

Town of Christiana

2023 Budget Public Hearing Meeting Minutes November 14, 2022 6:30p.m.

The Public Hearing was called to order at 6:30 p.m. and led in the pledge of allegiance. In attendance were Supervisors Jim Lowrey and Jeff Notstad, Clerk-Treasurer Carissa Lyle, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Linda Dieckhoff, and various members of the community. Chairman Mark Cook was absent.

PROCEDURAL

The meeting was properly noticed and posted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jim Lowrey opened the Public Hearing for questions or discussion of the 2023 Proposed Budget. No members of the community gave comment.

ADJOURNMENT

Jeff Notstad motioned to adjourn the Public Hearing with no comments from the public. Jim Lowrey seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED 2-0

Special Town Electors Meeting Minutes November 14, 2022 Immediately following the Public Hearing

Jim Lowrey called the Special Town Electors Meeting into session. In attendance were Supervisors Jim Lowrey and Jeff Notstad, Clerk-Treasurer Carissa Lyle, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Linda Dieckhoff, and various members of the community. Chairman Mark Cook was absent.

PROCEDURAL

The meeting was properly noticed and posted.

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

Jeff Notstad motioned to appoint Jim Lowrey as Chairperson. Jim Lowrey seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY VIA VOICE VOTE

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE APPROVAL OF THE 2023 HIGHWAY EXPENDITURES IN THE PROPOSED AMOUNT OF \$640,425.

Discussion about no longer needing to have the electors approve the highway expenditures in the future. This change occurred at the state level due to 2015 ACT 105.

Discussion about the possibility of levying in 2023 for the \$300,000 loan for local road overlay. This loan amount will depend on the actual cost of the needed road repairs.

Lars Lein motioned to accept the Highway Expenditures. Joe Salov seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY VIA VOICE VOTE

Jeff Notstad motioned to adjourn the Special Town Electors Meeting. Jim Lowrey seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY VIA VOICE VOTE

**Regular Town Board Meeting Minutes
November 14, 2022
Immediately following the Special Town Electors Meeting**

Jim Lowrey called the Regular Town Board Meeting into session. In attendance were Supervisors Jim Lowrey and Jeff Notstad, Clerk-Treasurer Carissa Lyle, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Linda Dieckhoff, and various members of the community. Chairman Mark Cook was absent.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Discussion/possible action regarding the sale of 275 W. Main Street to the Cambridge Area Fire/EMS Commission.

NO ACTION TAKEN

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discussion/possible action approving the Garbage and Recycling Fee for 2023 in the amount of \$178.00 per unit.

The cost per unit decreased due to the recycling grant amount being taken away from the total cost of the garbage/recycling fees.

Jim Lowrey motioned to accept the 2023 Garbage and Recycling Fee of \$178.00 per unit. Jeff Notstad Seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED 2-0

- b. Discussion/possible action approving the 2023 Town Levy of \$0.00.

Jeff Notstad motioned to approve the 2023 Levy of \$0.00. Jim Lowrey seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED 2-0

- c. Discussion/possible action approving the 2023 Town of Christiana Budget.

Jeff Notstad motioned to approve the 2023 Town of Christiana Budget. Jim Lowrey seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED 2-0

- d. Discussion/possible action regarding a request by Anna Hinchley-Skadahl and Kevin Skadahl for a rezone from FP-35 to RR-2 of parcel #016/0612-104-8000-2 in order to parcel off 2.5 acres with the intent to sell the 2.5-acre parcel containing the house and building.

Jeff Notstad motioned to approve the rezone. Jim Lowrey seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED 2-0

- e. Discussion/possible action regarding switching the Town website hosting & maintenance to TownWeb.

Jeff Notstad motioned to approve switching hosting and maintenance of the website to TownWeb. Jim Lowrey seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED 2-0

- f. Discussion/possible action regarding a driveway permit for Lakestone Properties at 275 Hwy 12 & 18.

Lakestone wants to move the driveway from the original location. The new location fits into their site plans better than the original location.

Jeff Notstad motioned to approve the Driveway Permit for Lakestone Properties at 275 Hwy 12 & 18.

MOTION CARRIED 2-0

CONSENT AGENDA

All items listed under the Consent Agenda will be approved by one motion unless a Board member requests that item be removed for individual discussion and action. Any item(s) removed for individual consideration shall be considered/approved individually.

- (1) Motion to approve the minutes of the October 20th & 25th Special Town Board Meetings.
- (2) Motion to approve Vouchers.
- (3) Motion to approve financial summaries.

(4) Motion to approve the Bank Reconciliation.

Jeff Notstad motioned to approve the consent agenda as presented. Jim Lowrey seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIES 2-0

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

- a. School District of Cambridge - Annual Update presented by Marggie Baker, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools.

Marggie Baker, Ed.D., Superintendent shared updates on what is going on in the school district. It is her second year as superintendent. Discussed the budget, employees, number of schools, and number of students. Dr. Baker discussed the budget process, funding comes from a three legged stool. One leg is local, one leg is federal, one leg is state level. Most of ours is local funding, not much from the state and federal levels. Discussed COVID measures, met in person everyday last year. COVID funding was only \$600,000 over two years. Had to eliminate three staff members in order to meet budget. No extra funding for following health protocols. Last year 1 of 6 school districts that won DOEd Green Ribbon award. Recycling program, farm to table school meals. Elementary was able to go visit DC. Good model of being "small but mighty".

Paused for questions.

900ish students. Overall, a steady enrollment. Need to grow by 5 kids per year. Virtual school as well. Work with a consortium for their virtual needs.

Declining school funding over years, balancing the competing needs over the years.

Will be back in the fall to give updates and answer questions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & ADJOURNMENT

- a. Next Town Board Meeting on December 12, 2022 at 6:30 pm.

Jim Lowrey motioned to adjourn the meeting, Jeff Notstad seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED 2-0

*Respectfully submitted,
Carissa Lyle, Clerk-Treasurer*