

December 11, 2023
Town of Tomah
Monthly Board Meeting

Those Present: Frank Schenecker, Vaughn Kuehl, Brian Hubert, Alice Ritter, Mary Jo Naglus, Teresa Hubert, Breanne Zaremba, Howard Hanson, John Ollendick, Doug Bauman, Betty Stoltenburg, Ernie Thackeray, Shannon Sparks, Kathy Flatoff, Todd Sparks, Kevin Decorah, Todd Zaremba, and Val Holmes.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Hanson.

The clerk's report was read. John Ollendick made a motion to accept the clerk's report. Doug Bauman seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The treasurer's report was read. Doug Bauman made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. John Ollendick seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Public Comment

- Howard Hanson received word that the Town will not receive any funding from the TRIP-D application made out for the bridge on Highland Ave. New ground rules were laid out and road projects took priority over bridge projects, and only 1 project was approved per county. The bridge does not meet federal deficiency ratings, so the project is on hold

Appoint Election Workers for the 2024-2025 Term

- Clerk Breanne Zaremba presented a list of individuals to be nominated, including nominees from the Republican party. The list is attached to the minutes. John Ollendick made a motion to approve the list of election workers for the 2024-2025 election term. Howard Hanson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Wages for Election Workers

- Currently, Chief Inspectors are paid \$10/hr, and election workers are paid \$9.50/hr. John Ollendick made a motion to increase their pay by \$1 an hour, to \$11/hr for chief inspectors and \$10.50 for election inspectors. Howard Hanson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Conditional Use Permit for PDC Retreat LLC/Jeffrey Banta at 17595 Interior Rd.

- Kevin Decorah was present on behalf of Jeffrey Banta. The Bantas intend to make a current horse arena into an event location that would hold between 1-6 events per year. It will be required that Destiny Conant be the event planner for all events, and Mr. Banta plans to be present for all events. Alcohol will not be provided, those renting the facilities will need to bring their own. Porta Pots will be brought on site for each event. Renters will need to carry event insurance. There will be no smoking on the premises.
- The building in question is 80' x 224'
- Alice Ritter had a concern that renters would complain about manure scents or other agricultural aspects that occur in the area. Mr. Banta has agreed to put a clause in the

contract that renters will not have the right to complain about any agriculture aspects going on at adjacent properties during an event.

- Val Holmes is concerned about increased traffic, and anyone who may become intoxicated and drives off the road into the fields.
- Doug Bauman asked about the parking situation. Kevin Decorah says there is plenty of room near the arena, they may consider shuttling guests in, but nobody will be parking on the road.
- Howard asked about the changes to the liquor laws...that is why the Bantas will limit it to 6 events per year, they are aware of the current liquor law changes.
- John Ollendick made a motion to recommend approval of the conditional use permit for PDC Retreat LLC/Jeffrey Banta, with the stipulation that the permit be non-transferrable, for an event barn with 6 or fewer events per year. Doug Bauman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Monthly bills were reviewed and approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Breanne Zaremba