TOWN OF ALGOMA
WINNEBAGO COUNTY, WISCONSIN
March 19, 2025

Chairman Rasmussen called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

The following were present: Supervisors Petey Clark and Dan Martin.

Supervisor Michael Brooks and Teresa Van Aacken were absent, excused.

The following were also present: Administrator Maggie Mahoney, Fire Chief Kevin Sawicki, Public Works Director Jason Loduha, and Clerk/Treasurer Katherine Reinbold.

The agenda was posted on March 14, 2025.

On a motion by Supervisors Clark/Martin passed on a voice vote, the Board approved the minutes of the Monthly Town Board Meeting dated February 19, 2025.

On a motion by Supervisors Martin/Clark, passed on a voice vote, the Board approved the March 2025 disbursements.

Tricia Rathermel, President and CEO of the Greater Oshkosh Economic Development Corporation (GOEDC) handed out the 2024 housing permits report. She also reported that January's unemployment rate is still low at 2.7%. The big discussion with businesses is tariffs and how they will affect businesses.

The Town Board had a Q&A with Senator Rachael Cabral Guevara. State Legislator Representative Nate Gustafson was not able to attend. The Town Board has questions on raising the levy limit, Federal funding, shared revenue, WRS restrictions with retirees, and filling vacancies on the Town Board and how the voting works. Senator Cabral Guevara stated she will take this to Madison and try to get some answers for us and is willing to attend another meeting.

Public Forum: Mike Gibbs of 2600 Shorehaven Ln.: Has concerns with safety if the Town repeals the snow plowing ordinance for private roads. It will be difficult to have a meeting with everyone to collect money. Wants to leave the ordinance as is and doesn't believe there are any issues.

Ralph Spanbauer of 2718 Shorehaven Ln.: Stated that the [snow plowing for private roads] ordinance must be important if it's been in the books for the last 27 years. Wants to know how much it costs the township. He is in the highest taxed area. Companies don't want to work with private individuals. He has concerns about police and EMS being able to get down the road. He also heard cul-de-sacs are plowed at no cost to the homeowners. The Town accesses the road for the lift station. Looking for everyone to work together on this.

Randy Coakley of 2612 Shorehaven Ln.: Asks himself what the town does for him; plows roads. There's a lift station at the end of the road that he clears out the driveway for. His family gave land to the town years ago for the lift station. Not happy about having to collect and arrange snow plowing. Pays more in

real estate taxes than anyone in the room. People that pay less get their roads plowed. Across the street is the egress for the pumping station and I have plowed that for 40 years.

Chairman Rasmussen stated that the Town does not own the pumping/life station, that is a separate entity, Algoma Sanitary District. He wanted to clarify because that had been stated by commentators.

Debbie Sorensen of 2676 Shorehaven Ln.: She is the contact for Shorehaven Ln. for snow plowing. Doesn't see why we are doing this. Spoke with Administrator Mahoney and Chairman Rasmussen. Chairman Rasmussen said the clerk is "swamped". Doesn't the Public Works Director alleviate the work for the office assistant? Foust doesn't work with private individuals, only commercial. She wants to work with us to keep things as is.

Brittney Bongert of 2029 CrestWood Dr.: Feels the Town is not being transparent about this [snow plowing ordinance repeal] being on the agenda. Feels this [finding snow plowing services] is a burden to put on them at the last minute with only 6 months to get service in place. Suggests charging a higher fee for the service and is willing to pay more. Brittany would also like the board to really consider who they give transient merchant permits to. There are established businesses that put the time and money into a building and making sure it is aesthetically pleasing.

Steve Gohde of 3920 Highland Shore Ln.: Takes a long time to work with all people on the road to get something done. The town has more pull to get a better [snowplowing] contract.

Steve Lord of 2122 Crestwood Dr.: Out of the lots on Crestwood Dr., 4 are occupied and 5 are vacant. Must try and collect [money] from 5 vacant lots.

Tom Dreifirest of 3155 Waldwic Ln.: He believes that it [snow plowing] is nice service, cheap, and doesn't understand what the problem is. Can't get same pricing as town.

Jesse Houue of 2664 Shorehaven Ln.: He has no complaints about how things are working and no issues with the snow plowing. It feels it would be a disservice to end the snow plowing service and would appreciate it continuing.

Fire Chief Kevin Sawicki reported that they received the EMS FAP Grant of $10,000. With this money, they will be able to update AEDs and gear. Rescue 21 needs refurbishment and Tender 21 is starting to show signs of age and wear. They have accepted two new members, Isaiah Koeppen and Alex Bork.

The Planning Commission met on March 12 and had one zoning change item to review. That item is under business.

The Parks Committee did not meet.

Administrator Mahoney did not have any updates on the budget or any of the Leonard Point Road projects. The Algoma Sanitary District has completed the water main project and there is now water access at the OSMS site. OSMS is in the permitting process. Administrator Maggie and Public Works Director Loduha met with the Oshkosh School District regarding the FEMA Grant the school wants to

apply for, but it is contingent on the referendum that is on the April 1 ballot. The new Public Works Director Jason Loduha started on March 10. He has a lot to learn, but excited to be here.

Clerk/Treasurer Reinbold reported that there is an election on April 1st. In person absentee voting has started and with that and mail ballots there are over 500 absentee ballots so far. Clerk/Treasurer Reinbold is working with staff to update the Town's rental information. There will be a proposal for changes in the next month or two.

The monthly financial statements were presented. Clerk/Treasurer Reinbold mentioned with the change to the sweep again, there is still some clean up that is being done. The tax refund account has been closed as it is not necessary and hasn't been used. Positive check pay has also been added to the account to fight check fraud. There haven't been any issues but trying to be proactive.

Darren Barany was in attendance for any questions. The building in question is a duplex in structure but zoned single family. It is consistent with future land use, and the existing structures meet the dimensional standards for the proposed district. It is recommended for approval. On a motion by Supervisors Clark/Martin, passed on a voice vote, the Town Board approved rezoning 1598 N. Oakwood Road, parcel 002-004102, from R-1 Rural Residential District to R-3 Duplex residential District.

There is no decision on the repeal of Ch. 288, Snow Removal on Private Roads; this was a discussion only. Supervisor Martin spoke about this item being looked at a few different times in the past. Residents voiced would pay higher fees and he would be open-minded to see how long it takes staff to complete and what a higher fee would look like. Supervisor Clark noted she has all the same concerns as the residents. It is a time constraint with it being a small staff. Chairman Rasmussen want to make sure all board members have a chance to review the information.

There is no decision on the amending of Ch. 184, Open Burning; this was a discussion only. There has been information sent to residents about not burning leaves. The Town does have the ability to enforce ordinances. Supervisor Clark clarified that the Town is specifically talking about the burning of leaves and grass. It is a horrible smell, and it becomes an issue causing complaints. We should make good changes for the environment. Supervisor Martin spoke about the leaf collection services the Town offers and it makes sense to look at this.

Administrator Mahoney explained the Municipal Complex Needs Analysis Project will tell us if the Town Hall needs improvement, expansion, or if we need a whole new building. Received multiple proposals that have been reviewed. The budget for this was $15,000 and Cedar Corporation's proposal came in at $8,500. Administrator Mahoney recommends approving the proposal from Cedar Corporation. On a motion by Supervisors Clark/Martin, passed on a voice vote, the Town Board approved to award the Town of Algoma Municipal Complex Needs Analysis Project to Cedar Corporation for $8,500.

Administrator Mahoney explained the Town is long-overdue for the Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP) update. Having the CORP updated will allow the town to have a plan for future use of parkland. Received multiple proposals and Administrator Mahoney recommends the proposal from East Central even though it does exceed the budget of $16,000 slightly. On a motion by Supervisors Martin/Clark, passed on a voice vote, the Town Board approved to award the Town of Algoma

Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan Project to East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission for a cost not to exceed $16,111.40.

The purchase of a town vehicle for public works is within the budget. Looking to get authorization to move forward without bringing three quotes to the board. Staff need to be able to move quickly when purchasing a vehicle. On a motion by Supervisors Clark/Martin, passed on a voice vote, the Town Board approved the purchase of a town vehicle up to $25,000.

GOEDC President Tricia Rathermal explained that they are looking for a 5-year commitment from the Town for the money that is already invested annually. This commitment would align with GOEDC's "Future in Focus" campaign and it is non-binding for the Town. On a motion by Supervisors Clark/Martin, passed on a voice vote, the Town Board approved the Greater Oshkosh Economic Development Corporation Investment Commitment Letter of support from the Town of Algoma.

On a motion by Supervisors Clark/Martin, the Town Board approved the Transient Merchants Permit for A&T Curbside LLC, owners Thomas Korn and Amy Sue Hartman.

On a motion by Supervisors Martin/Clark, the Town Board approved the Transient Merchants Permit for Pattie Kimball.

On a motion by Supervisors Clark/Martin, the Town Board approved the Transient Merchants Permit for Pickett Produce, owners Brady Rennert and Bryce Rennert.

On a motion by Supervisors Clark/Martin, the Town Board adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Katherine Reinbold