

Town of Kaukauna
Town Board Meeting
September 14, 2020
Minutes

Chairman Van Asten called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Present were Chairman Mike Van Asten, Supervisor Shane Robley, Supervisor Dennis Van Vreede, and Debbie Vander Heiden Clerk/Treasurer. Also present were 4 residents and 6 guests.

NOTE: The meeting was held in public.

Safety issues: Nothing reported.

Adopt the agenda: Motion by Supervisor Van Vreede to adopt the agenda as presented, second by Supervisor Robley. Motion carried.

Appointments: A. Marion Van Zeeland from the TOK Historical Society. Marion was present to inform the Board that they only have 4 members left in their organization and wanted to know what would happen to the old town hall if their organization was dissolved. Supervisor Van Vreede stated that there is a lot of history in the old town hall and the TOK Historical society was doing a great job to keep things going. The Clerk stated she put a notice for new members in the newsletter that just went out and we should wait and see if we get some new members. We don't want the history of the town forgotten. Marion didn't think they would do anything until next year. We will wait and see how things are next year.

B. Verhasselt Farms, Digester presentation.

Chris Lenzendorf from Outagamie Clean Energy Partners was present to give the town Board and the public information on a digester operation that Verhasselt Farms is interested in constructing on their farm. The operation will cover approximately 14 acres and will digest the manure from the Verhasselt farm only. The manure will be digested to produce renewable natural gas. The operation will also be powered with solar so solar panels would be installed. The water from the waste will be clean and disposed on the land. They will be under DNR regulations and Outagamie Land Conservation Dept to name a few. They will also work with our local Fire Department and provide any training they may need. Aqua Innovations will be constructing the project.

Approve Minutes: Approve the minutes of the August 14, 2020 Town Board meeting. Chairman Van Asten stated there was an error in the minutes. The Clerk/Treasurer wage raise should be to raise to 200.00 per month for an increase of 2,400.00 per year. Motion by Supervisor Robley to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2020 minutes with the correction as presented, second by Chairman Van Asten. The wage will take effect after January 1, 2021 to be in the 2021 Budget. Motion carried.

Fire/EMR report. Assistant Chief Joe Lancore was present to report that the new trucks are almost finished and should be in operation by October 1st. 4271 is back from Peirce and in operation. The water truck is getting repaired and should be finished soon. The Appreciation dinner was canceled for this year due to the COVID. Nothing new from EMR.

Public Participation: Agenda items. None

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

- a. Review/Act on DOT mileage map. Chairman Van Asten thought they approved it in April. He will sign and return it.
- b. Review/Act on Amendment to the Election Budget to accept the 1126.20 grant and increase the budget by that amount. Motion by Chairman Van Asten to accept the grant and increase the budget, second by Supervisor Robley. Motion carried.
- c. Review /Act on Amendment to the Public Works Budget to accept the 12,093.00 payment from Outagamie for the ½ % sales tax and increase the budget by that amount. Motion by Chairman Van Asten to accept the payment and increase the budget by that amount, second by Supervisor Van Vreede. Motion carried.

Review monthly financial summary: Clerk/Treasurer Vander Heiden presented the financial statements and account balances to the Board.

Approve vouchers. Vouchers 8991 - 9025 were presented for payment for a total of 422,216.68. Check 8991 was issued in advance for payment to JP Graphics for the newsletter for a total of 582.00. Motion by Chairman Van Asten to approve vouchers for payment, second by Supervisor Robley. Motion carried.

Review Building Permits. None

CSM review: None.

Other business: Mark Kortz questioned what the Town could do to get better service for getting our ditches cut. Maybe we could rent a tractor and do the work ourselves. We would have to hire a part time employee and check what the cost for liability insurance would be.

Correspondence:

Future agenda items: None.

Adjournment. Motion by Supervisor Robley to adjourn, second by Supervisor Van Vreede. Motion carried. Adjourned at 7:57 pm.

Submitted by: Debbie Vander Heiden, Clerk/Treasurer.