

November 13, 2023

Town of Tomah

Monthly Board Meeting

Those Present: Kathy Flatoff, Vaughn Kuehl, Emil Baumgart, Carol Baumgart, Tressa Graham, Sean Graham, Dave Kuehl, Brian Hubert, Doug Bauman, Howard Hanson, John Ollendick, Dennis Durec, Teresa Hubert, Ernie Thackeray, Betty Stoltenberg, Jeanette Kaus, Breanne Zaremba, Robert Wappler, Al Bartels, Val Holmes, Todd Sparks, and Shannon Sparks.

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

Public Comment

- Vaughn Kuehl commented that something needs to be done to get the Amish to light up their buggies better at night. Howard Hanson said he will talk to the Monroe County Sheriff, but if the bishop of the sect does not agree with the use of lights, they will not use them. Ernie Thackeray suggested writing letters to get more attention. Todd Sparks suggested going to the County Highway Committee meetings to bring it up.
- Dave Kuehl wants to know what will be done about farmers planting/spraying right up to the road, they are destroying the shoulders of the road. Howard is aware of location Dave is talking about and has already talked to the farmer in question.
- The Town has rented a brush cutter for 2 weeks, for \$90/hr.
- Bob Wappler mentioned the "speed bumps" on the roads are rough on machinery, if there is anything that can be done about them.
- Val Holmes asked if anything can be done about the vehicles on a particular property on Granite Rd, they are a hazard when driving. This property has already been turned into the Monroe County Zoning department, letters have been written, there is nothing the town can do beyond that.
- Vaughn Kuehl asked if the Amish get building permits...yes they do, and Shane Rolff from the City of Tomah does the inspections.

Action/Approval on new Accounting Software

- Clerk Breanne Zaremba has asked the board to approve new accounting software be purchased that is formatted specifically for towns...QuickBooks is getting expensive and does not have the features necessary for governmental accounting. John Ollendick made a motion to approve purchase of the software. Doug Bauman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approve the 2024 Town Budget

Doug Bauman made a motion to approve the 2024 Town Budget for \$527,827.92. John Ollendick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Updates

- The Conditional Use Permit for Joe M Yoder was approved by the county
- Interior Rd Bridge update: Howard received the official project approval letter from the state on October 23. Construction begins in 2026.
- Highland Ave Bridge update: Application for the state TRIP-D program was sent in by Jewell. We also have a letter from the HoChunk nation stating they will contribute \$200,000 towards the costs of bridge replacement that is not covered by TRIP-D. It is estimated that the replacement will cost \$450,000.
- Election inspectors will be approved in December.

Monthly bills were reviewed and approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Breanne Zaremba