The Board Meeting of the Village of Brownville was held on Tuesday, February 13, 2024, in the Board Room at the Brown Mansion, Brownville, NY.

Present: Mayor Connor Amy Baker-Trustee

 Steve Mott - Trustee Mike Walrath - Trustee

 Bob Goutremout – Trustee

Also Present: Nick Brenon Superintendent Pickett

 Casey Dickerson - BCA

Mayor Connor called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and opened the public hearing for the Local Law No:1 of 2024 authorizing a property tax levy in excess of the limit established in the General Municipal Law €3-c.

Trustee Walrath made a motion, seconded by Trustee Goutremout to approve the minutes as submitted, carried.

Casey Dickerson from Bernier, Carr & Associates updated the board on all current Village projects. Soil borings will begin next week on Main Street. Traditional soil borings are not possible in two locations (Storehouse Street and WWTP Drive) due to overhead utilities. Superintendent Pickett will work with BCA to help complete those next week. Another round of WIIA grants has been announced. The Village is eligible for a grant up to $949,000 for the Wastewater Disinfection Project. However, the village would have to forfeit the $275,500 WIIA grant previously received and risk not getting the increased grant amount. The board agreed not to take that risk at this current time.

Another WIIA grant has been announced for the Wastewater Collection Systems Improvement Project which could provide approximately $3.3M for the proposed project. Trustee Walrath made a motion, seconded by Trustee Baker to allow BCA to apply for this grant on our behalf. All were in favor, carried.

Clerk Klusacek spoke on behalf of Spencer Kinder, owner of 204 E. Main Street, who is currently overseas. The residence was formerly a duplex and the account has 2 refuse charges. The house has since been converted back to a single-family household and Mr. Kinder has requested that the account reflect only 1 refuse charge. Trustee Goutremout made a motion, seconded by Trustee Mott to allow the account to only be charged for 1 refuse. Mr. Kinder was informed to let us know if there are ever any plans to convert the home back into a duplex.

Superintendent Pickett informed the board that he contacted DEC to request a 6 hour sampling window for Wet Testing. They denied our request. We received a sampler from NY Rural Water in order to help us to complete the required 24 hour testing.

Trustee Goutremout made a motion, seconded by Trustee Mott to not give Annette West a raise for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. All in favor, carried.

Mayor Connor informed the board that instead of training our DPW crew on how to use the Vacuum Truck for cleaning our streets, Jefferson County will send an employee over to sweep the streets for the village at no cost as part of shared services anytime we request it.

Trustee Walrath made a motion, seconded by Trustee Baker to increase the tax rate to 6.40% for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. All were in favor, carried.

Trustee Mott made a motion, seconded by Trustee Walrath to close the public hearing and adopt the Local Law No:1 of 2024, authorizing a property tax levy in excess of the limit established in the General Municipal Law €3-c. All were in favor, carried. The Local Law #1 of 2024 is hereby adopted.

Mayor Connor and the Board reviewed the bank statements, canceled checks, and bills. Trustee Walrath made a motion seconded by Trustee Goutremout to pay the audited bills abstract 2A: $2,458.75 and 2B: $87,470.15 and adjourn at 7:54 pm. All were in favor, carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Amber Klusacek

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer