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TOWN BOARD MEETING March 12, 2024

The Town Board of the Town of Cooperstown, Manitowoc County, Wisconsin, convened in open session on March 12, 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. Cty. Sup. Falkowski and Denmark News-Jacob Heiser were present. Roadman Dan Kasten not present. Three residents were present.

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

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

On a motion by Sup. Propson and seconded by Sup. Lemens, moved to approve the minutes for February 13, 2024 Town Board Meeting. Motion passed.

Reports

Treasurer's Finance Report – presented by the Treasurer. Local Government Investment Pool is paying 5.39%, Bank First 4.89%, Bank First CD 5.02%.

Road and Maintenance Equipment Report – Chairman Blakeslee reported brush cutting in ROW and sod pickup in ROW. If we get snow the brush piles will be burned. Brightspeed C/O JNR Adjustment Company Inc. sent an invoice for \$3421.25 for damage to 100 pair buried cable on Pleasant Road from 6/14/2022.

Industrial Waste Hauling Report – Sup. Propson had nothing to report.

Constable Report – Constable Kane reported BearCat armored vehicle at the County Constable meeting.

Plan Commission Report – no report.

Building Inspector Report - Building Permits: Johanek – New Home. Building Inspections: none.

Utility Permit Report – none.

Transfer Station Report – Sup. Lemens reported an issue with resident and bottle caps with an employee at Transfer Site.

Bridge/Culvert Reports – Chairman Blakeslee had no report.

Public comments and suggestions from residents of the town and other person's present.

Mike Albers asked about Annual Report availability for Election. Ryan Collins asked about when weight limits will be coming off. Cty. Sup. James Falkowski reminded the Board of emails on the ARIP programs.

Public Hearing

Discussion and action of Ag Road Improvement Program-road selection and letters – Hidden Valley Rd from Marshak Rd to Rosecrans Rd and Hidden Valley Rd from Pleasant Rd to Hwy R. The road(s) that would be selected needs to be Class B or weight limits one month out of the year. The road needs to be heavily traveled by farms, producers and creates a convenience from point A to point B. An engineered road and project estimate would need to be submitted with the application. The board discussed finding a grant writer. The board will look for an engineer. No action.

Discussion and action on 6' – 20' Culvert Inventory and Assessment Programs – Board discussed the \$100 per Culvert Inventory will be done by Delmore Consulting Service. The \$350 per Culvert Assessment program has not been decided on who will do the assessment. No action.

Discussion and action on 50/50 County Culvert Program (ARPA) – The board will review at the April meeting. No action.

Discussion and action on Delmore Consulting Services – projects No action.

Discussion and action on disposition of tar pot, repair, buy, or out-source Board reviewed the equipment repair request for burner problems, pump problems and yearly maintenance. Four skids of tar have been ordered with Town of Franklin. Sup. Kouba will look at the tar pot. No action.

Discussion and action on brush cutting in Right-of-Way and disposal – Clerk reported the DNR was not happy with the brush piled on their property when work was done on the town property. An email from Lori Schneider complaining about branches and trees shoved on to their land. The board discussed cleaning up and asking for permission before leaving debris outside of the ROW. No action.

Discussion and action on Wisconsin DOT road salt contract – pending No action.

Discussion and action on State of Wisconsin Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP) – No action.

Discussion on March 21st Manitowoc County Unit Meeting, St Nazianz – some members will be attending.

Discussion on March 28th Fire Dept/EMS open meeting- some members will be attending.

Discussion on Town Road School April 29-May 1st Chula Vista, Wisconsin Dells – no one will be attending.

Ordinances, Resolutions and Agreements

Resolution 2024-03 Local Government Investment Pool – On a motion by Sup. Lemens and seconded by Sup. Shibler, moved to approve Resolution 2024-03 allowing the use of the Local Government Investment Pool for town funds. Motion passed.

Procedural Motions by members of town board

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

Future agenda: April 9th: Discussion and action of Ag Road Improvement Program-road selection and letters, Discussion and action on 6' – 20' Culvert Inventory and Assessment Programs, Discussion and action on 50/50 County Culvert Program (ARPA), Discussion and action on disposition of tar pot, repair, buy, or out-source, Discussion and action on Wisconsin DOT road salt contract, Recap of March 28th Fire Dept/EMS open meeting, Discussion and action on date for Road Review

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Minutes prior to approval

Susan Kornely, Clerk