TOWN BOARD MEETING April 9, 2024
The Town Board of the Town of Cooperstown, Manitowoc County, Wisconsin, convened in open session on April 9, 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. Anthony Shibler, Sup. Nick Propson, Clerk Susan Kornely, Treasurer Bernadette Duescher, and Constable Kelly Kane. Sup. Fred Lemens was absent. Others present: Roadman Dan Kasten, Cty. Sup. Falkowski and Denmark News-Jacob Heiser. Four 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. Shibler, moved to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed.

On a motion by Sup. Kouba and seconded by Chairman Blakeslee, moved to approve the minutes for March 12, 2024 Town Board Meeting. Motion passed.

Reports
Treasurer's Finance Report – presented by the Treasurer.

Road and Maintenance Equipment Report – Roadman Kasten reported new wheel bearings and hub on Chev 3500, repairs on tar pot, working of compressor and grader. Discussion on compressor seal and rams on truck. Discussion on replacement of compressor for about $600. Scanlan Road and Rosecrans Rd shoulders need grading. Sherwin tar was received at Town of Fraklin for the Town of Cooperstown.

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

Constable Report – Constable Kane reported dog found at Radue's home, tires found on Zander Road.

Plan Commission Report – Clerk Kornely reported still waiting on septic/soil report before sending request to Plan Commission for rezoning.

Building Inspector Report - Building Permits: Noth – garage door remodel, Wetenkamp – garage/storage shed. Building Inspections: none. Carew Concrete installed a scale and scale house at the property on CTH Z and an electrical contractor is requesting a permit. The County is investigating whether a setback permit is required and the town will issue a building permit. WPS has not requested a utility permit. Fire number 14858 CTH Z has been obtained for the building on the site. A fine will be assessed for no permit being issued prior to building.

Utility Permit Report – WPS received a utility permit for Barry Johanek's new home. Brightspeed Cable damage 6/14/22. Chairman Blakeslee will be working with Brightspeed on disputing the claim.

Transfer Station Report – no report.

Bridge/Culvert Reports – Chairman Blakeslee had no report.

Public comments and suggestions from residents of the town and other person's present.
Pat Duescher questioned when the culvert on Rosecrans Road behind the shop running east and west will be replaced. The bottom is rotted out. Discussion on future replacement under one of the road/culvert programs. Mike Lemke asked about the Ag Road Improvement Program and the selection of roads that will be chosen- he asked to put in as many roads as possible. Ryan Collins suggested Hickory Grove Rd (Rosecrans Rd to Hwy T).

Public Hearing
Discussion and action of Ag Road Improvement Program-road selection: Hidden Valley Rd(Pleasant Rd to Hwy R and Marshek Rd to Rosecrans Rd), Kocian Rd(Rameker Rd to Cty NN), Hickory Grove Rd (Rosecrans to Hwy T), Zander Rd (Herold Rd to CTY NN). Sup. Shibler is looking for engineering firms and a grant writer. No action.

Discussion and action on 6' – 20' Culvert Inventory and Assessment Programs – Delmore Consulting will be doing the inventory of town culvert that are 6' – 20'. No action.

Discussion and action on 50/50 County Culvert Program (ARPA)- Pautz Rd, Kocian Rd (3), Rosecrans Rd have culverts that need replacement. The board will review it during the Road Review meeting. No action.

Discussion and action on disposition of tar pot, repair, buy, or out-source – Tar pot has been repaired. No action.

Discussion and action on Wisconsin DOT road salt contract – signed Discussion on finding another supplier or why we must take the full amount.

Discussion and action on selling two tons of 2023 salt - The town is still responsible for three loads of salt which the town has no room for all three loads. On a motion by Sup. Propson and seconded by Sup. Shibler, moved to sell one load to Matt Buchholtz. Motion passed. 3/1. Sup. Kouba voted no.

Discussion and action on deer carcasses on town roads disposal – King will be handling I43, US and State Highway. County Highway will take care of County roads. Towns will be responsible for town roads. No action.

Discussion and action on gas piping – potential hazard reported by WPS – Hermans Heating installed the furnace and piping to the town hall. Roadman Kasten will contact Hermans Heating to bring up the gas piping to code. Roadman Kasten was given a copy of the warning from WPS and code requirements.

Recap of the March 28th Fire Dept/EMS open meeting – minutes from the meeting were given to the Board.

Discussion and action on date for Road Review – April 24th at 5:30 Road Review and 7:30 meeting

Review applications of 2024-2026 term Plan Commission Member – Applications were received from Susan Kornely and Nick Propson. On a motion by Sup. Kouba and seconded by Sup. Propson, Dave Blakeslee will be the board member appointed to serve on the Plan Commission for 1 year. Motion passed. On a motion by Sup Kouba and seconded by Sup Shibler, moved to

appoint Nick Propson and Susan Kornely to serve as citizen members for two years on the Plan Commission. Motion passed.

Election Results were presented.

Discussion on the Annual Meeting meal- Board will serve hot beef & buns and a dessert tray.

Ordinances, Resolutions and Agreements

Resolution 2024-02 Appointment of Plan Commission Members 2024-2026 term and Appointment of Plan Commission Member from Town Board (1 yr. term) On a motion by Sup. Kouba and seconded by Sup. Shibler, moved to approve Resolution 2024-2 Appointment of Plan Commission Members 2024-2026 term and Appointment of Plan Commission Member from Town Board (1 yr. term). Motion passed. Roll call vote: Blakeslee-yes, Propson-yes, Lemens-abs, Kouba-yes & Shibler-yes.

Procedural Motions by members of town board

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

Future agenda: May 14th : Call BOR to order, Discussion and action of Ag Road Improvement Program-road selection, 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 Wisconsin DOT road salt contract, Discussion and action on gas piping – potential hazard reported by WPS & Discussion and action on date for Road Review.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Minutes approved May 14, 2024 Susan Kornely, Clerk