

BIG SPRINGS VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
BUDGET HEARING AND SPECIAL HEARING TO SET THE FINAL TAX REQUEST
AND REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
September 3, 2024

Roll call: Present Trustees: Everitt, Dinkel, Van Zee, and Thompson. Absent Trustees: Kyrklund. Others present: Village Clerk/Treasurer, Tamera Loomis, Village Maintenance Supt., Curtis Brown, and Village Attorney, Josh Wendell.

The Budget Hearing of the Village of Big Springs, Deuel County, Nebraska, was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Van Zee.

The proposed budget hearing was advertised in the Chappell Register and was posted at the Village Office, U.S. Post Office, and Community First Bank.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Chairman Van Zee welcomed the visitors and announced that the Open Meeting Law Poster and Meeting Code of Conduct are posted on the north wall of the meeting room, with copies available from the village clerk.

Trevor Schuessler, Auditor, Rauner & Associates, presented the budget outlining key provisions of the proposed budget.

Chairman Van Zee asked for public comments to the budget hearing. Comments were heard.

Motion by Van Zee to adjourn the Budget Hearing, seconded by Everitt. Yea: Thompson, Dinkel, Van Zee, and Everitt. Motion passed unanimously and Budget Hearing adjourned at 6:47pm.

Chairman Van Zee called the Special Hearing to Set Final Tax Request to order at 6:48pm.

Chairman Van Zee asked for public comments. Comments were heard.

Motion by Van Zee, to set the tax levy at a different amount than the prior year tax request, seconded by Thompson. Yea: Dinkel, Everitt, Van Zee, and Thompson. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Van Zee, to adopt Resolution R24-09-01 Setting the 2024-2025 Property Tax Request, econded by Dinkel. Yea: Everitt, Thompson, Dinkel, and Van Zee. Motion passed unanimously.

**RESOLUTION SETTING THE PROPERTY TAX REQUEST
RESOLUTION NO. R24-09-01**

WHEREAS, Nebraska Revised Statute 77-1632 and 77-1633 provides that the Governing Body of the Village of Big Springs passes by a majority vote a resolution or ordinance setting the tax request; and

WHEREAS, a special public hearing was held as required by law to hear and consider comments concerning the property tax request;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Governing Body of the Village of Big Springs resolves that:

1. The 2024-2025 property tax request be set at:

General Fund:	\$	172,752.44
Bond Fund:	\$	7,500.00
	\$	<u>180,252.44</u>
2. The total assessed value of property differs from last year's total assessed value by 21.49 percent.
3. The tax rate which would levy the same amount of property taxes as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of property would be 0.411562 per \$100 of assessed value.
4. The Village of Big Springs proposes to adopt a property tax request that will cause its tax rate to be 0.5 per \$100 of assessed value.
5. Based on the proposed property tax request and changes in other revenue, the total operating budget of the Village of Big Springs will increase (or decrease) last year's budget by -1.05 percent.
6. A copy of this resolution be certified and forwarded to the County Clerk on or before October 15, 2024.

Motion by Van Zee to adjourn the Special Hearing to Set Final Tax Request, seconded by Everitt. Yea: Thompson, Dinkel, Everitt, and Van Zee. Motion passed unanimously and Special Hearing to Set Final Tax Request adjourned at 6:51pm.

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Big Springs, Nebraska was called to order at 6:52pm on September 3, 2024, in open and public session by Chairman Van Zee. Notice of this meeting was given in advance by posting at the Village Office, U.S. Post Office, and Community First Bank and by publication in the Chappell Register and on the Village Official Website + Mobile App at bigspringsne.org, the Village's designated methods for giving notice, and delivered to members of the Board of Trustees with a copy of their Acknowledgment of Receipt and the Agenda attached to these minutes. Availability of the Agenda was communicated in advance notice. All proceedings hereafter shown were recorded while said meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Motion by Van Zee to approve the August 27, 2024 meeting minutes, seconded by Everitt. Yea: Dinkel, Thompson, Everitt, Van Zee. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Van Zee to allow South Platte Volleyball Team to do volunteer community service projects and that Trustee Everitt, Pool/Park Commissioner and Curtis Brown, Village Maintenance Supt. Motion work together to come up with the projects, seconded by Dinkel. Yea: Thompson, Everitt, Dinkel, and Van Zee. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Van Zee to adopt the 2024-2025 budget as presented by Trevor Schuessler, Auditor, Rauner & Associates, seconded by Everitt. Yea: Van Zee, Thompson, Dinkel, and Everitt. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Van Zee to pass additional 1% allowable increase to restricted fund authority, seconded by Everitt. Yea: Thompson, Van Zee, Everitt, and Dinkel. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Van Zee to abate 2024 BIG 17 707 W 1st and 2024 BIG 14 504 W 1st, seconded by Everitt. Yea: Van Zee, Dinkel, Thompson, and Everitt. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Van Zee to adopt Resolutions R24-09-02 through R24-09-07, rescinding the prior resolution declaring nuisance property, seconded by Everitt. Yea: Dinkel, Everitt, Van Zee, and Thompson. Motion passed unanimously.

Brief department reports were presented. Maintenance Supt.: placed traps in the park to catch skunks. Sand filter replaced at the swimming pool not running the heater correctly, late in the season, but will be good for approx. 7 years. Flying J tanks have been pumped. Trustee Everett: leftover swimming pool snacks were donated to the pre-school and leftover pop will be enough to open the pool next season. Maintenance Supt. will be covering the pool this year to help save the liner and will need at least 6 volunteers to help get it covered. The gravel at the library and Phelp's hotel corners needs to be cleared to help eliminate the possibility of citizens falling and a lawsuit being filed against the village, Maintenance Supt. will do.

Motion by Van Zee to enter into an agreement with Jimmy Elliott of 405 Pine for the clerk to manage the decorative use of the south side. The motion also requests the village attorney to write the agreement between the Village of Big Springs and Jimmy Elliott. The motion was seconded by Dinkel. Yea: Everitt, Thompson, Van Zee, and Dinkel. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Van Zee to table the rearranging and uniformly painting of the concrete platers purchased May 2016 until March 2025, seconded by Everitt. Yea: Thompson, Everitt, Van Zee, and Dinkel. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Van Zee to authorize the clerk to submit a grant application to the Deuel County Visitor's Committee for 20 street light banners and required brackets for hanging, representing 5 for each season. The motion was seconded by Everitt. Yea: Everitt, Dinkel, Thompson, and Van Zee. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Van Zee to set fall cleanup days from September 15th through September 28th and request the clerk to schedule roll-offs to be available at the maintenance shop. The motion was seconded by Dinkel. Yea: Thompson, Everitt, Dinkel, and Van Zee. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Van Zee to increase village officers and employee wages as follows: Curtis Brown by 6%, Tamera Loomis by 8%, Janie Jimenez by 3%, and Connie Shaw by 3%. Seconded by Dinkel. Yea: Everitt, Thompson, Dinkel, and Van Zee. Motion passed unanimously.

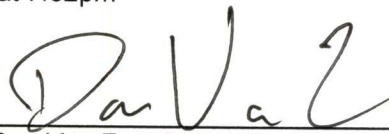
Motion by Everitt to increase the monthly employer IRA contributions to Curtis Brown to \$225.00 and Tamera Loomis to \$175.00, seconded by Van Zee. Yea: Thompson, Van Zee, and Everitt. Nay: Dinkel. Motion passed.

Motion by Van Zee to approve the payment of claims, seconded by Everitt. Yea: Dinkel, Thompson, Everitt, and Van Zee. Motion passed unanimously.

General		
PAYROLL	SLRY	1,656.30
BIG SPRINGS CEMETERY ASSOC	EXP	5,595.83
BIG SPRINGS LIBRARY	EXP	2,370.83
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	Gas	40.09
CENTURY LINK	PH	51.07
CFB-FBO CURTIS BROWN	RET	200.00
CHAPPELL REGISTER	Prnt/Pub	349.68
DEUEL COUNTY TREASURER	Law Enforcement	8,166.66
EdwardJones	RET	150.00
IRS	TX	247.96
NE DEPT OF REVENUE	TX	45.53
NPPD	Elec	72.69
OFFICE SERVICE	SUP	314.70
ONE CALL CONCEPTS INC	Fees	4.76
Olson's Pest Technicians	Rep/Main	85.00
POSTER COMPLIANCE CENTER	SUP	74.95
RAY'S CEMENT WORKS	Rep/Main	718.00
SOUTH PLATTE SCHOOLS	Fees	75.00
U.S. Bank	Rep/Main	213.61

U.S. Bank		Postage	114.03
	Street		
PAYROLL		SLRY	1,264.79
BIG SPRINGS TRUCK AND TRAVEL		Fuel	292.94
CENTURY LINK		PH	142.34
EICHNERS SALES AND SERVICE		Rep/Main	44.00
IRS		TX	453.18
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL		Rep/Main	219.29
NPPD		Elec	983.05
	Water		
PAYROLL		SLRY	2,205.85
21ST CENTURY EQUIPMENT		Rep/Main	2,616.04
CENTURY LINK		PH	221.17
COMMUNITY FIRST BANK		Trans	7,149.50
IRS		TX	612.87
NE PUBLIC HEALTH ENVIRONMENTAL LAB		Testing	15.00
NE DEPT OF REVENUE		TX	228.95
NPPD		Elec	1,621.16
U.S. Bank		Postage	72.15
US POSTAL SERVICE		Postage	38.72
VERIZON		PH	61.06
	Sewer		
PAYROLL		SLRY	2,205.85
BLACK HILLS ENERGY		Gas	81.47
CENTURY LINK		PH	133.82
COMMUNITY FIRST BANK		Trans	6,982.50
Century Link (Lumen)		PH	81.57
IRS		TX	612.87
NE DEPT OF REVENUE		TX	778.87
NPPD		Elec	533.81
US POSTAL SERVICE		Postage	38.72
VERIZON		PH	61.08
	Trash		
US POSTAL SERVICE		Postage	38.72
WASTE CONNECTIONS		Trash	5,139.00
	Parks		
PAYROLL		SLRY	1,505.41
BLACK HILLS ENERGY		Gas	852.28
D & S Sprinklers LLC		Rep/Main	1,276.00
IRS		TX	460.77
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL		SUP	126.96
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL		Rep/Main	248.84
NPPD		Elec	424.93
	Pool		
PAYROLL		SLRY	6,447.90
ARNOLD POOL COMPANY		Rep/Main	3,933.50
Century Link (Lumen)		PH	68.00
IRS		TX	1,710.40
U.S. Bank		SUP	161.70
	Library		
PAYROLL		SLRY	1,292.17
IRS		TX	189.30
	Depot Museum		
NPPD		Elec	39.44
U.S. Bank		SUP	20.94
Total			\$ 74,235.57

Motion by Van Zee to adjourn, seconded by Everitt. Yea: Van Zee, Everitt, Dinkel, and Thompson. Motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 7:32pm



Dan Van Zee, Board Chairman
Village of Big Springs Board of Trustees

ATTEST:



Tamera Loomis, Village Clerk

