

**TOWN OF EAU PLEINE**  
**MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday, September 12th, 2023**

**I. CALL TO ORDER:** The Town of Eau Pleine monthly town board meeting was called to order by Chairman Mark Landwehr at 7:33 pm on September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at the Town of Eau Pleine Town Hall, 111630 Equity St, Stratford, WI 54484. The clerk verified Proper posting of Meeting Notice and Agenda.

**II. ATTENDANCE:** Mark Landwehr (hereinafter referred to as ML), Kurt Schwarze (hereinafter referred to as KS), Mark Radke (hereinafter referred to as MR), Shirley Hein and Deanna Landwehr. Others attending were Alan Leffel, Rick Sischo, Jeff Braun, and Chad Willemsen.

**III. PUBLIC COMMENT/INPUT:**

- The Town received a letter from attorneys for the Marathon Wind Farm stating that they would like us to strike the WEF Licensing Ordinance from our books as they feel it is not legal. There was much discussion on this subject. As a next step, the Town Board plans to meet with the Town of Brighton Town Board in closed session. The Town of Brighton received the same letter.

**IV. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** The town board had previously received copies of the minutes from the August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023 meeting. Motion/Second by KS/MR to dispense with reading the minutes and accept them as written. Motion carried.

**V. TREASURER'S REPORT:**

- Shirley read the Treasurer's report. Balance on hand as of 8/31/2023 General Account \$28,330.15, Tax Account \$5.12, Money Market Account \$75,267.12. The Money Market Account contains two funds. Capital Projects Fund Balance of \$35,618.47 and ARPA Fund Balance of \$39,648.65. (Note: the tax account balance is as of 8/15/2023) Total Cash on Hand \$103,602.39. Motion/Second by KS/MR to accept the treasurer's report as read. Motion carried.

**VI. CLERK'S REPORT:**

- Podelvels credit used for shop supplies
- The first bill has been received for the Equity Street bridge construction. The total amount the town will need to pay for the bridge upfront is approximately \$106,000. We will need to borrow money for this and include this amount in our budget for 2024. This will be further discussed at our next meeting.

**VII. TOWN UTILITY POLICY:**

- Protects town officers and employees from potential liability
- We need to create a permit application and decide who will be responsible for issuing the permits
- We need to decide on various permit fees
- This will be further discussed at our next meeting

**VIII. ROADS & SIGNS:**

- Chloride will be added to March Rapids Road. This will be paid for by Maple Ridge Dairy.
- Ditch cutting to begin next week
- New disc mower was added to town insurance policy
- Planned replacement for two large culverts in 2024 one on Equity St. and one on Hillside Ave.

**IX. SANITATION/RECYCLING:**

- We have received several estimates on the roof replacement and are waiting for one more

**X. ARPA DISCUSSION AND USAGE:**

- We are still trying to decide what to do about the restrooms at the park. We may go with port-o-potties. This will be discussed further at our next meeting.

**XI. ZONING:**

- Livestock facility siting application approved for No Joke Dairy
- Sanitary permit issued for Gerard and Carolyn Leonhardt
- Zoning permit issued for garage for Loren Landwehr

**XII. FIRE COMMISSIONER REPORT:**

- Our fire department assessment for next year will remain the same
- They will keep the old ambulance for now and track costs

**XIII. CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER:**

- Timber cutting notice received for Deanna Rotar
- Notice of reduction of coverage from insurance regarding cyber security

**XIV. PAYMENT OF BILLS:** Motion/Second by KS/MR to approve payment of the bills. Motion carried.

**XV. NEXT MEETING:** The October meeting is scheduled for October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 7:30 pm. The budget workshop has been scheduled for October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 7:30 pm.

**XVI. ADJOURNMENT:** Motion/Second by MR/KS to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 9:13 pm.

Deanna Landwehr, Clerk