TOWN BOARD MEETING February 13, 2024
The Town Board of the Town of Cooperstown, Manitowoc County, Wisconsin, convened in open session on February 13, 2024, at 7:00 p.m., at the Town Hall for the purpose of transacting business as the Town Board. Town Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of allegiance.

Roll Call: Chairman David Blakeslee, Sup. Hank Kouba, Sup. Fred Lemens, Sup. Anthony Shibler, Sup. Nick Propson, Clerk Susan Kornely, Treasurer Bernadette Duescher, and Constable Kelly Kane. Roadman Dan Kasten, Cty Sup Falkowski and Denmark News-Jacob Heiser were present. Six residents and two non-residents were present.

The agenda has been publicly noticed at the one posting site and on the town website.

On a motion by Sup. Propson and seconded by Sup. Lemens, moved to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed.

On a motion by Sup. Kouba and seconded by Sup. Lemens, moved to approve the minutes for January 9, 2024 Town Board Meeting. Motion passed.

On a motion by Chairman Blakeslee and seconded by Sup. Kouba, moved to approve the minutes for January 23, 2024 Public Hearing Meeting. Motion passed.

Reports
Treasurer's Finance Report – presented by the Treasurer. Tax session wrapped up. Onward Financial is reviewing the 2023 books. Bank First interest rate .02 State LGIP interest rate .0539.

Road and Maintenance Equipment Report – Roadman Kasten reported vehicle maintenance, brush cutting in ROW, roads are breaking up due to wood roads from power line installation.

Industrial Waste Hauling Report – Sup. Propson had no report.

Constable Report – Constable Kane reported dog cage taken to resident for 4 dogs at large.

Plan Commission Report – no report.

Building Inspector Report - Building Permits: Knoflichek - ag grain bin. Building Inspections: Truttmann - final inspection on home addition.

Utility Permit Report – none.

Transfer Station Report – Sup. Lemens had no issues.

Bridge/Culvert Reports – Chairman Blakeslee reported the Wisconsin Disaster Fund has added $3 million to the fund. The Town should be paid from the new funds.

Public comments and suggestions from residents of the town and other person's present.
Ryan Collins reported Feb 26th at 7:00 will be the Maribel Fire Department Annual meeting, Cty Sup Falkowski donated $100 for the Town Annual Meeting in April.

Public Hearing

Discussion and action on Ordinance 2024-01 Establishing Restricted Weight Limits in the Town of Cooperstown, Application Letter and Permit Sup. Lemens suggested adding the items to Chapter 7.01 of the General Code of Ordinances. Discussion on Class B roads to apply for the Agricultural Road Improvement Program. The highway is designated as a Class B Highway due to structural deficiency or a posted weight limitation at least annually. Motion by Chairman Blakeslee and seconded by Sup. Kouba, moved to approve the wording of Ordinance 2024-01 Establishing Restricted Weight Limits in the Town of Cooperstown, Application Letter and Permit. Motion passed.

Discussion and action on Ordinance 2024-02 Manure Transfer Equipment Permit and Annual Permit Application On a motion by Sup. Kouba and seconded by Chairman Blakeslee, moved to approve Ordinance 2024-02 Manure Transfer Equipment Permit and Annual Permit Application. 2/3. Motion failed.

Discussion and action of Ag Road Improvement Program-road selection – The board discussed which two roads to apply for funding under Agricultural Road Improvement Program. Hidden Valley Rd from Rosecrans Rd to Marshek Rd (1 mile) and Hidden Valley Rd from Pleasant Rd to CTH R (1.25 miles) On a motion by Sup. Kouba and seconded by Sup. Shibler, moved to approve submitting Hidden Valley Rd from Rosecrans Rd to Marshek Rd (1 mile) and Hidden Valley Rd from Pleasant Rd to CTH R (1.25 miles) for the 1st round of Ag Road Improvement Program. Motion passed.

Discussion and action on new Municipal Attorney On a motion by Sup. Kouba and seconded by Sup. Shibler, moved to approve Hopp Neumann Humke as legal counsel for the Town of Cooperstown. Motion passed.

Discussion and action on Purchase Order – Shop form On a motion Sup. Propson and seconded by Sup. Lemens, move to approve the purchase order form and a $1000 limit for shop purchases. Motion passed.

Discussion and action on 6’ - 20’ Culvert Inventory and Assessment Programs - choose who will conduct the inventory information and assessment On a motion by Sup. Propson and Sup. Kouba, moved to appointment Delmore Consulting for Inventory and Assessment. Motion passed.

Discussion on 2024 District Meeting March 9th – Those attending: Sup. Anthony Shibler, Sup. Hank Kouba, Treasurer Bernie Duescher, and Clerk Susan Kornely

Discussion on March 28th Fire Dept/EMS open meeting – Some board members will be attending. The meeting agenda has not been submitted.

Discussion on Town Road School April 29-May 1st Chula Vista, Wisconsin Dells – board members are reviewing. Some may attend. Training was offered to roadman Kasten.

<u>Ordinances, Resolutions and Agreements</u>
Ordinance 2024-01 Establishing Restricted Weight Limits in the Town of Cooperstown On a motion by Sup. Propson and Sup. Kouba, moved to approve Ordinance 2024-01 Establishing Restricted Weight Limits on the Town of Cooperstown. Motion passed.

Ordinance 2024-02 Manure Transfer Equipment Permit – no action.

Procedural Motions by members of town board

On a motion by Chairman Blakeslee and seconded by Sup. Shibler, moved to approve all checks as presented. Motion passed.

Future agenda: March 12th Discussion and action of Ag Road Improvement Program, Discussion and action on 6' – 20' Culvert Inventory and Assessment Programs

On a motion by Sup. Shibler and seconded by Sup. Propson, moved to adjourn. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Minutes approved March 12, 2024 Susan Kornely, Clerk