TOWN OF ALGOMA
WINNEBAGO COUNTY, WISCONSIN
February 19, 2025

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

The following were present: Supervisors Teresa Van Aacken, Petey Clark, Dan Martin, and Mike Brooks.

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

The agenda was posted on February 17, 2025.

On a motion by Supervisors Van Aacken/Clark passed on a voice vote, the Board approved the minutes of the Monthly Town Board Meeting dated January 15, 2025, with the change from Supervisor Martin making the motion the adjourn the meeting to Supervisor Van Aacken.

On a motion by Supervisor Clark/Chairman Rasmussen, passed on a voice vote, the Board approved the February 2025 disbursements. Supervisor Martin questioned why there are so many checks that went out for tax refunds. This is normal due to escrow accounts, etc.

Tricia Rathermel, President and CEO of the Greater Oshkosh Economic Development Corporation (GOEDC) reported the jobs report for January was softer than they anticipated. There was a large growth in government and health care jobs. The unemployment rate in the country is at 4% and Winnebago County is at about 2.7%-3%. The tariffs that are being imposed by the President of the United States is a concern.

Fire Chief Kevin Sawicki reported they have an EMS grant pending. The fire truck that was refurbished is doing well and is a lot safer. They recently approved 3 new members who are in the fire program at Fox Valley Technical College. The fire department passed their Department of Safety and Professional Services audit to help with the 2% fire dues they receive.

The Planning Commission met on February 12. They reviewed the site plans for OSMS and recommend that it be approved by the board.

The Parks Committee did not meet.

Administrator Mahoney reported the field work for the 2024 audit has started. The reimbursement for the Bellhaven Lane Iron Enhanced Sand Filter has been approved. There are no updates currently for Leonard Point Road storm detention pond, reconstruction, or the roundabout at STH 21. The water main project as been halted due to cold weather. There will be a few more weeks of work, but it is going well. Jason Loduha has been hired as the new Public Works Director and will be starting on March 10, 2025. The annual town meeting will be conducted prior to the regular April meeting. There are currently two Request for Proposals (RFP) out. One RFP is for the Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan update and the other RFP is for the Municipal Complex Needs Analysis. The fire department will be training in the building that will be demolished for Tommy's Carwash. The expected finish date for the carwash is

November of 2025. Administrator Mahoney attended the EMS meeting at Town of Omro. Winnebago County is going to conduct a feasibility study for a county-wide service and the town will participate in that study. There will be a Q&A between Town Board members and state representatives at the March 19 regular board meeting. East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (ECWRPC) is working with Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) to understand the recent executive order that may affect the money for the Leonard Point Road reconstruction and the STH 21 roundabout. Right now, the WISDOT representative thought the money was already funded and we will proceed as usual.

Chairman Rasmussen had nothing to report.

Clerk/Treasurer Reinbold reported that office staff will start pushing the Town's Facebook account out to have residents follow. As a reminder, it is being used as informational only and to take people to the Town website. The February 18 election went well. We had 834 total voters out of 5091. We will be thinking of the April election soon.

The monthly financial statements and report were presented. Clerk/Treasurer Reinbold noted that the bank account has been changed to a sweep account.

On a motion by Supervisors Martin/Clark, passed on a voice vote, the Town Board approved the Site Plan by petitioner Brandon Robaidek, Robert E. Lee & Associates, Inc on behalf of OSMS Reals Estate for an OSMS facility at 200 S. Oakwood Road, Oshkosh, 54904 with the condition that the stormwater Management Practices Maintenance Agreement between the developer and Winnebago county is signed and recorded.

On a motion by Supervisors Clark/Brooks, passed on a voice vote, the Town Board approved to proceed with a public hearing on a resolution to discontinue a portion of Abraham Lane in the Town of Algoma.

The Town is considering repealing Town Ch. 288 of the ordinances that deals with snow removal on private roads. We want to make sure that we give the residents on those private roads plenty of time to find service. It is extra work for the staff to monitor this and get the amount on tax bills. Supervisor Brooks is concerned about snow being cleared for first responders, police, and fire fighters. Supervisor Brooks would like the Town Attorney contacted to make sure the Town and the property owners are not responsible for cleaning the snow in a timely way if the Town repeals the ordinance. On a motion by Supervisors Van Aacken/Martin, passed on a voice vote, the Town Board approved to proceed with proposing an ordinance to repeal Ch. 288 Snow Removal on Private Roads.

On a motion by Supervisors Clark/Martin, passed on a voice vote, the Town Board approved Ordinance No. 2025-01 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 135 of the Code of Ordinances for the Town of Algoma, relating to building construction.

On a motion by Supervisors Martin/Van Aacken, the Town Board adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Katherine Reinbold