

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: October 8, 2024

Chairman Fred Stoll called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Supervisors Myron Olson and Kevin Mackie, Diane Nelson, Clerk; Amy Eliot, Treasurer, Keith Kesler, Fire Chief; and Mark Johnson, and Taylor Lindsay, Streets Dept also attended. Scott Loustari also joined us at 7:30.

Minutes: Myron motioned, seconded by Kevin to approve the minutes of last month's board meeting, motion passed.

Financial Report: The financial report showed: \$4,199.53 in checking, \$344,193.64 in the general money market account which includes \$134,112.92 in a sub-account dedicated to the town garage, \$ 29,616.86 in real estate tax account, \$ 16,801.93 in personal property tax account, \$ 5,016.54 in equipment account, and \$ 30,073.93 in the ARPA Grant account. Myron motioned, seconded by Kevin to accept the financial report, and authorize paying the bills, motion passed.

County Supervisor's Report: Scott might not make next week's Towns Assn. meeting. The county is currently working on development to the budget which has the challenge of lower revenue from sales tax and the stagnant forestry market and decreased jail revenue. They have a 10% increase in healthcare costs and are currently looking at a recycling annual contract of 109 K. They are expecting a 3.09 mill rate and plan to bond \$4 million for road projects. There are currently no students from Superior high school on the county board. They are looking for grants to help local businesses during the Blatnick bridge reconstruction. Current plans for the bridge design are being showcased at the Superior library, their timeline is looking at 2030 for construction completion.

Town Officers Reports: Fred started the culvert inventory, he's about half done. Myron has been fielding questions about roads and explained our 3-year road plan. Diane was informed we will be hosting the Wisconsin Towns Association County Unit Meeting in Brule next week on the 15th, contrary to what we heard at the last Towns Association meeting, which was November. Diane will handle providing the food.

Road Report: Crew has been mowing and blading roads. They still have more gravel for Birch. Mark will be meeting with Diane to post the old truck on the Surplus Auction website.

Fire Chief Report: They have had 1 medical call, and 2 mutual aid calls. He expressed thanks to the road crew for mowing and cleaning up the ditch by the hall. The three-year service was provided on the fire equipment they will be returning to replace a rusty air tank and some bad valves. He reminded us that our new pumper is now 18 years old. He also mentioned their sign is in bad shape and will be repaired shortly. During UTV training a clutch locked up so it will be brought in for repairs. he has two open grants right now

New Business:

Zoning: Nothing needed approval.

Liquor License: Myron motioned, seconded by Kevin to approve a liquor license for the Kro Bar Event Center, motion passed.

Budget Workshop Meeting: The board set Wednesday, October 16th at 5:30 to meet to develop the 2025 budget.

Aluminum Cans Trailer and Recycling: Diane mentioned an idea brought up by Fred Fabian in the past to collect aluminum cans in a trailer. This would alleviate some of the over-filling of the recycling bins that we've experienced lately and also helped generate some revenue for new playground equipment. Fred motioned seconded by Kevin to approve the purchase of a trailer to use for collecting aluminum cans. Taylor will look on Marketplace to find a used trailer, preferably around 6x10, with high sidewalls.

Board of Review: The board of review is scheduled for Monday, Oct 14 from 5:00 – 7:00 pm.

Old Business:

Garage Update: The board met on-site to review options for locations. They reviewed where a pond would go when they need to expand, and what land that left for the garage. The other option is between the dump and Old Hwy 2. They need elevation maps to aid in the decision. Diane will get them printed up.

Fire Dept. Water Source: The well has a lot of water. The pump should be upsized from 250 gal/min to 350. This will reduce the size of a storage tank to meet their water needs. Larry Roecker will be addressing the wiring, and Dahlberg will be providing a new transformer.

Town correspondence was reviewed.

Fred motioned, seconded by Kevin to adjourn to closed session. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Nelson, Clerk