

Regular Town Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 12, 2024

Community Center 5:00 p.m.

Chairman Cushing called the meeting to order and noted that it was posted, published, and handicapped accessible in accordance with Wisconsin Open Meeting Laws.

A moment of silence was observed to honor our troops here and abroad. Pledge of Allegiance was spoken.

Present: Chairman Cushing, Supervisor Fuhrman, Supervisor Schmitz, Clerk Myshchyshyn. Treasurer Murdoff was absent.

Motion by Fuhrman, second by Schmitz to approve the agenda as read. Motion carried.

Motion by Fuhrman, second by Cushing to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2024, regular board meeting as posted. Motion carried.

Motion by Schmitz, second by Fuhrman to adopt the Treasurer's report as read. Motion carried.

Messages/Announcements/Correspondence/Bid Submissions: Building permits were passed around to the board

Public Input – taken during the meeting.

1. Town crew maintenance report: The crew have been mowing the roadsides. There have been issues with logging down Lower Kaubashine that the crew have been dealing with. They helped the mechanic with fixing one of the Fire Department's trucks, fitting it with a new wiring harness. Lots of tree cleanup from the last couple of storms. They have graded all the gravel roads and fixed issues in the cul du sacs from winter plowing. The part-time summer help gave notice that the week of August 19th would be his last week as he is headed to college.
2. Plan Commission did not meet in August.
3. Head of County Transit, Barb Newman, introduced herself and expressed interest in renting the garage at the town hall for a couple of the County Transit buses. The board showed her the space after the meeting finished.
4. Part-time resident, Jim Kent, talked about pothole issues on the corner of Lake Yawkey Dr & Hwy 51. Every year they get fixed and every year the fix doesn't last. Mr. Kent wants a better solution. Town crew member, Scott Pockat, discussed the difficulties and expense needed for fixing the area and also talked about the potential for heavy trucks on that road because of the recent subdivision. Pockat talked about a better fix for the potholes and Mr. Kent expressed satisfaction with that. Mr. Kent also talked about the speed of drivers on Hwy 51 in light of the deaths of the Bohns. Chairman Cushing said there is talk at the DOT about trying to do something on that stretch of road.
5. Motion by Schmitz, second by Fuhrman to approve an operator's license for Jennifer Emm Lepak. Motion carried.
6. Matt Carothers consulting forester in Hazelhurst, wished to express appreciation to the town crew. He said, "In the course of my business managing woodlands for families across north central WI, I'm in contact with numerous municipal public works departments. It is apparent how fortunate we are in Hazelhurst to have an exceptional Town Road crew. We have one of the best anywhere. Scott and Matt are not only skillful operators, they are conscientious neighbors. It feels good to know that these guys are keeping things moving in our Town, as well as looking out for all of our well-being. Thank you, Scott and Matt, for all you do!"
7. The Room Tax Commission asked that members towns to provide three things they wished to be funded by room tax dollars. The three things are: tennis/pickleball courts, Bearskin Trail parking area development off of Hwy 51, and safety measures needed for the playground equipment at the parks.
8. First budget meeting is set for August 29, 2024, 4:00 p.m.
9. Chairman Cushing reminded everyone about Tire Amnesty is Saturday, August 17th, 8:00 a.m.-12:00p at the town shop. Residents only and you need to stop by the town hall to get a voucher.
10. Motion by Fuhrman, second by Schmitz to approve the payment of bills. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Christy Myshchyshyn
Clerk