Minutes **Town Board Meeting**

Meeting Date: **Tuesday November 12, 2024**
Time: **6:30 pm, or immediately following the Town Meeting**
Meeting Location: Dekorra Town Hall – W8225 County Road J

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FIXED AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance.
   The November 12, 2024 Town Board Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Chair Kyle R. Knuteson.
2. Roll Call
   Present: Kyle R. Knuteson, Chris Crawford, Blake Young, Michelle Hartley. Also, present were Peggy Tomlinson, Treasurer-Town of Dekorra, Holly J. Priske, Clerk-Town of Dekorra, and 5 audience members.
3. Approval of Agenda
   ACTION: Motion (Crawford/Young) to approve the November 12, 2024 Town Board Meeting agenda. Motion carried.
4. Approval of previous TB minutes.
   ACTION: Motion (Hartley/Young) to approve the October 22, 2025 Town Board meeting minutes. Motion carried.
5. Reports of town officers
   - **a.** Clerk's Report
     Clerk Priske reviewed her written report – highlighting the General election information. The Town's voter turnout was approximately 91% of the registered voter population. 45% were absentee voters, with 57% being in person absentee during the two weeks prior to the election.
   - **b.** Constable's Report - **None**
   - **c.** Treasurer's Report
     Tomlinson reviewed the accounts. All are tracking well. A full report is available in the Clerk's office.
6. Payment of bills
   ACTION: Motion (Young/Knuteson) to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried.
7. Committee and Commission Reports
   - a. Law Enforcement*
     Lt. M. Smit was present to review the October enforcement activity.
   - **b.** Town Roads **–**
     Palmer reported that there was no meeting.
   - **c.** Town Hall Design Committee – **No meeting**
   - d. Safety Committee – **No meeting.**
   - **e.** Parks Commission – **Mark Niebuhr reviewed the month's Commission activities. A meeting was held in October. Discussion of Survey work by Tyler Bergstrom Surveying at Camp Rest prior to dredging (April or May 2025), Old Dekorra School Park work- parking lot, reseeding where old school was, a shelter was built, and pickleball courts are completed with fencing installed. Park benches were delivered and Bob Tomlinson and Steve Gavinski volunteered to install them. Meetings will be held again in February. Knuteson questioned security and Niebuhr is confident that all is in order, he noted that some junk had been dropped off that Niebuhr took to the recycle center.**
   - f. Plan Commission – **Knuteson reported that there was a meeting on October 24, 2024. Two simple CSM's were approved.**
   - **g.** Ad hoc Pier Committee **– No meeting.**
   - **h.** Fire Commission – **Knuteson reported that the next meeting will be in January.**
8. Open Public Comments
   County Supervisor Denise Brusveen was present and noted that the County applied for a grant for County V repairs, have not heard if anything was awarded yet. The County Board increased some ATV areas within Dekorra. She noted that she appreciates the Town's effort to reduce semi-truck traffic on Kent Road between CTR-J and McMillan Rd.

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BUSINESS AGENDA ITEMS:

9. 2025 Budget
   ACTION: Motion (Crawford/Young) to adopt the 2025 Town of Dekorra Budget. Motion carried.
10. Bell, Matthew D. – Parcel 11010-193, East Morse Road, Town of Dekorra, Columbia County, WI. Deadline extension for filing for approved application from June 11, 2024, 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.
    ACTION: Motion (Knuteson/Young) to extend condition to file CSM and Rezone for parcel 11010-193 for an additional 120 days. Motion carried 3-1 (Crawford).
11. Roads –
    a. Contract for mowing narrow roads and dead ends.
    ACTION: **Motion (Knuteson/Young) to award 2024 mowing contract for narrow roads, dead ends, and guardrails to Falk Trucking. Motion carried 3-1 (Crawford)**
    b. Road repair contract for three areas of McMillan and Kent roads – 16'x6', 50'x6', and 70'x6'
    ACTION: Motion (Hartley/Young) to award contract to repair three portions of Kent/McMillan roads to Columbia County Highway Department for $2600.00. Motion carried.
    c. WISLR*
    ACTION: Motion (Hartley/Young) to approve the 2024 WISLR map for 57.26 miles. Motion carried.
12. Law Enforcement – Duties, Ordinances, Bond Schedule
    Discussion of ordinances to enforce – 6.07 - junk, 8.06 – personal property on town land, 9.02 – pier placement which will be addressed first by the pier committee, 12.03 – parking regulations, 8.05 – cutting trees on town land, 8.12 – discharging firearms in residential areas of less than one acre. Discussion of fee schedule that is currently in the Town ordinances. Hartley has concern regarding enforcement of some of these ordinances and enforcement when residents haven't been aware of what the ordinance was.
13. **Audit – No action.**
14. Set the next Regular Town Board Meeting date (December 10, 2024)/agenda item**.**
    The meeting is set for December 10, 2024, at 6:30 pm. Joint Plan Commission/Town Board meeting set for December 12, 2025, time to be determined.
15. Adjourn
    ACTION: Motion (Crawford/Young) to adjourn. Motion carried.
    Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Holly J. Priske, Clerk-Town of Dekorra
Approved: 12.10.2024