

MINUTES
SPECIAL HEARING

September 12, 2023

The Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Bertrand, Nebraska held a Special Hearing on September 12, 2023, immediately following the Budget Hearing, at the Village Hall by publishing in the Holdrege Daily Citizen on August 31, 2023, and posting at the First State Bank, Post Office, and Village Office. The agenda for said meeting was kept continuously at the office of the Village Clerk. Present were Chairman TJ Wilcox and Trustees Jason McNierney and Brian Schroeder. Also present were Village Clerk/Treasurer, Lori Vinzant and Village Ordinance Officer, James Nelson. Trustees Robert Dahlgren and Lucas Evans absent.

The Chairman opened the Hearing at 6:46 PM and stated to all in attendance that a copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for review and indicated the location of such copy posted in the room where the meeting was being held.

Chairman Wilcox made a presentation of the final tax request for fiscal year 2023-2024. The property tax request for the General Fund is \$170,654.65 and the Bond Fund is \$176,750.00. The total assessed value of property differs from last year by -1.56%. 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 1.020632 per \$100 of assessed value. The Village proposes to adopt a property tax request that will cause its tax rate to be 1.017855 per \$100 of assessed value. The operating budget will increase last year's budget by 4.06%.

The floor was then opened for public comment on the final tax request for fiscal year 2023-2024. Public comment ensued. All members of the public wishing to address the Board of Trustees were provided a reasonable amount of time to do so.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Schroeder, seconded by McNierney, to adjourn the budget hearing at 7:24 PM. Voting Aye, Schroeder, McNierney, Wilcox. Dahlgren and Evans absent.

Lori Vinzant, Village Clerk/Treasurer

TJ Wilcox, Chairman of the Board