

August 14, 2023

Town of Tomah Town Board Meeting

Those present: Brian Hubert, Dick Baumgarten, Ernie Thackeray, Betty Stoltenburg, Jeanette Kaus, Don Kaus, Vaughn Kuehl, Robert Wappler, Richard Lujano, Melodie Lujano, Ann Wappler, Doug Bauman, John Ollendick, Howard Hanson, Breanne Zaremba, Al Bartels, and Teresa Hubert.

- The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Chairman Hanson.
- The clerk's report was read. John Ollendick made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Doug Bauman seconded the motion. Motion carried.
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- Public Comment Period
 - Howard Hanson explained that the Governor's veto means that the Town's transportation aid for the next 2 years will be frozen.
 - Ernie Thackeray (for Todd Sparks) asked about bumps, ditches, and trees in the road...all those items are on the list to be dealt with, the Town's loader is currently down and getting repaired...we are renting a loader for \$30/hour in the meantime, so the patrolmen are trying to be careful what jobs they are doing so they don't damage the rental.
 - Howard Hanson mentioned that there will be a \$10/ton tipping fee increase effective Jan. 1, 2024 at the Monroe County Landfill. Many other new fees and rules will also become in effect.
 - Vaughn Kuehl mentioned that the light bulb above the recycle bin in the shed is burned out, and whether there is any way to move the lights to make them easier to access. Doug mentioned getting an LED bulb replacement so the bulb lasts longer in the future.
- Conditional Use Permit for Richard & Melodie Lujano for a small engine repair shop
 - Richard operates a small repair shop for gas operated vehicles at 16170 Holiday Rd. The stable was turned into a garage to repair cars.
 - Howard Hanson asked about the hours of operation...the plan is 8-5 Monday – Friday.
 - How many vehicles will be kept sitting on the property...Richard stated normally there are 2-3, but no more that 5-6.
 - Ann Wappler and John Ollendick (neighbors) stated that the property always looks nice.
 - Bob Wappler suggested the board recommend the conditional use permit.
 - John Ollendick made a motion to recommend the Conditional Use Permit to Richard & Melodie Lujano to operate a repair shop at 16170 Holiday Road, with the stipulation that the permit be non-transferrable upon sale of the property. Doug Bauman seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Wisconsin Towns Association meeting
 - Howard, John, and Doug will all attend the meeting that will be held on Thursday August 17, 2023
- Snow Plow Update
 - Doug met with Eagle Blasting & Repair out of Mauston. They provided a quote to sandblast both plow trucks to help extend the lifespan of both vehicles. They say they

can get to both trucks within the next 30 days. Total quoted cost for both vehicles is \$12,390 (if sales tax is removed from quote). Howard Hanson made a motion to make the estimated repairs to both trucks as quoted by Eagle Blasting & Repair for \$12,390. Doug Bauman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- Doug Bauman got a quote from Sleepy Hollow for a midsized truck. Side plows are not available, but it would include a straight plow. Estimated cost would be \$120,000, compared to approximately \$300,000 for a full sized plow.
- Doug would also like to see a SOP put into place for all equipment.
- Monthly Bills were reviewed and approved.
- Motion was made by Doug Bauman to adjourn the meeting. John Ollendick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Breanne Zaremba, Clerk