Town of Barton

Minutes from the Town Board Meeting

Barton Town Hall, 3482 Town Hall Rd, Kewaskum, WI 53040

August 20, 2024, 7:30 p.m.

Present: Chairman Kris Turner, Supervisors, Dan Mueller, Bill Russell, Mike Dricken, Clay Eggie, Clerk Sherry Eckert, Zoning Administrator Steve Wendelborn, Treasurer, and Jen Lenzendorf. Members of the public: 12

Chairman Turner called meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Turner asked those in attendance to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Affidavit of Posting Turner read the affidavit of posting that the August 19, 2024, Town Board Meeting was properly posted on the Town Bulletin Board, the transfer station bulletin board, the Town’s official website and was also sent to the Daily News.

Approve Town Board Meeting Minutes: Dricken moved to approve the Town Board minutes of July 16, 2024. Seconded by Mueller. Motion carried 5-0.

Approve the Treasurer’s Report: Lenzendorf mentioned that accounts were opened at State Bank of Newburg. Mueller moved to approve the Treasurer’s Report for July 2024. Dricken seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried 5-0.

Payment of bills: Russell moved to pay bills. Eggie seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

From the Floor. Comment from Ben Naylor stating that he contacted DOT regarding the cancelling of the Woodford Steel Bridge project. The town has until August of 2026 to cancel and there would not be any cost to the Town. Turner responded that she was aware of this and there would be no cost to the DOT but there are costs incurred with the engineering company that was hired. Naylor wanted to clarify that that he had in a previous conversation with Turner and Eggie that he was opposed and felt it should be brought to the attention to the neighbors. He said he was guilty for not watching for meetings and minutes previously. He quoted from his Facebook page of June 5, 2023. ‘That from what he was told there was discussion about replacing the bridge and personally he hopes it never happens and he will fight this every step of the way.’ This has been his stance from the beginning. And it was his impression that we were just applying and the town should seek input from the community. He assumed this would be done. He never received a public notice and the next time he learned anything was when someone was out checking out the bridge. He stated that he was opposed from the beginning and stated that he wanted this noted on record.

Washington County Sheriff’s Office Liaison report. No one present.

Fire calls July: Via email ‘Nothing yet, but still working on it.’

Supervisor Reports Dricken mentioned Kettle View between Beaver Dam and Hwy D. East side of road North of Beaver Dam. There is no culvert going east to west and water pools at edge of road. Turner said this would be good to note during road tour.

Eggie ordered camera which should be available in about two weeks.

Wendelborn mentioned the line of sights on some roads. Turner stated they will watch for that on road tour.

Eckert stated that Primary Election tasks were completed. There were 852 voters and a 44% turnout in Barton. 131 Absentees sent out none rejected. Barton’s new website domain was up and is now townofbartonwi.gov. Eckert would be attending the annual municipal clerks convention from August 28-30 in Madison and will be participating in the Wisconsin Towns Association workshops virtually in September. The DPW has new gas cards.

Turner made the report stated we are still waiting on concrete in front of salt shed. Russell stated that work was still not performed on Town Line.

Operator License: Dricken made a motion to approve the Operator Licenses for Cayleigh Ebersold and Colleen Beck. Russell seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Plan Commission recommendation for Text amendment ordinance to add ‘Miscellaneous personal services, not elsewhere classified ‘as a ‘Special Use’ in the Light Manufacturing (LM) zoning district under SIC 7299 Wendelborn stated that this special use gives town more control over types of businesses in under this classification. Mueller moved for approval with Dricken seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Plan Commission recommendation for Special Use Permit for N&M Properties (Mark Foyse) Motion was made by Dricken, seconded by Russell to grant the Special Use Permit for N&M Properties. Motion carried 5-0.

Credit Card Payment: Checking into having the ability for residents to pay tax bills via credit card, directly from bank account.

EMS & Fire: Turner mentioned this has come up repeatedly. Our contract with West Bend and Kohlsville includes fire and EMS services. They are attempting to change this to be separate. Mueller stated that Kewaskum is looking to stop transporting as of January 1, 2025. Currently they transport 5-6 sections of Barton. The also provided service to Town of Kewaskum, Village of Kewaskum, Part of Town of Wayne, Town of Farmington, and part of Town of Auburn. City came up with a per capita number which if an area backs out, other communities will absorb. Our contract is due this year. Turner stated that she has not been contacted and would like to have entire board attend this meeting. She mentioned that 1/3 of our tax money goes to Fire/EMS. We have not received a monthly report all year and don’t know our town’s statistics of Fire/EMS. This has been in talks for over a year and West Bend did not give any information. The numbers West Bend were much higher than they initially stated in the beginning. More than double.

Adam Christiansen – Farmland Preservation presentation: Also in attendance was Pam, Washington County Supervisor District 14, She is chairing this committee. Christiansen gave an overview of program, and the tax credits involved. There were many questions. Christiansen will get back to the Town. No action taken at this time.

Audio/Video Recording: Motion was made by Mueller, seconded by Russell to forego Audio/Video recordings of Town Board Meetings. Motion carried. 5-0.

Possible Equipment Purchase: Turner mentioned Freightliner needs tires for plowing. Turner would like to get a bid for behind shop for a overhang because blades are stored there. They would like to have it run the length of building.

Updates and Announcements: Turner asked for road tour to be earlier this year. A date of 9/14/24, 8 a.m. was agreed upon. Turner & Eckert will be attending WTA Annual Convention via Online. If anyone wishes to attend please notify Eckert for registration.

Mueller moved to adjourn the August Town Board meeting at 9:42 PM, seconded by Russell. Motion carried. 5-0

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Eckert

Sherry Eckert, Clerk

Subject to approval: These minutes will be considered for final approval by the Town Board at the September 17, 2024, Town Board Meeting.