

Township of Bloomington
Monday, January 8th, 2024
Regular Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

The regular Monthly Board Meeting of the Town of Bloomington was called to order on Monday, January 8th, 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 (Mike Patterson) was made to approve the posting of the January 8th meeting and Agenda, motion carried. Motion (Mike Patterson) seconded (Joe Kirschbaum) was made to approve the December 4th Board meeting minutes. There were no appearances or public comments.

Roads and Machinery Reports: Patrolman Buck Crubel reported on the roads and machinery. The roads are in good winter driving condition, equipment is ready for the snow forecasted this week. Mike Patterson talked to Travis Kramer of the Grant County Highway Department concerning the bridge on Texas Rd near Bob Bierman's farm. Kramer inspected the bridge and said it will last another year or two but the Board should be making plans to replace it. Kramer also stated that there are several cost sharing programs for funding bridge projects either from the County (50/50 cost share) or the Wis DOT and will let Mike Patterson know about these programs when more information is available. The machinery is in good condition. The yellow Town truck developed a hole in the oil pan. Buck contacted Truck Country and they claim that the oil pan is not a part of the engine that is covered under the extended warranty-Buck repaired the hole. We will keep contacting Truck Country about this matter. The board has begun the discussion of purchasing a new grader. Our current grader was bought in 1999. Buck and the board have talked with John Deere and Caterpillar Equipment regarding a grader comparable to our current grader. John Deere has a 772GP Series while Cat has a 150 Series [grader]. Further inquiry on each machine will be taken by the board and the patrolman. The Board looked over the Town's Insurance Policy, no changes need to be made at this time.

Financial Report: Treasurer Brenda Kluesner presented the December 2023 financial report. Clerk Jane Patterson reported the outstanding bills, the board approved payment. Clerk Jane Patterson presented the final 2023 adopted budget compared with the actual revenues/expenses of 2023 and how it balanced out at the end of the year.

New Business: Clerk Jane Patterson reported that the two contracts sent out (one was for snow plowing Mississippi Mountain Condo Association roads and the other was for Buoy placement by Greg Page) were sent back to her approved and signed by the representative. Motion (Mike Patterson), seconded (Joe Kirschbaum) was made to improve one bathroom in the Town's garage with a new toilet, sink and grab bar, on a voice roll call, yes-3, no-0, motion carried. Mike will contact Hermsen's Hardware for a bid on the work.

Next Meetings: The next regular monthly board meeting will be Monday, February 5th, 2024 at 7:00 pm at the Bloomington Town Hall.

Motion (Bill Erdenberger) seconded (Mike Patterson) was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 pm, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted
Jane Patterson-Clerk