

MINUTES OF MARCH 13, 2023

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: Brian Westfahl, Roger Baerenwald, Arlyn Tober, Bob Loesl, Kirt and Pam Kettenhoven, and Kasey Roethle.

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 February 13, 2023 monthly Board meeting. Motion was made by Genskow/Laude to approve the minutes as read. Motion carried with three in favor, zero against. Interest being received on the Fire Dept. CD is 4.8%. The Town was reimbursed \$27 on the cost of the power pole that was purchased from Alliant Energy to install the refurbished fire siren.

Public Input: There was nothing to report from the County Board Supervisor. Kasey Roethle talked to the Board about what change could be made by the Dam where the security fence is located. **In past years, snowmobilers were using the fishing dock area as a ramp to cross the pond over the ice. The fencing has closed off that access. It would be possible to install a 10 ft. gate that could be opened for the winter months to allow access or that portion of the fence could be opened in some fashion.** *This discussion will be placed on the June agenda to review and come up with a viable solution.....* Roger Baerenwald informed the Board that the *fluorescent light bulbs that are in the town hall are no longer available.* Kirt Kettenhoven is currently replacing that same type of lighting for a company, he will bring information about what is available to upgrade to the new LED lighting system. ****Kirt also updated the Board that the Park Committee will be replacing soap dispensers and paper holders in the bathrooms in the Park and one of the stall doors.** The upgrades to the large shelter will be scheduled to be done after the last reservation of the year in September, which is the 24th. Several individuals are gathering data on what can and cannot be done according to the building inspector.

Motion was made by Thomack/Laude to approve the following workers for the April 4, 2023 Spring Election: Carol Korth, Barbara Simon, Charles McCullough, Bonnie Bartz and Kathy Westfahl. Motion carried by voice vote with three in favor, zero against.

The agenda for the Town of Pella Annual Meeting to held on Tuesday, April 18, 2023 was reviewed. It is noted that anything can be discussed at the meeting, no action can be taken until it is placed on an agenda for a regular monthly Board meeting.

The Board reviewed the 2022 Annual Report of the Town of Pella, motion was made by Laude/Thomack to approve the report as presented by the Clerk. Motion carried by voice vote with three in favor, zero against. The report was signed by the Board members. The Clerk will have copies of the report available at the April election and the annual meeting.

Motion was made by Genskow/Laude to appoint Dennis Zahn as Treasurer and Karen Habeck as Clerk, each for a two-year term. Motion carried by voice vote with three in favor, zero against. The Deputy treasurer is Tammy Adams, and the Deputy Clerk is Lisa Papendorf. **Motion was then made by Laude/Thomack to give each a \$500 increase in salary for the term;** the Treasurer from \$10,200 to \$10,700 and the Clerk from \$13,000 to \$13,500. **Motion carried** by voice vote with three in favor, zero against.

The Board reviewed the questionnaire concerning data to be included in the Town insurance renewal for the year. The Clerk will forward this information to the Horton representative.

The Clerk updated the Board on all of the requirements that were requested by the new command for the DNR, concerning the grant reimbursement. As several of these requirements were statistical, she contacted Archie Becher of Becher Hoppe Engineering for assistance to update the EAP/IOM plans. The last copy that the DNR had was from 2010. Now we wait...hoping that the reimbursement check will arrive soon, or if more data will be requested.

Zoning: There have been inquiries about building requirements for a cabin and one new home. No permits have been issued for either of these to date.

Roads: Zahn will take care of removing the old pole that the siren was on that is laying near the town hall. Chairman Thomack will contact the County to do some road patching, as several roads need immediate attention. There is brushing that needs to be done, he will contact whoever is available to take care of it.

The Treasurer reported that the February bills totaled to \$380,854.62, leaving a balance of \$3,443.59 in the checking account and \$433,204.66 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.

Reminders: Spring Election Tuesday, April 4, 2023 7AM – 8PM in the Pella Town Hall

Open Book with the Assessor Monday, March 24th, 2023 1-3PM

Board of Review Tuesday, May 2nd, 2023 5-7PM

With no further business, motion was made Thomack/Laude to adjourn the meeting. **The next meeting will Monday, April 10th, 2023 7:00PM in the Pella Town Hall.**