



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING**  
**January 13, 2022**

**Call meeting to order, Pledge of Allegiance and announcement of meeting notice.** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Hartwig. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Clerk Eichner confirmed the meeting notification.

**Roll call.** Town Chairman Robert Hartwig, Supervisors Steve Fischer, Marcy Bishop, and David Behringer, and Joe Kufahl were present. Also present was Attorney Tim Andringa, Deputy Sheriff Andy Meier, Highway Superintendent Ron Eickstedt, Treasurer Monica Diaz, and Clerk Bob Eichner.

**Approval of the agenda.** Clerk Eichner reported Item 9, regarding Kevin Eickstedt CUP is deleted. Motion by Bishop, seconded by Kufahl to approve the amended agenda. All Aye, Motion carried.

**Approval of the minutes.** Motion by Fischer, seconded by Bishop, to approve the minutes: December 9, 2021 Town Board Meeting. All Aye, motion carried.

**Resident comment on any agenda item.** Highway Superintendent Ron Eickstedt requested to be a part of any discussion regarding public works and roads. There were no other public comments

**Update, discussion, and possible action – Lodwick property inspection.** Attorney Andringa reported that most of the legal issues have been resolved and the inspection will take place within the next two weeks, depending on Building inspector Micech and Deputy Meier's schedules. Attorney Andringa left at 7:15pm.

**Discussion and possible action – Resolution J2022-01 A Resolution setting polling place and hours and combining wards for voting for the 2022 Election Cycle.** Motion by Bishop, second by Fischer to approve Resolution J2022-01. All Aye, motion carried.

**Discussion and possible action – Resolution J2022-02.** Motion by Fischer, second by Behringer to approve Resolution J2022-02 A resolution to petition the Washington County Bridge/Culvert Repair Funding for the additional amount for the Cedar Creek Road Bridge Replacement.

**New Truck Purchase.** Clerk Eichner reported that a down payment of ½ the cost for the new truck chassis has been made.

**Proposal for WIFI upgrades for Town Hall.** Motion by Bishop, second by Behringer to accept the Pros 4 Technology proposal of \$4,945.00 for Wi-Fi upgrades to Town Hall. All Aye, motion carried.

**Consideration of speed limit reduction on Pleasant Valley Road.** Clerk Eichner and Chairman Hartwig reported that, based on advice from The Washington County Highway Commissioner, a reduction of speed limit to 35mph will most likely not be approved by the State. One option is to use a temporary speed limit during nighttime operations at the quarry or asphalt plant, but these may not be enforceable. This information will be passed on to the Dawsons at Lannon Stone Products. No further action was taken.

**CTH M Reconstruction:** Chairman Hartwig reported that the county will be reconstructing CTH M (Pioneer Road) from Wausaukee Road to Country Aire Dr between August and October of 2022.

**Audit/Financial Records Review Update.** Clerk Eichner reported that the audit will begin in February. And will be completed on or before May 15<sup>th</sup> when the CT Form is to be submitted.

**Internet access for whole Town:** Treasurer Diaz reported that several residents who came to pay their taxes expressed concern with the lack of internet access in the Town. Major stumbling block is trying to find a provider that is willing and able to provide access to the whole town.

**Update of Town Hall Remodeling.** Hartwig and Micech met with Design 2 Construction in late December to review the preliminary plan for the remodeling. They will work to present a preliminary plan and cost estimate at the February 10 Town Board Meeting. We do not have to use prevailing wages on this project because it is funded with local dollars which should help to keep the costs down.

**Washington County Sheriff's Department report – Liaison Deputy Andrew Meier.** Deputy Meier presented reports for November and December. Deputy Meier may not be our liaison after February 1<sup>st</sup> as he is becoming an investigator for the department. 1931 calls in 2021, less than the average of 2200 calls per year.

**Washington County Board report.** County Supervisor Bishop reported the County approved a general fund transfer of \$350,000 if the county does not receive a grant for the purchase of just under 40 acres on the north side of the Fair Park for extra parking. County has reached an agreement with the Town of Erin for a lease site for a safety radio tower in lieu of a controversial site at Hwy 83 and 167. This will complete the network upgrades for countywide emergency services and public works. County reached a contract agreement with the deputy's union for 2022. The county approved a grant for "Fish Sticks" in Ehlers Lake at Yahr Park.

**Treasurer's report.** Treasurer Diaz presented the report for December and the Tax collection report through January 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Ground's report.** No Report

**Building's report.** Supr. Behringer reported we had to have the furnace for a portion of Town Hall because the heat exchanger is cracked and leaking CO. There is one more that may or may not to be replaced. Dave is still working with well drillers for a replacement well.

**Transfer Station report.** Special nights after Christmas and New Year's. They made 5 bales of cardboard. We will probably use regular hours for holidays in 2022. Damage to the door.

**Noxious Weeds report.** No report

**Highway/Chairman's report.** Recyclables hauled, brush pile burned, trees cleared from high winds, repairs to Truck 18, repaired power washer and skid steer, plowed /salted 11 times used 150 tons of salt, put new batteries in the Oshkosh for sale. Ron rated the roads report for the State. Date set for 2022 road tour set for Saturday, March 12, 2022 at 8am.

**Clerk's report.** Clerk Eichner presented Jim Micech's report. One welfare check, Schulenberg cleanup continues. Discussion with owner on Maple Road north of Pleasant Valley Road to for rezone from A-1 to R-1. Clerk report – Two clean water reports in a row. New hours start January 31, 2022 9am-4:30pm Monday to Thursday and 9-1pm on Friday. The clerk will be here at about 8 am every day. Our PILT payments will be higher this year.

**Communications and announcements.** None

**Review of bills and authorization of payment.** Motion by Bishop, seconded by Fischer to approve the vouchers as presented. Motion carried.

**Adjournment.** Motion by Bishop, seconded by Kufahl, to adjourn at 9:28pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Robert M. Eichner, Clerk

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Robert Hartwig, Chairman

Approved: February 10, 2022