

It was moved by Alderperson Olson, seconded by Alderperson Gearing-Lancaster, to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the December 6, 2022 Common Council meeting and approve as presented. Motion carried.

**CITIZENS IN ATTENDANCE**

There were 6 citizens in attendance, 3 in person and 3 remotely via Zoom meetings, for agenda items.

It was moved by Alderperson Ammann, seconded by Alderperson Rave, to place on file the minutes of the December 1, 2022 Plan Commission meeting. Motion carried.

It was moved by Alderperson Busse, seconded by Alderperson Gearing-Lancaster, to place on file the minutes of the December 1, 2022 Hiring Committee meeting. Motion carried.

It was moved by Alderperson Rave, seconded by Alderperson Brown, to place on file the minutes of the December 12, 2022 Hiring Committee meeting. Motion carried.

Mayor Eddy opened the public hearing on the proposed increase to all fares and mileage fees for the shared-ride taxi service.

The City Administrator presented updated projections which included an 8.3% CPI increase for 2023 bringing the cost of the service just over \$400,000 with projected revenues of \$100,000 and final local share of \$75,000. The current and ongoing deficit between the amount levied and the local share is the premise for the public hearing to discuss fares and mileage fees for the taxi service as local share is based on total expense, less federal aid, state aid, and fares/fees collected. The projections presented were based on fare and mileage fee increases and do not include capital expenses of \$12-15,000 to replace vehicles. The Council can set the fares and fees as they see fit to keep the service sustainable. The only restriction to that is based on federal grant received for the service, the elderly/disabled rate cannot be more than 50% of the established full adult fare.

The City Administrator received a call from a Pine View Terrace resident speaking in favor of keeping the taxi service and willing to pay double to have it available. The caller's family would also be willing to pay more for the service as her son is also in a nursing home and uses the service.

The Mayor reminded those in attendance that the discussion is not whether or not to keep the service, but to discuss the fares around that service. There was discussion on how much the fares would have to be increased to get closer to where we need to be. The City Administrator suggested the Council focus on the full adult fare and the mileage fees because the elderly/disabled is the reason the service was brought to the community and they are on more of a fixed income than those that do not qualify for the subsidized rate. Suggested really focusing on the mileage rate as that applies to those that do not live in the city, are not paying taxes to subsidize the service, and are not contributing to that local share yet using the service. Chris Odeen spoke to the effect transportation has on the community and the economy, provided statistics, proposed a community needs assessment be conducted to see if a joint service could be established with other communities, look to partnering countywide and expand to more rural residents, if it doesn't take you outside city limits without costing prohibitively, then how are people going to get to work, vote, etc., look at operating it instead of contracting it out, the cost of not providing transportation is too high, without transportation we are all going to pay for that in some way. Chris agreed that increasing the fares is prudent and a small price to pay as long as the cap on the elderly and disabled is capped at 50%.

Ally Odeen spoke of the need for the service for young people to get to work and provided examples of those that do not have a vehicle that are now having to walk to and from work in cold, sub-zero temperatures without the taxi service running.

Lynn Gates, ADRC of Jackson County, advised she understands fares need to go up and is in support of keeping the seniors and disabled as low as possible and allowing those who can pay more to pay more. Normally elderly and disabled are on a fixed income so it is important to keep those rates as low as possible.

It was moved by Alderperson Olson, seconded by Alderperson Gearing-Lancaster, to close the public hearing on the proposed increase to all fares and mileage fees for the shared-ride taxi service. Motion carried.

There was further discussion on how much of an increase in fares and fees is needed for the taxi service. The RFP does not include the fare rates, but the awarded contract would. With ridership lower on full fares that may need to go up more than the others. Tiered rates based on time of day have not been looked at, but may be difficult to track and report. The federal Section 5311 grant program and the State 85.20 grant program allow for other municipalities to contribute to the service. The Town of Brockway was approached when the mileage fees were implemented and they decided not to contribute. There was consensus to have the City Administrator prepare an analysis of different options for fare and fee increases and bring it back to the next Common Council meeting.

It was moved by Alderperson Olson seconded by Alderperson Gearing-Lancaster, to approve **RESOLUTION 2022-10** adopting a fee schedule as presented excluding all fees related to taxicab. Motion carried. The Fee Schedule will be available at City Hall and on the city's website.

The Department Head monthly reports were re-

viewed. Department heads present were Chad Duerkop, Jeremy Isensee, Darryl Nelson, Greg Rush, and Brad Chown. Jody Stoker and Cara Hart attended remotely via Zoom meetings.

1. Greg Rush, former Street Superintendent, advised there are now two (2) General Laborer positions that need to be filled. Greg also thanked the Council for the opportunity to serve as Street Superintendent for the past two years and thanked the other department heads, the Council, the Mayor, and the City Administrator for all of the support.
2. It was moved by Alderperson Ammann, seconded by Alderperson Busse to approve the Street Department's request to fill two (2) vacant General Laborer positions. Motion carried.
3. The Chief of Police advised he has a new part-time officer that will be starting in early January.
4. It was moved by Alderperson Ammann, seconded by Alderperson Brown to approve the Axon body camera and digital storage contract for a term of 60 months at a total cost of \$33,375.40 using funds from the Police Department's capital reserve fund. Motion carried.
5. The Parks & Recreation Director advised the large playground equipment at Mills Park was recently inspected, was deemed unsafe and will be fenced off and removed as soon as time and weather permits. There are plans in process to replace the equipment and there are three funding sources that will be used to purchase replacement equipment including Mills family donations, Mills Park maintenance fund at the Black River Falls Area Foundation, and potentially reallocating the Parks & Recreation's 2023 capital improvement plan budget of \$23,000 toward this project.

It was moved by Alderperson Busse, seconded by Alderperson Gearing-Lancaster, to approve the vouchers for November 2022 Check #71654 - #71845 totaling \$776,356.86. Motion carried.

It was moved by Alderperson Olson, seconded by Alderperson Rave, to approve the City Treasurer's Report for November 2022. Motion carried.

It was moved by Alderperson Olson, seconded by Alderperson Wussow, to approve the Revenue & Expense Reports for November 2022. Motion carried.

It was moved by Alderperson Wussow, seconded by Alderperson Brown, to adjourn. Motion Carried at 7:05 pm.

A. Brad Chown  
City Administrator  
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**STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, JACKSON COUNTY**  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CHARLES L. SPURLING, JR.

**Notice to Creditors**  
(Informal Administration)  
Case No. 22PR57  
**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:**

1. An application for informal administration was filed.
  2. The decedent, with date of birth 03-18-1960, and date of death 10-22-2022, was domiciled in Jackson County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of N11338 S. Alma Center Rd., Alma Center, WI 54611.
  3. All interested persons waived notice.
  4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is MARCH 31, 2023.
  5. A claim may be filed at the Jackson County Courthouse, 307 Main Street, Black River Falls, Wisconsin, Room C207.
- /s/ Elizabeth E. Storlie  
Probate Registrar  
December 15, 2022  
Attorney Mark Radcliffe  
107 Main Street  
Black River Falls, WI 54615  
715-284-1234  
Bar No. 1033727

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**STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, JACKSON COUNTY**  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF KAREN RAE IVERSON

**Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration)**  
Case No. 22PR56  
**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:**

1. An application for informal administration was filed.
  2. The decedent, with date of birth 09/14/1940, and date of death 10/09/2022, was domiciled in Jackson County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 144 South 3rd Street, Black River Falls, WI 54615.
  3. All interested persons have waived notice.
  4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is 03/31/2023.
  5. A claim may be filed at the Jackson County Courthouse, Black River Falls, Wisconsin.
- /s/ Elizabeth E. Storlie  
Probate Registrar  
Dec. 15, 2022  
Robyn Matousek  
348 Main Street,  
P.O. Box 517  
Black River Falls, WI 54615  
715-284-2642  
Bar Number 1020280

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The Common Council met in special session at City Hall in the City of Black River Falls on December 21, 2022 at 6:00 P.M. Alderpersons Rave, Olson, Busse, Gearing-Lancaster, and Ammann were present. Alderpersons Wussow and Brown attended remotely via Zoom meetings. Alderperson Mathews was excused. Mayor J. Eddy presided.

Mayor Eddy introduced Darryl Nelson as the new Street Superintendent and thanked Greg Rush for the great job he did as Superintendent.

**SUMMONS**  
 (Third Publication)  
**IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT**  
**In re the Paternity of Child:**  
**G.M.M., DOB 05/05/2018**

Case No.: PA 22-08

TO THE NATURAL MOTHER, POTENTIAL FATHER, GUARDIAN, HO-CHUNK NATION CHILD SUPPORT AGENCY, OR ADULT CHILD WHOSE PATERNITY WAS NEVER ESTABLISHED: Jermaine Thompson

You are hereby informed that you have been deemed an interested party in this paternity action. This legal notice of the filed *Petition for Paternity* is now served upon you by publication. A proceeding concerning the above-named child is pending in the Ho-Chunk Nation Trial Court, and an adjudication will be made.

You have twenty (20) days from the date of the fourth publication to respond to the *Petition for Paternity*, failure to do so will cause the Court to proceed without your participation. An *Answer* (response) shall be filed with the court at the address given below. The Court shall convene a Paternity Hearing in accordance with HOCAK NATION CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT CODE 4 HCC § 7.19.

The Court shall commence a proceeding at **9:30 a.m. CST** on the **1st** day of **March 2023** for the following purpose: **Initial Paternity Hearing**. Pursuant to HOCAK NATION CHILDREN AND FAMILY ACT, Para. 3.35, the parties have a right to counsel at their own expense; a right to confront and cross-examine those appearing against them; a right to present and subpoena witnesses; a right to substitution of judge; and a right to a jury trial. You have additionally been provided a "Notice to Respondent" that sets forth your right and defenses and provides notice of the potential of being held in contempt of court:

**NOTICE – VIOLATION OF THIS ORDER IS SUBJECT TO PROCEEDINGS FOR CONTEMPT OF COURT. SUBPOENAS:** 'THE FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH A SUBPOENA SHALL SUBJECT THE PERSON FAILING TO COMPLY TO THE CONTEMPT POWER OF THE COURT.' THE COURT MAY FIND ANY PARTY TO THIS MATTER IN CONTEMPT OF COURT FOR FAILURE TO APPEAR AT A COURT HEARING OR FOR FAILURE TO FOLLOW COURT ORDERS.

**Notice to Respondent**

a. You have been named in a petition alleging paternity. A judgment of paternity would legally designate the child as your child, grant rights to you, create the right of inheritance for the child, obligate you to pay child support and make failure to pay child support punishable as contempt.

b. You may request a genetic test which will indicate the probability that you are the father of the child. The court will order a genetic test on request from you, a designated tribal agency, or any other party to the case. Any person who refuses to take a court ordered genetic test may be punished for contempt.

c. The petitioner has the burden of proving by clear and convincing evidence that you are the father. If a genetic test shows that you are not excluded as the father and that the statistical probability of you being the father is ninety-nine percent (99.0%) or higher, you are presumed to be the father.

d. The following defenses are available to you:  
i. That you were sterile or impotent at the time

of conception;  
ii. That you did not have sexual intercourse with the mother of the child during the conception period; or  
iii. That another man did have sexual intercourse with the mother of the child during the conception time period.  
e. If you fail to appear at any stage of the proceeding, including a scheduled genetic test, the Court may find you in contempt.

The Trial Court is physically located at Wa Ehi Hocira, W9598 Highway 54 East, Black River Falls, (Jackson County) Wisconsin. The Trial Court's mailing address is P. O. Box 70, Black River Falls, WI 54615. The telephone number is (715) 284-2722, or toll free 800-434-4070, and the facsimile number is (715) 284-3136.

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**TOWN OF CURRAN**  
**CAUCUS**  
**BOARD MEETING**

Notice is hereby given that on Monday, January 9, 2023, the Town Board Meeting will immediately follow the completion of the CAUCUS, which begins at 6:00pm at the Curran town hall.

**NOTICE**  
**TOWN OF BROCKWAY**  
**RESIDENTS**

The regular monthly meeting of the Town of Brockway Board of Supervisors will be held on **Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2023** at the Brockway Town Hall. Regular monthly agenda will be followed. Time of the meeting will be immediately following the Sanitary District meeting at 5:45 p.m.

JANN DAHL, CLERK/TREASURER

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**TOWN OF FRANKLIN**  
**CAUCUS**  
**BOARD MEETING**

**will be Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2023 at 6:30 pm at the Franklin Town Hall to Nominate candidates for Chairman, Supervisor 1, Supervisor 2 and Treasurer.**

The Regular Monthly Meeting will follow the Caucus.

Bree Lien, Clerk

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**TOWN OF ADAMS**

**TOWN CAUCUS**

for the purpose of nominating candidates to appear on the spring election ballot will be held on **January 10, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.**

All seats are up for re-election, named incumbents are running.

OFFICE	INCUMBENT
Chairman	
Supervisor North	Pete Segerson
Supervisor South	Dale Peterson
Treasurer	Alina Limberg
Clerk	Dale Ann Bohac

**THE MONTHLY MEETING**

Will be held on **Tuesday, January 10, 2023**

**immediately following the caucus**

**in the town hall.**

Agenda will include minutes of prior meeting(s), approval and payment of outstanding bills, and any zoning petitions which may be presented. Other items may be added to the agenda prior to the meeting.

**Dale Ann Bohac, Clerk**

**TOWN OF ALBION**  
**CAUCUS**

For the purpose of nominating candidates to appear on the Spring Election ballot for the following offices:

- **TOWN CHAIRMAN**
- **TOWN SUPERVISOR I**
- **TOWN SUPERVISOR II**
- **TREASURER • CLERK**

to be held on

**Tuesday, January 10, 2023 at 7:00 pm**

**in the Albion Town Hall**

**(Regular monthly meeting to immediately follow CAUCUS)**

Notice will be posted in regular posting places.

*Joan Hanson, Clerk*