

## MINUTES OF MARCH 10, 2025

Chairman Gary Thomack called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

Board members: Chairman Gary Thomack, Supervisor Ken Genskow, Supervisor Dohn Laude, Treasurer Dennis Zahn and Clerk Karen Habeck.

Public included: Larry & Dawn Bretzel, Dotty Nolan, Richard Briske, Joe Loesl, Steve Coutts, Marti Riemer, Sean Shumaker, Kirt & Pam Kettenhoven, Cindy Graper, Kathryn Westfahl, Amy Olson, Dan Lohrentz, Vernon Kratzke, Duane & Jamie Buettner and Eldon Heling.

The Clerk read the agenda that had been posted in three public places, put on the website and published in the Marion Advertiser. The minutes were read from the February 10, 2025, board meeting. Motion was made by Genskow/Thomack to approve the minutes as read. Motion carried by voice vote with three in favor, zero against.

There was no public input.

**Motion was made by Genskow/Laude to appoint Duane Buettner to a three-year term on the Board of Adjustments. Motion carried** by voice vote with three in favor, zero against. **Motion was made by Laude/Thomack to appoint Dennis Zahn to a two-year term as Town of Pella Zoning Administrator. Motion carried** by voice vote with three in favor, zero against.

**Motion was made by Genskow/Laude to approve the following election workers for the April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025, Spring Election: Carol Korth, Barbara Simon, Chuck McCullough, Bonnie Bartz, Sue Zaddack and David Scott. Motion carried** by voice vote with three in favor, zero against.

**The Board reviewed the proposed contract with Building Inspector Paul Hermes to take effect April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025, for one year to April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Motion was made by Laude/Genskow to approve the contract. Motion carried** by voice vote with three in favor, zero against. The Clerk will send a copy to Mr. Hermes for his signature.

Discussion was held concerning proposing a renewal contract with Roy Kleisch for the hydroelectric plant at the dam. Zahn will check out more information for options and bring it to the April Board meeting for further review. The current 40-year contract expires on April 22, 2026.

Further information was given about possible installation of Wi-Fi in the Park. **Motion was made by Laude/Genskow to approve of having Frontier Communications trench in a line to the storage building;** from there Kirt Kettenhoven will hook up what is needed for the Park. **Motion carried** by voice vote with three in favor, zero against. ***The Park Committee will pay the cost for Frontier to lay the line, the Town will pay the monthly bill for the service. Kirt will contact Frontier, and have it set up for one year, after which the Board will review for further approval.*** An overview was given concerning **the Park Committee's request to hire East Central Wisconsin Planning Commission to do a site plan of the Park.** This information could be helpful in applying for grants to take care of Park maintenance, replacing playground equipment, etc. **The total cost for the plan would be \$6500; the Park committee would put \$2500 towards that cost and requested, upon approval, the Town to pick up the remainder \$4000. Motion was made by Genskow/Thomack to approve the Park committee request. Motion carried** by voice vote with three in favor, zero against.

Supervisor Laude had information from Riesterer & Schnell, Caroline Motor Sports, Kersten Services and Gravely for possible replacement of the lawnmower that is used for the town hall and the Park. This information will be reviewed at the April Board meeting.....The trees have been cut down and removed at the Riverbank Cemetery, Thomack will contact Dave Opperman about grinding the stumps after the frost is out. The pins for the lots in that area will be located before he comes to do the work.

**Motion was made by Laude/Thomack to approve the application from Austin Dillenburg to join the Pella Fire Dept. Motion carried** by voice vote with three in favor, zero against. His training will be scheduled sometime this Fall when it is offered at the Tech.

**\*\*Motion was made by Laude/Thomack to approve the Town of Pella 2024 Annual Report as presented by the Clerk. Motion carried** by voice vote with three in favor, zero against. The report was signed by the three Board members. The Clerk will have copies available at the April 1<sup>st</sup> election and at the Annual meeting on April 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Zoning:** No permits have been issued. The Zoning & Planning Committee met for the conditional use permit request on County D, and to date a second meeting has not been set.

**Roads:** The yearly weight limits went on County and Town roads as of today.

**\*\*The Treasurer reported that the February bills totaled \$620,641.24, leaving a balance of \$3,380.41 in the checking account and \$572,905.55 in the Premier Savings Account. Motion was made by Genskow/Thomack to approve the February report and pay the March bills. Motion carried** by voice vote with three in favor, zero against.

**\*\*Motion was made by Laude/Genskow to appoint Karen Habeck to the Clerk position for a two-year term beginning April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Motion carried** by voice vote with three in favor, zero against.

**Motion was made by Genskow/Thomack to appoint Tammy Adams to the Treasurer position for a two-year term, beginning April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Motion carried** by voice vote with three in favor, zero against. *Dennis Zahn is stepping down from the Treasurer's position after 48 years.*

**The following ordinances and one resolution were reviewed for use at Board of Review:**

Motion Thomack/Genskow: for **Ord. 2025-1** to appoint Dennis Zahn, Brian Westfahl and Arlyn Tober as alternate members to the BOR, in that order, if needed. Motion Thomack/Laude: for **Ord. 2025-2** to have whoever is appointed clerk at the time of BOR to sit as a member of the BOR. Motion

Thomack/Genskow: for **Ord. 2025-3** Approve confidentiality of Information about income and expenses requested by the Assessor in property assessment matters. Motion Laude/Genskow: for **Ord. 2025-4** Board of Review policy on Procedure for Waiver of BOR hearing requests....

**Resolution # 1-2025** To Establish Procedures and Criteria for Allowing Alternative Forms of Sworn Testimony at a BOR hearing: Motion Laude/Thomack **TO DENY SWORN TESTIMONY OVER THE PHONE** due to the lack of phone service available in the Town Hall. All the above motions and the resolution were carried by voice vote with three in favor, zero against.

Alliant Energy will be rebuilding the overhead/underground power on 2.6 miles of Stony Hill Road this summer/Fall. Open book and BOR dates have not been set to date.

With no further business, motion was made by Genskow/Laude to adjourn the meeting. **The next meeting will be Monday, April 14, 2025, at 7:00PM in the Pella Town Hall. The Town of Pella Annual meeting will be held Tuesday, April 15, 2025, at 7:00PM in the Pella Town Hall.**