card use. She stated that as a town we are able to add the transaction fee into the customers cost so that they are paying the transaction fees. Joanne will have Lorna post the information regarding credit/debit card use on our website. Joanne will also post in the office.

Summer Road accounts were next. Assessors made a decision to take \$9,000.00 from the Designated Road Account. \$45,000.00 will be appropriated from the Designated Fund Balance and \$30,000.00 will be raised. We will receive FEMA help, but it is not known at this time, the amount or when we will receive it. Assessors agreed to take money from the General Surplus Account for the costs of the Kennebago road and if we receive money from FEMA to place those funds back in Surplus. Bob will write up the articles for the warrant to accommodate this. Dan is going to put out bids for the roads in Coplin as he needs three bids.

Other items that have increased, including but not limited to, are ambulance and fire. Sue also stated that she will contact Rachael, at the Eustis Town Office, to verify the cost of Youth Recreation which is now set at 7x&75.00 x 8 weeks. She also stated that we no longer have to put in an article for County taxes as it is a set amount by the County.

Respectfully submitted,



Joanne Bean

Town Clerk