

Town of Popple River
Forest County, Wisconsin
January 14th, 2025, Monthly Meeting Minutes (not yet approved)

Call to Order at 6:00 pm

Roll Call - In Attendance:

Mary (Sissie) Sullivan (Chairperson)
Dale Nichols (Supervisor)
Wade Haen (Supervisor)
Sue Schallenberg (Treasurer)
Katie Haen (Clerk)

Citizens Present:

Rosie Konitzer
Cindy Brown
Audi Howen

Pledge of Allegiance

Town Business:

- ❖ December minutes presented by Katie Haen, motion to accept made by Dale Nichols, seconded by Wade Haen.
- ❖ Treasurer's Report by Sue Schallenberg.
- ❖ Incoming Bills/Outgoing Checks and Reports by Katie Haen.
- ❖ Motion to approve Checks and Financial Reports made by Dale Nichols and seconded by Wade Haen.

Fire Department:

- ❖ Chief Paul Behrens is teaching a Firefighter Class for the Technical College and was unable to attend this meeting, but sent a report to Katie Haen to present on his behalf.
- ❖ Zero Fire Calls for Popple River and Newald.
- ❖ The department ordered a cold water immersion suit and two personal flotation vests.
- ❖ The department will be leading a joint Rescue Refresher Training on Saturday January 25th, 2025, neighboring area fire departments were invited. Training begins at 10am at the Long Lake Fire Station, followed by practical training on the ice.
- ❖ The next department training will be on SCBA and Firefighter Rescue.
- ❖ Mary Sullivan asked if anyone received a follow up from Chief Behrens on the 911 call. No one has, Katie Haen will message the Chief about it.

Equipment:

- ❖ Dale Nichols stated the sand is just about out in the plow truck. The radiator still needs to be fixed.
- ❖ Dale Nichols also made a few tool purchases. He got a hydraulic jack, 3 buckets of oil, socket sets, grinder and a brush.
- ❖ We still have money to spend, more tools can be purchased.
- ❖ Lean To addition was discussed. We all agree that a survey on the property needs to be done first. Dale Nichols has a contact he will call. Katie Haen has a few contacts as well and will get the phone numbers to Dale. Dale will then set up a time to get the land surveyed. Dale also suggested that maybe shipping containers could also be considered for added storage.

Building:

- ❖ Nothing to report

Road Work:

- ❖ 2025 projects were discussed, chip seal on Old 139 road, Long Lake Road and Stevens Lake Road. It was decided to finish Old 139 Road and get a bid for 2/3miles of road. Katie Haen will write up the bids and get them published.
- ❖ Mary Sullivan also stated we need to keep an eye on when the Forestry Service crushes gravel.

Old Business:

- ❖ Mary Sullivan asked is Katie Haen sent a bill to Newald for sanding their road, and Katie did.
- ❖ Mary Sullivan also received a text from Katie Haen questioning another bill from our website designer Nauncka. Mary stated last month that James would adjust our last statement, but that did not reflect on our current statement. Mary will contact James again, as well as setup a time to get a refresher on navigating the website. Katie Haen asked that she be included so she knows how to work the website and get her .gov email set up. Katie Haen also noted that she received grant information that will reimburse the town \$600.00 towards the cost of the .gov website expenses.
- ❖ Sue Schallenberg stated that taxes are in full swing and she has been very busy.
- ❖ Katie Haen followed up on the Wisconsin Election Commission reporting on the ADA findings. After going through the report line by line with Regina of the WEC, Regina removed some of the findings. Katie then submitted a Plan of Action to finalize the report.
- ❖ Hwy 139 Construction Project set for 2030 but could start as early as 2028, Katie Haen received notice that there will be a conference call to provide input on this project, on February 18th at 430pm.
- ❖ Katie Haen has billing ready for the Town of Argonne and Ross, for snow plowing in 2025. She received payment from Argonne. She will send out Ross's bill this week.
- ❖ Reminder that Delmore Consulting set a meeting with the town at 5pm before the next town meeting to discuss their findings on the culvert/bridge assessment.

New Business:

- ❖ Nothing

Public Comment:

- ❖ none

Our next meeting will be February 11th, 2025 at 6pm

Meeting adjourned at 6:53pm

Submitted by

Katherine A. Haen, Clerk
by January 20th, 2025