Town of Calamus

February 14, 2024 Town Board Minutes Calamus Town Hall

Called to Order: Chairman John Kraus, Jr. called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm

Roll Call: Present: Chairman John Kraus, Jr., Supervisor 1 David Stange, Supervisor 2 Jacob Rake and Clerk/Treasurer Marjorie Beilke.

Verification of Proper Notice: Meeting notice was posted at the Calamus Town Hall and published on town website February 8, 2024 and in the Daily Citizen on February 10, 2024

Pledge of Allegiance

Review agenda: Agenda reviewed by board.

Approve Minutes:
Minutes of the January 10, 2024 Monthly Board Meeting were approved with a motion from Stange, second by Rake and carried by voice vote 3-0.

Treasurer's Report:
Motion was made by Kraus, second by Stange and carried by voice vote 3-0 to approve the Treasurer's report as presented by Beilke with a January 31, 2024 bank balance of $908,841.08 A cash balance summary report is included in the minute book.

Questions and Comments from Town Residents:
Eugene Theide Spoke against the rezoning petition from Cigelske. Dale Gajdosik spoke against the rezoning and stated that if the rezone is approved then the conditional use should be strict.
Jeannie Lininger also spoke against this rezoning petition.
Steve Cigelske commented on the plans to provide a place to process salvage in his currently unused pit silo.

Discussion/decision on an amendment of the contract between the City of Columbus and the Columbus Rural Fire Group regarding the potential purchase of a new engine jointly with the city and disposal of truck #92:
Kraus mentioned that the rural group is working with the city of Columbus on the joint purchase of a new fire truck to replace engine no. 92. This amendment would name the truck as Engine No. 92 and in the event of a sale that the rural group and the city will share equally the net proceeds of the sale as this is not currently in the contract.
After discussion a motion was made from Stange, second by Kraus and carried by roll call vote 3-0 to approve this amendment to the Contract for Firefighting and Rescue Services between the City of Columbus and the Rural Fire Group.

Discussion/decision on the Columbus Rural Fire Group purchasing a new engine jointly with the City of Columbus:
After discussion, a motion to support the purchase of a new engine between the Rural Group and the City of Columbus was made by Kraus, second by Stange, and carried by roll call vote 3-0.

Review and make recommendation to Dodge County regarding the rezoning petition notice for Stephen Cigelske to rezone 32 acres from A-1 Agricultural to A-2 General

Agricultural zoning district to allow the establishment of a salvage/junk yard use on this site at W10080 County Road D:
Kraus opened that, as we are under county zoning, we are asked to make a recommendation to Dodge County regarding the rezoning petition submitted by Steve Cigelske. Our choices are to approve, deny or make no recommendation.
Kraus presented two possible resolutions to forward the county and the floor was opened for discussion. Cigelske assured the board the salvage yard would not expand beyond the pit. Stange asked if the rezoning could be for smaller area rather than the whole 32 acres. Dale Gajdosik stated that the board would be setting a bad precedence rezoning land out of A-1 Agriculture. After discussion, Kraus stated that he cannot vote to recommend approval as it contradicts the Town of Calamus Comprehensive Plan and read Resolution 1-2024 to recommend denying the Cigelske Rezoning. A motion to adopt resolution 1-2024 was made by Kraus, second by Stange and carried by roll call vote 3-0. This Resolution is included in the minute book.

Reports:

Public Works Report:
Kraus stated that Burke truck is waiting on the dump box so the new truck is a month out. Kraus asked Stange to look at the state grants for agricultural roads applications due April 5th.
Kraus continued that the state will require us to inventory all culverts over 6' shoulder to shoulder on a state catalog. Kraus will check with Dodge County as well as Delmore Consulting to see if they could can do the inventory with the $100 per bridge paid by the state.

Report from Driveway Inspector:
None

Other Business:
Dave reported on the Wisconsin Towns Association county unit meeting he attended

Correspondence Received by Chairman and Clerk:
Dodge County:
Land Use Permit #240008 Garrett Derr to construct a shed at W11399 Van Buren Road
Rezoning Hearing Notification for Steve Cigelske February 26, 2024

State of Wisconsin
Payment Advice of 3,217.40 for Department of Natural Resources Payment in lieu of taxes (town portion $479.14)
Department of Safety and Professional Services Summary of Work Injuries and Illness report for 2023 completed by clerk
Department of Administration 2023 Housing Survey completed by clerk
Wisconsin Emergency Management Wisconsin 2023 Tier II Emergency and Hazardous Chemical Inventory completed by clerk

Other
US Census Bureau 2024 Annual Survey of Local Government Finances due June 28, 2024
Adams Columbia Electric Cooperative 2024 Town Board Consent Form, a motion to approve was made by Stange, second by Kraus, carried by roll call vote 3-0
Community Insurance notice of Workers Comp Audit due 2-20
Title Consultants Special Assessment Letter for N4151 State Road 73
Proof of publication affidavit for January 10, 2024 monthly board meeting
Wisconsin Towns Association Monthly Report
Miscellaneous catalogs and advertisements

Accounts Receivable and Payable: A motion was made by Kraus seconded by Stange and carried by voice vote 3-0 to approve the receipts in the amount of $151,857.98 and the disbursements of ck #10658-10689 for the total amount of $752,264.98 as presented by Beilke. A monthly income and expense report are included in the minute book.

Next Board Meeting: Next monthly board meeting was scheduled for the Wednesday, March 13, 2024 to begin at 6:30 pm at the Calamus Town Hall.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Stange second by Kraus and carried by voice vote 3-0 to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 pm.

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Marjorie Beilke, Clerk/Treasurer 02/14/2024