

MINUTES OF JUNE 10, 2024

Due to the renovation in the town hall, the meeting was held in the large shelter in the Park. Chairman Gary Thomack called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

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

Public included: Brian Westfahl, Greg Reeck, Breck and Shelly Pfister, Kathy Malueg, Lynn Tober-Steinke, Vernon Kratzke, Rick Briske, Dotty Nolan, Joe Loesl, Sean Shumaker, Shantell Thomas, Elijah Behnke, and an officer of the Shawano County Sheriff Dept.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. 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 May 13, 2024 Board meeting. Motion was made by Genskow/Thomack to approve the minutes as read. Motion carried by voice vote with both in favor.

Elijah Behnke introduced himself, he is running for the Assembly District 6 position and will be on the ballot for the August 13th Primary election. He was previously residing in Pensaukee and is representing the district north of us. He and his family will be locating somewhere in the newly redistricted area for **District 6 and would appreciate our consideration of his vote in the election.** He and his wife have two small children, and he has a home cleaning business. He is currently serving on three committees, Mental Health, Environment and Consumer Protection. He is doing a door-to-door campaign to introduce himself to residents of the area.

Public Input: County Supervisor Tober-Steinke stated that as there are nine new members on the County Board, they are basically in training, so to speak, learning about how the Board procedures work, learning about the long-term discussions of what to do about the issues of the courthouse building and its issues, etc. This has been only discussion and no action for about 12 years.

Motion was made by Genskow/Thomack to approve liquor licenses for the Corner Bar and Grill, The Corral, Hopper's Bar and Hurricane Dawn's and to **approve operator licenses** for Joanne Kemp, Sally Burmeister, Sylvia Zimdars, Katherine Bartz, Cynthia Schneider, Abby Schmallerberg, Libby Buettner, Brittnay Schmallerberg, Nicole Beyersdorf, Jake Zimmerman, Perry Rueckert, Marcus Lendved, Kimberly Petrich, Heather Zimmerman, Jessica Kust, Brooke Breitrick, Morgan Weinig, Tammy Adams, Abbigale Akstulewicz, Kyle Miller, Ashley Steenbock, Trista Van Allen, McKenzie Thoma, Jenny Bloedow, Melony Westphal, Alex Zimmerman, Gabrielle LeNoble, Kayla Verg, Roger Peterson, Brian Westfahl, Amy Olson and Jeannette Troedel. Motion carried by voice vote with both in favor.

The Town may hire individuals under the age of 18 to do work for the Town. Motion was made by Genskow/Thomack to approve that any work done by "minor age" individuals be paid the current \$20 an hour for working for the Town. Motion carried by voice vote with both in favor.

The Town attorney is moving forward with a letter to be sent to the owner(s) of W11085 Riverside Road and W11046 County Road D. The following violations of town ordinance are being addressed:

1) Camper being occupied at County D, 2) on-going issues of dog barking and not being licensed, 3) excessive camping trailers and vehicles on Riverside Road and 4) excessive garbage, which is drawing rodents, etc. at Riverside address.

There was no update from Charter Communications.

Motion was made by Genskow/Thomack to accept the applications for new members to the Pella EMS/First Responder for Jaime Reeck and Christy Spiegel. Motion carried by voice vote with both in favor. Training will be offered the end of August at Fox Valley Tech.

Zoning: Bussian has not had the septic put in yet, this will be reviewed in July. The Clerk reviewed the responses that were received from Hilgenberg Court property owners **concerning the request to construct a Cellcom Tower on Lot 30**. Of the responses received, half were of non-approval and half approved. Zahn will be setting up a zoning committee hearing to look at amending the town zoning and also to have a hearing about the request. Date to be determined as publication of the hearing(s) takes a two-week period before a meeting can be held.

Roads: The Co. Hwy. Commissioner contacted Chairman Thomack as to what roads Pella would be blacktopping this summer. They are going to give us an estimate of possibly doing a portion of Fairview Road, from Peaceful Valley Road to Hyde's Creek Road. We do plan to do about ½ mile on Evergreen Road. Grading of the town roads has been completed by the County. The ditches are being mowed as weather permits.

The Treasurer reported that the May bills totaled \$23,349.53, leaving a balance of \$4,739.17 in the checking and \$408,304.23 in the Premier Savings Account. Motion was made by Thomack/Genskow to approve the May report and pay the June bills. Motion carried by voice vote with both in favor.

On June 4th, the Town Board attended a meeting with the towns of Larrabee, Grant and the City of Marion. This was a zoom meeting with the DOT concerning the ARIP road building grant money that is available, if your application is accepted by the department. **The Board had already voted to not participate in the program at the October 2023 meeting. Motion was now made by Thomack/Genskow to state, as our final answer, that we do not want to participate in the ARIP grant road building program. Motion carried** by voice vote with both in favor.

New faucets were installed in the women's bathroom of the Park and in the sink in the large shelter. An invoice will be forthcoming from Kelby Kriewaldt Plumbing for the fixtures.

The Clerk shared information from the County Clerk concerning "eye sore" properties in a municipality and what can be done about them.

A patrol officer of the Shawano County Sheriff Dept. was in attendance. He was asked questions about those that do rides with ATV/UTVs, who issues citations for not abiding the speed limit on whatever road they are traveling, not stopping at stop signs, alcohol consumption while riding, etc. Any citations concerning infractions come from the WI DNR....but are issued through the Sheriff Dept. **Anyone can call the Sheriff Dept. non-emergency number to report issues that are going on in their neighborhood and an officer will be dispatched when they are available. Citations will be issued, if warranted.**

With no further business, motion was made by Genskow/Thomack to adjourn the meeting at 8:20PM. **The next meeting will be held on the usual second Tuesday of July, being the 8th at 7:00PM, in the large shelter of Park, unless the renovation of the town hall is completed.**