Minutes of September 17. 2024
Town Board Meeting

Call meeting to order – Chair Payne called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm. All Supervisors were present except for Supervisor Jensen who was excused. Also present were Clerk/Treasurer Dascenzo, Police Lieutenant Leonard and Roads Supervisor Scheel. Members of the public attending were as noted on the attached sign in sheet.

Verification of Notice – Clerk/Treasurer Dascenzo confirmed the meeting was properly noticed.

Public Comment – Lynn Klipstine also expressed concerns about the Cambridge Area Fire and EMS commission: Jenifer Quimby, candidate for State Assembly District 46, introduced herself to the audience.

Approval of Minutes from the August 15, 2024, August 19, 2024, August 20, 2024 and September 5, 2024, meetings – Supervisor DeGidio moved to approve the minutes of the August 15, 2024 Town Board meeting as written; Supervisor Palinkas seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. Supervisor Graffin moved to approve the minutes of the August 19, 2024, meeting as written; Supervisor Palinkas seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. Supervisor DeGidio moved to approve the minutes of the August 20, 2024, Town Board meeting as written; Supervisor Graffin seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. Supervisor Palinkas moved to approve the minutes of the September 5, 2024, meeting as written; Supervisor Graffin seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Police Chief's report – Chair Payne introduced Officer Vanessa Leonard, who has been promoted to Police Lieutenant, to give the Police Chief's report. Lieutenant Leonard reported that the boat patrol will end for the season on September 22. The department has received inquiries about the house currently housing sex offenders. The house has been sold but there is no word on whether the contract with the Department of Corrections has been renewed.

Road Supervisor's report – Supervisor Scheel stated that some of the punch list items have not been adequately completed by the contractor; will continue to work with the contractors to finish the punch list. The utility cuts on Wolff Road have been repaired. Public Works are repairing potholes. The grates on Ripley Road will be cleaned out in late October or early November.

Fire Chief's Report – none at this meeting.

Discussion and possible action on approval of operator's license for Erin Warner, Warm Belly Farm – Supervisor DeGidio moved to approve the operator's license for Erin Warner when proper application is completed; Supervisor Palinkas seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Discussion and possible action on renting a lot at Breezy Knoll MHC – Supervisor DeGidio moved to rent a lot at Breezy Knoll MHC for 6 months for $509 per month plus $100 lot deposit. Supervisor Graffin seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Discussion and possible action on a division of 7 acres into 12 residential lots along US Highway 18 to create Ripley Woods Subdivision, parcel #022-0613-0644-001 – discussion centered around highway access and safety concerns and storm water retention plan. Supervisor DeGidio moved to table the item to the next meeting; Supervisor Palinkas seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Closed Session pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute Section 19.85 (1)(c) considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility over – 2025 employee wages and Wisconsin State Statute Section 19.85 (1) (e) for deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session and Wisconsin State Statute Section 19.85 (1) (g) conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advise concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved – Fire and EMS Commission– Chair Payne moved to go into a closed session; Supervisor DeGidio seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Palinkas – yes; Payne – yes; DeGidio – yes; Graffin – yes. Chair Payne invited Clerk/Treasurer Dascenzo into closed session.at 7:25 pm.

Return to open session for discussion and possible action on items from Closed Session – Chair Payne moved to come out of closed session, and it was seconded by Supervisor DeGidio; Motion carried 4-0 and the board went into open session at 9:19 pm.

Supervisor Graffin moved to adopt the 2025 wage schedule discussed in closed session. Supervisor DeGidio seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Correspondence – September 3 Plan Committee minutes and September court report

Approval of Disbursements -. Supervisor Palinkas moved to approve monthly disbursements beginning with check number 632 in the amount of $1,543.24 and ending with electronic funds transfer to Wisconsin Retirement System in the amount of $3,635.87 for a total amount of $120,494.29. Supervisor DeGidio seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Next meeting date October 15, 2024, Town Board Meeting –

Adjournment – Supervisor Palinkas moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:24 pm, Supervisor DeGidio seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Minutes Written and submitted by
Susan Dascenzo
Clerk/Treasurer

Town Chair _____ Clerk _____
Supervisor _____ Supervisor _____
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