

**MINUTES OF THE BUDGET HEARING & MONTHLY MEETING FOR THE  
TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF CASTLE ROCK, GRANT COUNTY, WI  
Tuesday, November 14, 2023, 6:00 PM  
Town Hall, 15070 County G, Muscoda WI**

Chairman Johnsrud convened the 2024 Budget Hearing. Present were the five town officers and Harold Freymiller. Clerk Lavern Hrubes reviewed the 2024 proposed budget line by line with the audience. Highlights included the \$25,000 increase in the property tax levy and the \$30,000 increase in State Shared Revenue. Chairman Brian Johnsrud added that the Town's goal is to sealcoat three miles of road each year. There were no questions or further comments from the audience, and Chairman Brian Johnsrud adjourned the Budget Hearing and then convened the monthly meeting of the Town Board.

Present: Chairman Brian Johnsrud, Supervisor Randall Foreman, Supervisor Donald Hrubes.

Call to order. The Chairman called the meeting to order.

Minutes of last meeting. The Clerk presented the minutes of the last meeting to the Board. Motion by Hrubes and second by Foreman to accept the minutes of the previous meeting; motion carried voice vote.

Treasurer's report. The Treasurer presented a financial report. Motion by Foreman and second by Hrubes to accept the Treasurer's financial report; motion carried voice vote.

Paying bills. The Town Board examined the bills presented for payment. Motion by Foreman and second by Hrubes to pay the bills; motion carried voice vote.

Supervisor Foreman reported on general specs for a new brush mower. Woods mower, pull behind center mower with a right hand wing, 10 feet coverage. Ballpark \$18,000. He will bring more detailed information to the December meeting; no action was taken. Chairman Johnsrud reported that the sand and salt mix will take place soon. He also mentioned lot control for the dumpsters and recycling containers because unknown persons are going around the gates dumping after hours and dumping in the wrong dumpsters. Video cameras and fencing were discussed. No action was taken.

The topic of the Proposed 2024 Budget was discussed. Motion by Foreman, second by Hrubes to adopt the proposed budget as presented. Voting aye: Johnsrud, Foreman, and Hrubes. The motion passed and the Chairman declared the budget adopted. Copy attached to these minutes. The topic of the 2023 Township Property Tax Levy \$142,800, payable in 2024, was discussed. Motion by Hrubes, second by Foreman, that the amount of \$142,800 be levied as provided for in the Wisconsin Statutes. Voting aye: Johnsrud, Foreman, and Hrubes. The motion passed.

The topic of the Proposed Muscoda Fire District Budget was discussed. Motion by Foreman, second by Hrubes, that the Town approves this budget. Copy attached to these minutes. Voting aye: Johnsrud, Foreman, and Hrubes. The Chairman declared their budget approved.

Next meeting. Tuesday, December 12, 2023, 6:00 PM.

Adjournment. There was no further business to transact. Motion by Hrubes and second by Foreman to adjourn; the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 7 PM.

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Lavern Hrubes, Town Clerk