

MINUTES OF JULY 8, 2024

Chairman Gary Thomack called the meeting to order at 7:00PM, in the town hall, that is under renovation.

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

Public included: Brian Westfahl, Bill Korth, Larry & Dawn Bretzel, Dean Shumaker, Lisa Papendorf, Vernon Kratzke, Bill Koepke, George Asenbrenner, Breck & Shelly Pfister, Steve & Kristy Beltz, Arlyn Tober, Joe Loesl....arrived later, Lynn Tober-Steinke, Cindy Graper and Peter Probst.

Public input: County Supervisor Tober-Steinke reported that the audit was completed on the County financials, all was found to be in order. Samuel's Group Advising company is working with the County at no charge, to advise about what needs to be done at the Courthouse and the County Library to take care of building issues.....**It was brought to the attention of the Board that owners of Lots 1 & 2 of Embarrass River View Estates on River Pine Drive have left their property grow up into tall noxious weeds. This is a violation of town ordinance 2019-1 Defining and Prohibiting Public Nuisances, and also State Statute 60.22(3). The owners will be given notice to have the issue taken care of in a two-week period upon receipt of the letter from the town clerk.....**Bill Koepke reported to the Board **that the ditch along Angle Road off the corner from West Rangeline has filled up with silt, etc. and is causing the water to run into the farm field rather than naturally through the ditch area. The County will be contacted to open it up.....**A resident on Riverside Road reported about the constant issue of dogs barking near his home. This issue is in the hands of the town attorney and is being addressed.

Motion was made by Thomack/Genskow to approve the three-year appointment of Ernie Kriewaldt to the Riverbank Road Cemetery committee. Motion carried by voice vote with both in favor.

The Board was given a copy of a confidential letter from the town attorney. This addresses issues that have arisen about a property on Riverside Road and one on County D. Both board members approved of the contents of the letter, the Clerk will advise the attorney to proceed and mail the letter.

The on-going issue with Charter/Spectrum installing equipment in the township was discussed. A resident inquired if we are in contact with them...the last contact from their "program manager" three months ago, stated that the project was on hold....we had several questions, and they were not being addressed. The Town of Pella Board has not approved this project, by State Statute, they are in violation by not having prior approval to come into the township and do the project. **Motion was made by Thomack/Genskow to get the town attorney involved to get this project stopped. Motion carried by voice vote with both in favor.**

Zoning: Bussian has not had the septic put in on his property due the installer not getting the job done, this will be reviewed at the August Board meeting for completion and compliance.....There is a change of location for the **slaughterhouse business on the Duane Buettner property**, it will be located on the north end of the property off E. Rangeline Road. **A certified survey must be completed and approved for the project to move forward.....**There has been **no visual compliance by Luther Lohff to move items out of the road right of way along Maple Hill Road nor Elm Grove Road.** A second letter will be sent from the Town, if no compliance, then it will be turned over to the Town Attorney for further action.....**Motion was made by Thomack/Genskow to accept the recommendation of the**

Planning and Zoning Committee as stated from their July 2nd, 2024 Public Hearing concerning the erection of a cell tower in Hilgenberg Court. The recommendation reads as follows: ***“Motion was made and seconded to honor the covenant of Hilgenberg Riverside Plat and side with the neighboring property owners to not allow the cell tower to be constructed on Lot 30”.*** Motion carried by voice vote with both in favor. A letter will be sent by the Clerk by registered mail informing the Vertical Tower Company of the Board’s decision.

Roads: Estimates were reviewed for blacktopping of portions of Stub Road, Evergreen Road and Fairview. As a landowner on Evergreen is in the process of having logging done on his property, that project to blacktop will be put on hold until the job is complete so as not to ruin the fresh blacktop. All of these will be reviewed at the August meeting and a final decision made as to which ones to do. Genskow will check into various companies that do tree trimming, this will be reviewed in August.

The Treasurer reported that the June bills totaled \$21,597.82, leaving a balance of \$3,141.53 in the checking account and \$391,777.39 in the Premier Savings Account. Motion was made by Thomack/Genskow to approve the June report and pay the July bills. Motion carried by voice vote with both in favor.

Motion was made by Thomack/Genskow to approve the following election workers for the August 13th Partisan Primary election: Carol Korth, Barbara Simon, Charles McCullough, Bonnie Bartz and Sandy Schoen. Motion carried by voice vote with both in favor.

Brian Westfahl reviewed the information that was brought to the Board in August of 2023 concerning the tower on Stony Hill being hit by lightning and repairs needed to be completed by Emergency Management of Shawano County. **We now have an opportunity to have a radio antenna installed on the tower, as a backup in case the 911 system communications would be lost in an emergency. The total cost of the project with the County is \$7,250.00. Pella would be responsible for one-third of the total amount. Motion was made by Genskow/Thomack to approve the cost of installation whenever the project was completed. Motion carried** by voice vote with both in favor.

Two of the toilets in the women’s bathroom in the Pella Park need to be replaced. Motion was made by Genskow/Thomack to approve the purchase. Motion carried by voice vote with both in favor. The Clerk will purchase them, a resident has offered to do the installation at no charge.

The Clerk reported on a conversation with Darren of **Delmore Consulting**, requesting information on having to pay invoices prior to them doing the work. We have signed the contracts for them to do the **PASER road inventory and do the culvert inventory** that is required by the State. He stated that they normally request ½ of the cost as a down payment prior to doing any contracted work. **In the end, they will do the contracted work and then invoice us for the cost after all is completed.**

Motion was made by Genskow/Thomack to purchase a vertical style chair rack for the town hall, as it will hold approximately 84 chairs, only one is needed. Motion carried by voice vote with both in favor. **It was also agreed upon to raise the town hall rental to \$50.**

With no further business, motion was made by Genskow/Thomack to adjourn the meeting at 8PM. **The next meeting will be Monday, August 12, 2024 7:00PM in the Pella Town Hall.**

Reminder: Tuesday, August 13, 2024 Fall Partisan Primary Election 7AM-8PM in the Pella Town Hall.