

MINUTES OF APRIL 8, 2024

Chairman Gary Thomack called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

Board members: Chairman Gary Thomack, Supervisor Ken Genskow, Supervisor Dohn Laude, Treasurer Dennis Zahn and Clerk Habeck.

Public included: Brian Westfahl, Tracy Laude, Lisa Papendorf, Arlyn Tober, Larry Laude, Vernon Kratzke, Ron & Peggy Wolf, Bill Korth, Jesse Weinzinger of GEI Consulting, from Tn. of Larrabee: Lynn Jepson, Dave Viergutz and Pete Sasse, from Tn. of Grant: Richard Britzke and Bill Bowers.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The Clerk read the agenda that had been posted in three public places, put on the website and published in the Marion Advertiser. The minutes were read from the March 11, 2024 Board meeting. Motion was made by Genskow/Thomack to approve the minutes as read. Motion carried by voice vote with three in favor, zero against.

A **representative of Charter Communications** was not present to answer questions and concerns. The Clerk will contact them again for further information and hopefully set up a meeting with them.

Public Input: County supervisor Arlyn Tober reported that there are several areas that the County will be doing road projects in....as the County is short of funds to do road projects like the rest of us....they are trying to do some of the worst areas first. As Tober is stepping down from his County position, Chairman Thomack thanked him for his many years of service to our community.....**Board members from the Tn. of Grant and Tn. of Larrabee were in attendance** to once again ask the Board to reconsider their decision at the March meeting to not participate in the ARIP road project, as each of them would like to apply and feel that without Pella being in it, as we are in the middle of the two sections of Swamp Road, they wouldn't have a very good chance to receive the 90/10 grant funds to do their respective ends. A meeting will be set up by the Tn. of Larrabee Clerk with all three townships, a rep from the WI DOT, possibly Mike Koles of WTA and from county highway departments to ask questions about all the criteria that is needed.

Jesse Weinzinger of GEI Consultants introduced himself. He was inquiring if at some point we would be interested in doing some type of fish ladder system to allow fish and sturgeon to come up and be able to spawn in the Pond. If the little electrical facility that Roy Kleisch has would some day be abandoned that could be a possible location, as we have very favorable habitat in the Pond and upstream.

Motion was made by Thomack/Laude to appoint Kathy Westfahl to a three-year term as secretary of the Land Use & Planning committee. Motion carried. Motion was made by Genskow/Laude to appoint Arlyn Tober to a three-year term on the Board of Adjustments. Motion carried, both carried by voice vote with three in favor, zero against. **Motion was made by Laude/Thomack to approve the Fermented Beverage license for the Pella Park Committee for Pella Daze. Motion carried** by voice with three in favor, zero against. **Motion was made to approve the 2024 lawn care of the town hall and the Pella Park to Tracy Laude. Motion carried** by voice vote with three in favor, zero against.

Motion was made by Laude/Thomack to approve the one-year contract with Paul Hermes as building inspector with the same terms as last year. Motion carried with three in favor, zero against.

Motion was made by Thomack/Genskow to approve the building of an entrance from the south parking lot into the town hall without a cost estimate. Motion carried with three in favor, zero against.

The work will be done by Larry Laude. The propane tank will need to be moved from its present location for the project.

From a generous donation from the Thiel family, **a landscaping project will be done in the Pella Park in the near future.**

Motion was made by Genskow/Thomack to accept another generous donation to plant two or three maple trees on the south side of the town hall in memory of Stanley Westfahl. Motion carried by voice vote with three in favor, zero against.

Lawyer contact: None to report.

Zoning: Zahn reported that several building permits are being issued: for 2 sheds, one deck, and one new home. Zahn and Laude are meeting with Zachory Bussian on Elm Grove Road about progress on requirements for his business. **Two other residents have projects in the works with numerous permits and requirements for both, more on these as requirements are met.**

Roads: Motion was made by Genskow/Laude to hire Delmore Consulting to do the PASER road inventory for the Town. Motion carried by voice vote with three in favor, zero against. The Clerk will contact them with the signed contract.

The Treasurer reported that the March bills totaled \$29,488.39, leaving \$5,870.44 in the checking and \$379,546.90 in the Premier Savings Account. Motion was made by Laude/Genskow to approve the March report and pay the April bills. Motion carried by voice vote with three in favor, zero against.

Dohn and Tracy Laude were thanked for installing a push bar on the west door.

The Clerk explained about **Senate Bill 999** that was being proposed. The bill, which was cosponsored by District 6 Representative Peter Schmidt, concerned those residents that have forest land in the “open” Managed Forest Land program. This is a 25-year program; in “open” prior to this bill, anyone would be able to walk, ski, etc. on your property without permission, as it is treated as public. SB999 would also include that these “open” properties could now have vehicular access and travel on your property without your permission. Contacts were available for anyone who was interested in expressing their opinion of opposition or agreement to Assemblyman Schmidt.

The Town of Pella Annual meeting is Tuesday, April 16th at 7:00PM in the town hall.

With no further business, motion was made by Genskow/Thomack to adjourn the meeting at 8:15PM. **The next meeting will be Monday, May 13th, 2024 7:00PM. If the town hall is being worked on, then the meeting will be in the fire hall.**