TOWN OF LAFAYETTE
5765 197TH ST.
CHIPPEWA FALLS WI 54726

Meeting minutes for May 20, 2024

Call to Order / Roll Call
The meeting was called to order at 7pm, and a roll call was taken. Present members were Supervisors Larson, Mathwig, McIlquham, Brennan, Chair Staber, clerk Konwinski, PRTLU members and residents.

Approval of Town Board Minutes & Current Agenda
The Board reviewed the minutes from the previous Town Board meeting held on May 6, 2024. Motion to approve the Town Board Minutes from the May 6th Regular Board Meeting & current agenda was made by Supervisor Larson and seconded by Brennan.

Financial Report
Chair Staber provided an overview of the financial report, noting the account balance at the end of April was $357,241.29. Upcoming shared revenue contributions were anticipated in June and November. An inquiry regarding a payment to the Chippewa County Highway Department for guardrail repairs was addressed, mentioning the expected reimbursement from insurance. A motion to approve the financial statement and pay the bills was made by Supervisor Brennan and seconded by Mathwig.

Old Business

Town Monument Sign and Building Facia Project at Town Hall
The discussion centered on postponing the town monument sign and building facia project to a future meeting.

New Business

Jacobson Hardware Proposed Expansion
This item was announced without available attendees. It was determined that more information needed to be provided before a motion could be made. The issue will be postponed to the next meeting.

Health Vending Machine
Representatives from the Chippewa County Department of Public Health presented their project proposal to establish a public health vending machine in Lafayette Township, funded by grant dollars. Potential contents and the benefits of harm reduction were discussed, as well as proposed locations and community support. A motion to approve the placement of the health vending machine in the front lobby of the township fire station was made by Mathwig and seconded by Brennan.

Jenson CSM - Combining 4 Lots into 2
There were no representatives for this item. The issue will be sent back for further information to the PRTLU.

Dom Goyette 2 Lot CSM
The land surveyor presented a Certified Survey Map with the plan involving splitting a 40-acre property into a 15-acre and a 25-acre parcel with shared driveway access noted. A motion to approve the CSM for Dom Goyette was made by Supervisor McIlquham, seconded by Mathwig.

Hepfler CSM – Create 5-acre lot with existing house and outbuildings
A surveyor provided details on the project to divide the land. They proposed a strategy to enable financing for the remainder of the property. Motion to approve the Hepfler and Kalien CSMs as presented, was made by Supervisor Larson and seconded by Brennan.

Kalien CSM - Create a 5-acre lot for future home
The Hepfler project had a continuation, considering the future use for residential purposes in separate lots and the motion to approve the Kalien CSM was included in the Hepfler motion.

Wissota Meadows - Final Plat and Developers' Agreement – Resubmittal
The developers' representatives revisited the previously approved plat. They discussed the bonding for road construction and updates on ordinances. Board members further questioned stipulations involving stormwater concerns and the overall plan. A motion to approve the final plat and developer's agreement, including a $5,000 bond for stormwater, was made by Supervisor Mathwig, seconded by Larson.

John Michesh with Bateman Bar CSM Combining Lots
Proposal discussed for combining parcels for construction, with conditions based on county zoning set back requirements. A motion to approve the CSM for combining lots in the Bateman Tavern area was made by Supervisor Mathwig, seconded by McIlquham.

57th Ave Easement and Public Access Issues
Discussions arose concerning the easement on 57th Ave. public easement between properties. Several community members and officials commented on access concerns, particularly relating to pedestrian safety and snow removal responsibilities. The public road should remain accessible as it is administered under township regulations. It was determined to consult with the town's attorney before taking further action.

Wake Boat Ordinance

The Lake Association raised concerns over environmental, erosion and safety issues posed by wake boats. It was suggested by the Association that the board create an ordinance to restrict wake boat operations to specific lake areas based on depth and distance from the shore. Notable acknowledgment of enforcement being complex. but necessary to start with signage and community education.

Acceptance of Mark Jr Sedlacek Resignation and Plan Going Forward with Replacement
Mark Jr Sedlacek submitted a resignation, effective May 28, 2024. Planning for replacement included setting wages and scheduling interview times, with further discussion scheduled for the next meeting. A motion to accept Mark Jr Sedlacek's resignation was made by Supervisor Mathwig, seconded by McIlquham.

Board Communications

Parks and Recreation - Discussion on the $500 raise for park updates, the stadium project, weatherproofing concerns for soccer fields, and general facilities management.
Boat Landing Improvements - Suggestions focusing on necessary improvements for ramp maintenance due to erosion and wear.
Geese Management - The issue included plans for addressing goose infestations through euthanization or donation with decisions set for the June 3rd agenda.

Motion to Adjourn was made at 8:25pm and seconded

Respectfully Submitted by:
Laura Konwinski / Clerk

These minutes are intended to reflect the discussed topics and propositions during the Lafayette Town Board Meeting, ensuring transparency and providing a clear understanding of the deliberations and decisions made.