

**DRAFT**  
**ANNUAL MEETING**  
*Tuesday, April 16, 2024*

The Annual Meeting was called to order by Chairman Stephen Walston at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 16, 2024. Also present were Supervisors Ken Reas, James Schultz, via Zoom Treasurer Diane Eid, and Clerk Kimberly Campy. Attending via Zoom are Joan Matta and Richard Matta, Bev Leppala, Craig Stevens, and Shirley Long.

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion by *Nancy Swanson* and second by *Jim Nortunen* to approve the agenda with the omission of Employee salaries. Also, change next year's meeting from April 8, 2025, to April 15, 2025. Vote taken and motion carried.

Motion by *Mike Ollanketo* and second by *Jennifer Stevens* to approve the 2023 annual minutes with changes. (change Nancy Erickson to Nancy Swanson) Vote taken and motion carried.

**TREASURERS REPORT:** Treasurer's report moved to regular meeting.

**BUDGET REPORT:** Clerk Padjen gave a brief report of the Town's current budget vs proposed 2024 budget and informed the Town residents that if anyone has any questions, please feel free to contact her by phone or email. Motion by *Jennifer Stevens* and second by *Ken Reas* to approve the budget reports. Vote taken and motion carried.

**UPDATE ON LAKEWOODS MEETING** – Chairman Walston discussed culvert inventory, ARIP Grants, Board of Review training, and shared revenue. These items were all discussed at the training. This training was attended by Chairman Walston, Supervisor Reas and Supervisor Schultz.

**RECONCILIATION COMMITTEE REPORT:** Not completed yet

**BOARD SALARIES:** Jennifer Stevens suggested a cost-of-living increase for the Board. Motion by *Jennifer Stevens* and second by *Linda Zirngibl* of 3.2% which is the Social Security increase for 2024 beginning May 1<sup>st</sup>. Vote taken and motion carried.

**EMR SERVICES** – To keep an EMR service it will not cost the Town any money. Chairman Walston would like to give Kurt a \$100 month. EMR services will not be able to transport; however, they can provide certain services. Both ambulances have been sold. Also, Chairman Walston stated a fully equipped EMR bag will be provided to EMR service individuals.

**EMPLOYEE SALARIES:** Board decision – will be discussed at a regular meeting.

**ASHLAND COUNTY FAIR:** Motion by *Nancy Swanson* and second by *Eric Sorenson* to allow the Fair Board to use the Town Hall during the winter months for their meetings at no charge. This will take the place of the \$100 donation the town usually gives to the fair. Vote taken and motion carried.

**TOWN SERVICES/SNOWPLOWING:** Linda Zirngibl discussed the snowplowing issue. Motion by *Linda Zirngibl* and second by *Deb Ollanketo* to adopt a resolution to reinstate residential snowplowing in excessive snow events greater than 10” Discussion was held, and everyone was asked whether they would like to see snowplowing come back. Some residents have already purchased equipment to plow their own driveways. Vote taken and motion carried.

Vote: Yes-11 Opposed-6

Motion by *Linda Zirngibl* second by *Deb Ollanketo* to reinstate snowplowing in total.

Vote: Yes-8 No-7. Vote taken and motion carried.

**RECYCLING, CLEAN SWEEP, DUMP DAY** – Jennifer has flyers that she would like to pass out and make sure they are available at the recycling center to be passed out to residents. There was a question as to what could be taken to Clean Sweep in Ashland. Motion by *Nancy Swanson* second by *Jennifer Stevens* to hold dump day on June 8<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Costs as such: \$75/Trailer, \$50/pickup, and \$25/car trunk. Vote taken and motion carried. Also, need additional information posted on the website.

**EQUIPMENT AND BUILDING NEEDS** – Salt shed needed – Specifications needed for salt shed before it can be purchased, plow needed for loader and chains for the equipment.

**MACHINE RENTAL/EQUIPMENT:** Town will not be renting any equipment.

**TOWN BOARD SPENDING LIMIT:** Motion by *Jennifer Stevens* and second by *Mike Ollanketo* that the Town Board spending limit be set at \$5,000. Vote taken and motion carried.

**TOWN BANK:** Motion by *Nancy Erickson* and second by *Jennifer Stevens* to remain with Associated Bank in Ashland. Vote taken and motion carried.

**TOWN PUBLISHER:** Motion by *Richard Matta* and second by *Shirley Long* that meeting agendas, legal notices and minutes are to be published in three (3) places: Recycling Center, Front of Town Hall, Cemetery Board and Website. No specific Town publisher needs to be listed. Vote taken and motion carried.

**TOWN HALL USE:** The Town Hall can be rented, and contact should be made with Chairman Walston to setup this rental. Rental will be \$50/day plus a \$25 deposit, the hall must be cleaned after each use. Motion by *Joan Maatta* and second by *Mike Ollanketo* to change the policy to reflect the \$50/day rental fee plus the \$25 deposit. The \$25 deposit will be returned upon cleaning up of the hall. Vote taken and motion carried.

**WEED COMMISSIONER:** The Town will not be appointing a weed commissioner at this time. Motion by *Shirley Long* and second by *Allen Leppala* to not appoint a weed commissioner. Vote taken and motion carried.

**BOARD OF REVIEW:** Open book set for Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup> 6-8 and BOR on Monday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at 6-8 p.m. Nancy Swanson will be the alternate. Motion by *Jennifer Stevens* and second by *Eric Sorenson* to have open book and Board of Review on the above dates.

**ELECTION BOARD:** Motion by Mike Ollanketo second by Joanne Nuutinen to leave election board salaries the same. Vote taken and motion carried.

**LICENSE FEE:** Motion by *Mike Ollanketo* and second by *Jennifer Stevens* to maintain the current license fees. Vote taken and motion carried.

**WISCONSIN TOWNS ASSOCIATION:** Motion by *Mike Ollanketo* and second by *Nancy Swanson* to continue membership in the Wisconsin Towns Association. Vote taken and motion carried.

**CEMETERY LOT AND CARE:** Jennifer Stevens gave a report on the cemetery stating that in 2023 there were 7 burials, 4 full and 3 cremains. Additionally, she stated that the boundary markers for the cemetery were agreed upon and will remain as the original corners posted back in 1912 during the original survey of the property. There is no additional paperwork that needs to be filed or recorded as these are the markers on record with Ashland County. There will still be on-going work needed regarding remains possibly in unmarked areas, mostly in the Northeast Quarter of the Cemetery. Jennifer stated that it is likely that the Town will have a Professor from the University of Iowa here to perform Lidar and Thermal Imagery from a drone sometime in May. Motion by *Evie Luttinen* second by *Jim Nortunen* to keep the cemetery fees the same. Vote taken and motion carried.

Eric Sorenson proposed a resolution or a thank you to the ladies of the Town who cleaned the Town Hall and worked on the cemetery. All this hard work is greatly appreciated!

**NEW BUSINESS:** Nothing further for discussion

**NEXT ANNUAL MEETING:** Next Annual Meeting date is set for Tuesday, April 15, 2025, starting at 5:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by *Jennifer Stevens* and second by *Mike Ollanketo* to adjourn. Vote taken and motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

***Please note these are DRAFT minutes and will not be approved until next annual meeting on April 15, 2025. Minutes are subject to final approval of the Board.***