Town of Breed Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday February 13th, 2024

The Town of Breed Regular board meeting was called to order at 7:00pm on Tuesday February 13th, 2024, by Chairman Phil Christenson.

The pledge of allegiance was said.

At roll call, all members were present. Chairman Phil Christenson, Supervisors Mark Quandt and Tim Mitchell, Treasurer Ethel Firgens, and Clerk Kristen Telford.

In attendance were 13 electors and 3 visitors.

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Christenson, seconded by Mitchell. Carried.

Clerk's correspondence was given briefly describing the status of upcoming training for the elections, clerk training taken, town taxes, recent meetings and their content.

Ethel Firgens gave the treasurer's report on the expenditures and receipts, checking, money market, and interest for the month of January 2024. The Town of Breed records match what the bank had on record with the exception of one check. The bank statement had it listed as both uncleared and cashed at the same time. The discrepancy was discovered and accounted for. A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Christenson, seconded by Quandt. Carried.

Monthly bills were presented to the Board for review. Explanations were made of the amounts for some contracted services. Motion to approve the monthly bills was made by Christenson, seconded by Mitchell. Carried.

Timm Tax Service submitted a proposal offering to do the Town of Breed's taxes and payroll for $90 per year. Motion was made by Christenson, seconded by Quandt to accept the proposal from Timm Tax Service for the $90/year offered. Approved.

There was discussion about insurance coverage on the inside of the town hall, employee dishonesty coverage, and the town lawnmower. A motion was made by Christenson, seconded by Mitchell to move forward with added coverage for these mentioned items. Approved.

For anyone wanting to sign up for emergency alerts with the Code Red system, three options were given: Enroll on the Oconto County website Code Red Alert, download the nationwide Code Red App to your smart phone, or sign up with Jon Spice (Emergency Management Director) to receive a phone call in a Code Red Event, if you have no internet.

Discussion was made on removing the fax number for the Town of Breed since it had been in disuse for some time but was still being paid for. A motion to discontinue the town fax number was made by Christenson, seconded by Quandt. Approved.

A motion to appoint Ahren Telford to represent the Town of Breed in the Room Tax Commission was made by Christenson, seconded by Mitchell. Approved.

The application to the Rural Energy Startup Program to upgrade and replace the heating system and lighting at the townhall had been submitted.

The security system for the townhall arrived. Volunteers are needed for installation. Phil, Brent, Dan, Ahren, James, and Jesse volunteered to install on February 17th.

Chris Hellem gave a visual road report of the work done this month managing potholes, driving posts, etc. The need for a powered post hole digger was discussed. An example of an Earthquake brand post hole digger with a 6" auger for $294.98 was displayed. A motion to approve the purchase of that post hole digger with auger and extended warranty was made by Christenson, seconded by Mitchell. Approved.

A question about cabling off River Edge Ln to stop ATVers from tearing it up was brought to attention. Putting up a dead-end sign to deter them will be looked into.

Updates on the Central Rd LRIP were given. Engineering approval was still needed before funds will be reimbursed.

Progress is still being made getting Nauke Rd approved for LRIP grant.

The Town of Breed is mandated by the DOT to do inventory on all culverts/bridges 6-20ft in diameter within our town. The County will inventory and be responsible for inspecting the Town of Breed's bridges which will fall under our contract with the County. The town has the option to inventory our own culverts with town personnel. A majority vote was taken for a motion to approve the use of town personnel to take inventory of town culverts. 3 ayes. Passed.

The ARIP program was discussed, upgrading agricultural roads to a non-weight limit level. This will be revisited for further discussion.

A recycling center report was given highlighting budget shortfalls from 2023. Discussion about fees for larger items (furniture, mattresses) was touched upon. A committee of town residents (Dan, Mark, and Pat) agreed to look into fencing costs and designs for the recycling center, fees for large items, and ID cards or stickers for use of the recycling center.

There was no public discussion and no closed session.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Mitchell, seconded by Quandt until the next meeting on March 12, 2024 at 7:00pm. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:33pm.

Unapproved Minutes

Kristen Telford Clerk, Town of Breed