Minutes **Town Board Meeting**

Meeting Date: **Tuesday, June 11, 2024**

Time: **6:30 pm**

Meeting Location: Dekorra Town Hall – W8225 County Road JV

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FIXED AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance.
   The June 11, 2024, Town Board Meeting was called to order by Chair Kyle R. Knuteson at 6:30 pm.
2. Roll Call
   Present: Kyle R. Knuteson, Kim Lindholm, Chris Crawford, Blake Young, Michelle Hartley. Also, present were Holly J. Priske-Clerk, Peggy Tomlinson-Treasurer, Jason Lincicum, Rural Insurance and 5 audience members.
3. Approval of Agenda
   ACTION: Motion (Lindholm/Hartley) to approve the June 11, 2024 agenda. Motion carried.
4. Approval of previous TB minutes.
   ACTION: Motion (Lindholm/Young) to approve the May 14, 2024 Town Board Meeting minutes. Motion carried.
5. Reports of town officers
   a. Clerk's Report
      Clerk Priske reported that absentee ballots for the August Primary will be going out by the 27th and approved liquor licenses will be ready to pick up by the 24th.
   b. Constable's Report
      No report.
   c. Treasurer's Report
      Tomlinson reviewed the financial statements. All are tracking well. A full report is available from the Clerk's office.
6. Payment of bills
   ACTION: Motion (Lindholm/Hartley) to approve the payment of bills as presented. Motion carried.
7. Committee and Commission Reports
   a. Town Roads – **Palmer reported that the committee had met to discuss items on this agenda.**
   b. Town Hall Design Committee – **There was no meeting.**
   c. Safety Committee – **There was no meeting.**
   d. Parks Commission – **Niebuhr noted that the April and May minutes are in the packet, next meeting will be next Wednesday. Still working at the Old Dekorra School Park, benches will be installed, discussion of a lean to shelter, concrete removal and parking lot. Lindholm noted that he was thrilled to see kids playing on the diamond and questioned putting lights in. Also pursuing sandbar danger signage, looking into manufactured stone steps for walking trail.**
   e. Plan Commission – **Knuteson reported that the Commission met to review a rezone and CSM which is on this agenda.**
   f. Ad hoc Pier Committee – **There was no meeting. Inspections will be done June 27, 2024.**
   g. Fire Commission – **Knuteson noted that there will be a meeting tomorrow, June 12, 2024.**
8. Open Public Comments
   There were no open comments.

BUSINESS AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Bell, Matthew D. – Parcel 11010-193, East Morse Road, Town of Dekorra, Columbia County, WI. Application for a CSM review and rezoning of 2.58-acres to RR-1 Rural Residence to allow for a single-family residence, with 35.02-acres of the 37.6-acre overall parcel assigned A-1 with A-4 Agricultural Overlay zoning.
   a. **ACTION: Motion (Lindholm/Young) to approve the rezoning 2.58-acres of parcel 11010-193, Lot 2 to RR-1 with 35.02-acres of the 37.6-acres overall to be assigned A-4 Agricultural Overlay zoning, and of a CSM dividing said parcel (Burse Surveying file: BSE2413, dated 11.10.21) subject to conditions recommended by the Town Planner and Engineer in their memo dated May 16, 2024 Motion carried.**
2. Rural Insurance – Jason Lincicum – Policy Review.
   Discussion of current coverage, covering volunteers, coverage at Dekorra School Park. He will review and address the concerns raised.
3. Cell phone tower setback ordinance proposal.
   Michelle Hartley reviewed the information noting that the State changed statute, but the County has not updated their ordinance. Lindholm noted that he was not in favor of spending money to have the Attorney review the ordinance. Bud Savich noted that there is a cell tower on the Van Etten property which is under two hundred feet. One provider wants

to pull off that tower and put a new tower on a lot next to his property. There was litigation with the county. He is proposing the ordinance which is from other municipalities. He is asking for the setbacks that meet the height of the tower to eliminate large towers on small properties.
ACTION: Motion (Lindholm/Crawford) to refer the ordinance to the Attorney for review and preparation. Motion carried.

4. Outdoor Entertainment – Anchor at Lakeside Bar and Grill – schedule amendment
    a. **ACTION: Motion (Crawford/Lindholm) to approve the amendment to the 2024 summer Outdoor Entertainment permit for Anchor at Lakeside Bar and Grill. Motion carried.**
5. Hooker's Resort – Fireworks Display Permit.
   ACTION: Motion (Lindholm/Crawford) to approve the fireworks display application for Hooker's Resort. Motion carried.
6. Liquor License Applications
    a. **ACTION: Motion (Lindholm/Crawford) to approve the 2024-25 liquor licenses, agents, cigarette licenses and coin machine licenses as listed on the report submitted by the Clerk. Motion carried.**
7. Parks Commission appointments
   ACTION: Motion (Lindholm/Hartley) to reappoint Jeff Lybek to the Parks Commission for another term. Motion carried.
8. Roads
    a. Mowing proposals – **Discussion of bid requirements. Hartley noted that mowing and plowing are services that do not require a bid process. Priske noted that she had contacted the WTA, and it is confirmed that ROW mowing is considered a service, and bids are not required. Discussion of publishing the RFP and how to move forward quickly, issue with the County mowing narrow roads. A special Town Board meeting is set for June 27, 2024 to award a contract.**
    b. Clarification of Roads Committee responsibility and authority
       Projects under $5,000.00 can just be done.
    c. Roads tour review and Project proposals
       Discussion of list proposed by the Roads Committee. Discussion of Thompson Road and best solution, Falk believes that the bumps are potentially field stones coming up, Palmer will talk to the county.
       ACTION: Motion (Lindholm/Hartley) to approve the Road Committees proposal for improvements, excluding Thompson and the chip seal apart from Wilson Road totaling approximately $67,555.00. Motion carried.
    d. Ditching on Bilkie Road
       Discussion of ditching in front of McMillan farms and that they will be charged for it.
       Palmer wants to get sealcoating at the Recycle center drive, he will get estimates.
9. Law Enforcement support
   Discussion and comparison of proposed contracts from the Columbia County Sherriff's Department and the Village of Poynette Police Department for law enforcement. Poynette $60/hour, Columbia County $70/hour. Our ordinance would need to be slightly revised to allow a contract with the Village.
   ACTION: Motion (Lindholm/Crawford) to move forward with Columbia County Sheriff's Department for a law enforcement contract. Motion carried 4-1 (Hartley).
   Discussion of what we want them to enforce. Hartley questioned why to choose Columbia County and wondered if we should get recommendations from communities that contract with each. Young questioned what is budgeted and how to break it down. Knuteson recommended possibly starting with a 6-month contract.
10. Request from Northeast Asphalt to place a field office in our parking lot for the Hwy 51 project (July – Oct). Will hook into our power and would pay $75.00/month to cover electricity costs with a little more. Meeting room use once.
    ACTION: Motion (Knuteson/Hartley) to approve meeting room use for public meeting. Motion carried.
    Priske noted that the field office will be on the lot next door. They would still like to hold an informational meeting here on June 25th.

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11. Request from Prairie Thunder Cloggers to use Town Hall for lessons starting in August.
    ACTION: Motion (Lindholm/Young) to approve the use of the Town Hall for lessons for this session. Motion carried.
12. Audit
    Tomlinson must find the contact for MBE in the Portage office.
13. Set next Regular Town Board Meeting date/agenda item. Discuss August meeting date.
    The next regular Town Board Meeting will be July 9, 2024.
14. Adjourn
    ACTION: Motion (Lindholm/Young) to adjourn. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:36 pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Holly J. Priske, Clerk-Town of Dekorra
Approved: 07.09.24