

MINUTES OF MARCH 11, 2024

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: Greg Reeck, Brian Westfahl, Bill Korth, Joe Loesl, Arlyn Tober, Sean Shumaker, Ron & Peggy Wolf, Walter & Darla House, Lynn Tober-Steinke, Cindy Graper and Bernie Hintz.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The Clerk read the agenda that had been posted in three public places, put it on the website and published in the Marion Advertiser. The minutes were read from the February 12, 2024 Board meeting. Motion was made by Laude/Genskow to approve the minutes as read. Motion carried by voice vote with three in favor, zero against.

Public Input: County Supervisor Arlyn Tober had nothing to report from their February meeting. Lynn Tober-Steinke introduced herself to those in attendance, she is a candidate for the District 19 County Supervisor position on the April 2nd ballot.

The Board has two estimates for putting a new roof on the large shelter in the Park. This project will not be pursued until 2025, at which point this discussion will be put back on the board meeting agenda.

Motion was made Thomack/Genskow to approve the following workers for the April 2nd, 2024 Spring Election: Carol Korth, Susan Zaddack, Sandra Schoen, Kathy Westfahl, David Scott and Amy Jagla. Motion carried by voice vote with three in favor, zero against.

The Clerk reviewed the information available about prospects for a **building inspector for the Town. The Board will consider the information and make a recommendation at the April meeting.** The current contract with Paul Hermes runs through April 11th.

The Board reviewed the agenda for the annual meeting. No additions were requested. **The Town of Pella annual meeting is Tuesday, April 16th 7PM in the town hall.**

The Clerk had given the Board members hard copies of the **2023 Annual Report** for the Town of Pella prior to the meeting for review. **Motion was made by Genskow/Laude to approve the report as printed. Motion carried** by voice vote with three in favor, zero against. Copies of the report will be available to residents at the April 2nd election and at the annual meeting.

A short discussion covered some of the details to be in two estimates that are being sought for putting in an entrance to the town hall from the south parking lot. It was decided to include a frost wall in the plan. The LP tank will need to be moved; information will be looked into as to how far from the entrance it needs to be. These estimates will be reviewed, and one will be approved at the April Board meeting. EDS Restoration will begin demolition/remodeling **after** the Annual Town meeting.

Attorney Gold had sent a letter to Mr. Thomas about the situation on Center St. concerning noise from use of his sawmill operation. The Board was informed of the details of the conversation between the two. There was a comment from a resident that lives nearby that they had no problem with what is going on there and stated that Mr. Thomas is making an effort to clean up the property. **Motion was made by Laude/Thomack to stay with the initial “hours of operation” that were put in place in October of 2023: Operation only...Mon. – Fri. 8AM – 4PM and Sat. from 8AM – Noon and no machinery may be used for the operation outside of these time frames. Motion carried** by voice vote with three in favor, zero against. ***This situation will be monitored as to compliance.***

Zoning: One permit will be issued for a new shed. A fire number is being issued for property on Hilgenberg Court. The Zoning committee will be meeting in an adjourned meeting this Thursday to finalize the parameters of requirements for Zach Bussian for his tire business on Elm Grove Road. This will be brought to the Board for approval at the April meeting.

Roads: The road inventory date will be set at the April meeting. Brush as to be cut around the bridge on Swamp Road, no timeline was set up at this time.

The Treasurer reported that the February bills totaled \$481,194.97, leaving a balance of \$152,356.87 in the checking account and \$259,127.54 in the Premier Savings Account. Motion was made by Genskow/Laude 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/Thomack to have Delmore Consulting do the “culvert inventory” for the Town of Pella. Motion carried by voice vote with three in favor, zero against. For this inventory, these are structures that measure between 6 and 20 ft. from shore to shore, and not your standard driveway culverts that we refer to. We would be charged \$100 for each structure and would be reimbursed by the State at some point.

The Town of Larrabee requested that the Town of Pella consider seeking a grant to make **improvements to our end of Swamp Road**, from Conrardt Road to West Rangeline Road. They were planning to apply for 90/10 funds through the ARIP program, for their portion from County D to Conrardt Road. **Motion was made by Laude/Thomack not to participate in the ARIP road improvement program. Motion carried** by voice vote with three in favor, zero against.

Charter Communications is requesting approval to trench in the town ROW for their company. Supervisor Laude will contact the company for more detailed information and bring it to the April meeting.

The Clerk reviewed the current dollar amounts that are on the Town insurance policy for vehicles that are stored in the fire hall. This information will be included in the annual insurance questionnaire that supplies the information for the upcoming insurance policy that renews in June.

Matt Hiatpas reported to the Clerk that they were not awarded any grant money for the Cirrinty internet project that was proposed to go through only a fraction of the Town of Pella.

Upcoming date reminders:

Tues. April 2nd Spring Election 7AM-8PM Town hall

Town of Pella Annual meeting Tues. April 16th 7PM

Open book with the Assessor Wed. April 17th 1:30-3:30 Town hall/Fire Hall

Board of Review Tues. April 30th 5-7PM Town hall/Fire Hall

With no further business, motion was made by Genskow/Thomack to adjourn the meeting at 8:20PM. **The next meeting will be Monday, April 8th, 2024 7PM in the Pella Town Hall.**