

Township of Bloomington
Monday, February 5th, 2024
Regular Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

The regular Monthly Board Meeting of the Town of Bloomington was called to order on Monday, February 5th 2024, at 7:00 pm by Chairman Bill Erdenberger. Roll call was taken, and other members present were Supervisor I Mike Patterson, Supervisor II Joe Kirschbaum, Clerk Jane Patterson, Treasurer Brenda Kluesner and Patrolman Andrew "Buck" Crubel. Public member in attendance was Michelle Newhouse. Motion (Bill Erdenberger) seconded (Joe Kirschbaum) was made to approve the posting of the February 5th meeting and Agenda, motion carried. Motion (Mike Patterson) seconded (Joe Kirschbaum) was made to approve the January 8th Board meeting minutes, motion carried. There were no appearances or public comments.

Roads and Machinery Reports: Patrolman Andrew "Buck" Crubel reported on the roads. Several guys have been seen cutting trees and taking the wood from private property on Dugway and Sandy Hollow Roads. They were also leaving tree trash/logs on the roads and in the rights-of-way. Buck reported this incident to the Grant County Sheriff's Department. Mike Patterson talked to Travis Kramer of the Grant County Highway Department and there isn't any small bridge/culvert project money available at this time. There is a Small Bridge/Culvert Program that was recently finalized by the Wis DOT to accomplish an inventory and inspection of all culverts between 6 and 20 feet within municipalities. Towns will choose how they will do the inventory-self, privately, or the county. This decision must be made by April 15th 2024 and reported to the Grant County Highway Department and WTA. The Wis DOT will pay \$100.00 per structure for all culverts inventoried. Inventory must be completed by Dec. 31, 2024. Then the structures must be inspected by a state certified inspector by December 31, 2025. Wis DOT will pay \$350.00 per structure inspected. This process will help WTA obtain funding for repair and replacement of small bridges/culverts in the 2025-2027 state budget. The Board decided to table this discussion until the March meeting. Roads to be considered for seal coat in 2024 are Maple, Birch, Spruce, Kansas, the shoulders of Utah and Ohio. If possible, Pine Ln and Fairground Rd may need to be crack filled. Plowing snow on private driveways was discussed by the board and patrolman. Motion (Joe Kirschbaum), seconded (Bill Erdenberger) was made that "The Board has given the patrolman the discretion to refuse service on private property", on a voice roll call, yes-3, no-0, motion carried. A large U bolt broke on the yellow Town truck during the last snowstorm, Buck was able to fix it. He will also order a Stainless-Steel oil pan for the yellow truck to replace the patched oil pan. Tri County Tires will install the new tractor tires ordered in November 2023 within the next two weeks. Discussion continued regarding the purchase of a new grader. Buck was able to drive a John Deere and a Cat grader to compare how each one handled pushing snow. The two graders are comparable with the difference being the price. The John Deere grader (with an added seven year extended warranty) is \$26,000.00 less than the Cat grader with a standard warrant. Further discussion on this matter will continue at the next monthly board meeting.

Financial Report: Treasurer Brenda Kluesner presented the January 2024 financial report. Clerk Jane Patterson reported the outstanding bills, the board approved payment.

New Business: Clerk Jane Patterson and Supervisor Mike Patterson will attend the WTA District Workshop in Barneveld on Feb. 23rd, 2024. David Hermsen from Hermsen's Ace Hardware, Inc estimated the new bathroom fixtures plus labor will cost around \$1500.00/\$1700.00.

Next Meetings: The next regular monthly board meeting will be Monday, March 4th, 2024 at 7:00 pm at the Bloomington Town Hall.

Motion (Mike Patterson) seconded (Bill Erdenberger) was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 pm, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted
Jane Patterson-Clerk