

TOWN OF EAU PLEINE
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, July 9th, 2024

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** The Town of Eau Pleine monthly town board meeting was called to order by Chairman Mark Landwehr at 7:30 pm on July 9th, 2024, 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, Deanna Landwehr, Rick Sischo, Alan Leffel, Dan Schneider, Kevin O’Leary, Warren Manecke, Jeff Braun, Cindy Braun, Ryan LaSee, Trine Spindler, Connie Zuleger, Rebecca Post and Joe Brueggen

III. PUBLIC COMMENT/INPUT:

- Dan Schneider thanked the board for the culvert fix
- Alan Leffel had a question about a stake on Hillside St

IV. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: The town board has previously received copies of the minutes from the June 11th, 2024 meeting. Motion/Second by KS/MR to dispense with reading and approve the minutes as written. Motion carried.

V. TREASURER’S REPORT: Shirley read the Treasurer’s report. Balance on hand as of 6/30/2024 General Account \$62,676.91 Tax Account \$5.56, Money Market Account \$82,625.80. The Money Market Account contains two funds. Capital Projects Fund Balance of \$50,999.77 ARPA Fund Balance of \$31,626.03. (Note: the tax account balance is as of 6/15/2024) Total Cash on Hand \$145,308.27. Motion/Second by KS/MR to accept the treasurer’s report as read. Motion carried.

VI. WIND FARM CLAIM:

- On June 24, 2024, a document was hand delivered to the clerk which stated that Marathon Wind Farm LLC had filed a legal complaint against the Town of Eau Pleine and the Town of Brighton which listed various reasons why they believe the Wind Energy Licensing Ordinances passed by both towns should be null and void.
- We need to respond to them in writing with 20 days
- Motion/Second by MR/KS to respond by saying that we stand by our Wind Energy Facilities Licensing Ordinance based on Wis Statutes 66.0401(1m)(a) exception clause for public health and safety. Motion carried.

VII. ROADS & SIGNS:

- **DISCUSSION REGARDING 4-WAY STOP ON MARCH RAPIDS AVE AND EQUITY ST:**
 - ML spoke with county law enforcement. They said they would patrol the area more to insure people stop when traveling on March Rapids Ave
 - The situation has improved since it was discussed at the last meeting
 - We will consider putting up speed limit signs on Equity St in the future. ML will bring this up at the next annual meeting to gather more public opinion
- Motion/Second by MR/KS to bill Marathon County \$1500 for calcium chloride applied to the road by Big Rapids Park. Motion carried.
- Motion/Second by MR/KS to compensate Greg Weber \$100 for help in cleaning up storm damage. Motion carried.

VIII. ZONING: None

IX. ARPA DISCUSSION/USAGE:

- Motion/Second by MR/KS to transfer \$2272 from the ARPA Funds to general funds to cover the culvert replacement at the Recycling Center. Motion carried.
- Motion/Second by KS/MR to use ARPA funds to add a cement slab with a park bench on it at the park. Motion carried.

X. FIRE COMMISSIONER'S REPORT: Currently taking applications for new EMS director due to a resignation

XI. CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER: Annual meeting of Marathon County Unit Combined Eastern and Western Unit Meeting on July 24, 2024 at 7pm. The Town Board may attend and will decide when it gets closer.

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

XIII. NEXT MEETING: The August meeting is scheduled for August 12th, 2024 at 7:30 pm. Note that this is a MONDAY meeting due to the election on Tuesday, August 13th.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT: Motion/Second by KS/MR to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:10pm.

Deanna Landwehr, Clerk