

TOWN of BELVIDERE
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 7, 2025, 7:06 PM
Cochrane VFW Post 10406

At 7:06 PM, Chairman Ron Speltz called the Regular Town meeting to order following the 2025 CAUCUS. Board member Ron Kazmierczak phoned into the meeting. All other members in attendance and three residents. The meeting notice was noticed in the Buffalo County News with the CAUCUS notice and the full agenda posted per WI Statutes 19.84 on Thursday, January 2, 2025.

MINUTES: A Motion by Supervisor Ron Kazmierczak was made to approve the Minutes as provided to board members in lieu of reading out loud. Supervisor Lee Engfer seconded the motion. Carried.

Treasurer Barbara Brommer gave the Treasurer's report and Investment Summary. Balance on hand as of tonight is \$141,139.71 in the General Checking Account. Barb noted that two CD's will be up for renewing next month. Lee made a Motion to accept the Treasurer's report as read. Ron Kaz seconded. Motion carried.

The Clerk presented the bills for payment. All Board members are planning to attend the March 14th BOR training/WTa conference meeting in Onalaska. A motion was made by Lee and seconded by Ron Kaz to pay the bills as presented. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS – BEAD PROJECT for BROADBAND by SHAWN SQUIRES-CCT

Shawn updated the Board on the BEAD (Broadband, Equity, Access & Deployment Program). This Federal funded Broadband project would assist the Town of Belvidere to achieve getting Broadband to the Herold area, which the PSC has deemed 139% eligible. The BEAD is a maximum of 75% grants funds and 25% minimum match from CCT & the Town. This project by CCT would need to be completed by 2030.

Shawn has surveyed the area of 14 locations – 11 said "YES", 2 "UNSURE" and 1 "NO-vacant property/no electricity". The area is for East of CTH E/CTH N intersection to Blank Hill Road Bendickson property and all of Hickory Lane. This area is part of the TDS area who are not eligible to bid or interested in the BEAD Project.

Shawn reported that CCT will submit a grant application for the Herold area (#5501100000295) prior to the February 21st deadline. Town of Belvidere financial support is required and \$ amount to proceed for the PSC application.

Supervisor Ron Kazmierczak made a Motion to support the Herold #5501100000295 project. Supervisor Lee Engfer 2nd the Motion. Motion carried.

Supervisor Lee Engfer made a Motion for the Town of Belvidere to provide \$16,000 matched funding by 2026 with start of construction. Supervisor Ron Kazmierczak 2nd the Motion. Motion carried. It was noted that there will be further discussion at a later date with CCT & Shawn Squires. Shawn will need a signed letter of support and copy of minutes to proceed.

ROADS: Chairman Speltz reported that he is working on updating the 3-YR Road plan. Winter maintenance - Sendelbach has mostly only needed to sand. Lee reported that he has been trying to work with the US Fish & Wildlife in regards to downed tree removal at the Spring Lake Boat Landing. This issue is still on going.

Discussion on 2024 Culvert Inventory report and reimbursement was held. This should be happening in the near future from the Buffalo County Highway Department office.

Debbie updated the Town Board on the changing Alcohol bartender licensing procedures for this year. With only one liquor license in the Town this won't be an issue per GRH, Nikki Jandro. It was also noted that a Spring Primary Election is needed for the State Superintendent of Schools on February 18, 2025. The Spring Election will be on April 1, 2025.

The next regular scheduled meeting is on February 11, 2025. The WTA meeting will be on January 20th-7 pm at the Buffalo County Courthouse in Alma.

At 7:37 pm Lee made a motion to adjourn with Ron Kaz seconding. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah M Ruff

Deborah M. Ruff, Clerk