

TOWN BOARD MEETING May 14, 2024

The Town Board of the Town of Cooperstown, Manitowoc County, Wisconsin, convened in open session on May 14, 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, Clerk Susan Kornely, Treasurer Bernadette Duescher, and Constable Kelly Kane. 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. Kouba and seconded by Chairman Blakeslee, moved to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed.

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

On a motion by Sup. Kouba and seconded by Sup. Shibler, moved to approve the minutes for April 24, 2024 Road Review Meeting. Motion passed.

Reports

Treasurer's Finance Report – presented by the Treasurer. State Fund transfer in April. Interest rate 5.38%.

Road and Maintenance Equipment Report – Roadman Kasten reported patching completed with a few holes found today, gravel roads graded, maintenance on equipment, shouldering work started. The board requested additional gravel for shoulders on some roads.

Industrial Waste Hauling Report – Chairman Blakeslee reported route change for NCL during Maribel Rummage Sale. Ryan Collins texted in routes for hauling.

Constable Report – Constable Kane reported cattle at large reported. Stray cat reported on the Robin Zahran property.

Plan Commission Report – Clerk Kornely reported on the Ethan and Cayla Binish May 23rd Plan Commission on-site and meeting.

Building Inspector Report - Building Permits: JPC Investments LLC – scale house. Inspections: none.

Utility Permit Report – no report.

Transfer Station Report – Sup. Shibler spoke with some of the employees, and they like the color bottle mix.

Bridge/Culvert Reports – Chairman Blakeslee had no report.

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

Nick Propson has returned his keys. Manitowoc County Supervisor Jame Falkowski reported Manitowoc County has a deficit for 2023-2024 Human Services of about \$6 million. County is pursuing a ½% sales tax to attack the \$6 million dollar deficit. May be passed by June or July 2024. Questions and comments were made by those in attending on the ½% sales tax and Human Services deficit.

Public Hearing

Discussion and action on Bids for Roadwork for 2024 – Scott Construction was the only bidder.

Project #1 Cooperstown Road (Rosecrans Rd to CTH T) \$55,660

Project #2 Zander Rd (CTH T to Pleasant Rd up to bridge) \$39,184

Project # 3 Fisherville Rd (Pantzlaff Road to CTH T) \$17,343 plus (Pleasant Road to Rosecrans Rd) \$10,495

Project #4 Natchwey Rd (Zander Road to townline) \$31,460

Hidden Valley Road (Rosecrans to Marshhek) \$133,584 could be used for TRI fund.

On a motion by Sup. Shibler and seconded by Sup. Kouba, moved Bids# 1 Cooperstown Rd (Rosecrans to Cty T) cold mix wedging in various spots using 506 tons \$55,660, #6 Zander Rd (Cty T to Pleasant) cold mix wedging in various spots using 330 ton \$39,184, #8 Fisherville Road (Pantzlaff to Pleasant) 3300'x22' apply a single hot oil seal using 3/8 black stone \$20,408, and #9 Fisherville Road (Pleasant to Cty T) 1665'x22' apply a single hot oil seal coat using 3/8 black stone \$12,800. Motion passed.

Discussion and action on ditching for 2024 – backhoe operator estimates Board received three estimates: Tower Excavating \$135 per hour with ditching bucket, charge for 40 hrs.-\$5,200. Includes operator. Ben Jensen Excavating: 160 excavator (steel tracks) \$170 per hour, 85 excavator (rubber tracks) \$155 per hour and 50 excavator (rubber tracks) \$140 per hour. All prices include operator. Bielinski Excavating: \$135 per hour w/operator-1 yd backhoe-town to supply grade man. Shoot grades - \$75 per hour. On a motion by Sup. Shibler and seconded by Sup. Kouba, moved to approve Tower Excavating at \$135 per hour with operator for backhoe. Motion passed.

Discussion and action on culvert replacement- estimates and putting out for bid – Kocian Rd 3 culverts 18", Pautz Rd 1 culvert 36" on east of CTH R . Bid out.

Discussion and action on 50/50 County Culvert Program (ARPA) Kocian Road 3 culverts – July 1st is the deadline for allowable projects for ARPA funds with Manitowoc County. Letter to be sent to County for 50/50 funding.

Discussion and action on 6' – 20' Culvert Inventory and Assessment Programs – no action.

Discussion and action of Ag Road Improvement Program-road selection – April 5th deadline has passed. Sup. Shibler spoke with an engineer and has reviewed the Ag Road Improvement Program for details and extension to the deadline for the fall. Discussion on criteria for the road selection. May 28th for selection of roads based on reports received from haulers.

Discussion and action on LRIP – TRI fund \$32,069.24 LRIP project– Hidden Valley (Marshhek Rd to Rosecrans Rd) and Hidden Valley Rd (Chvala Rd to Rosecrans Rd) No action.

Four Year Road Plan – Natchwey Road moved to 2025.

Discussion and action on Wisconsin DOT road salt contract – signed Board received a response from the DOT on dropping out of the state salt contract. Unfortunately, it is too late to drop out.

Discussion and action on gas piping – potential hazard reported by WPS Chairman Blakeslee report the issue has been corrected.

Recap and action on Road Review meeting. No action.

Discussion and action on Brightspeed claim invoice – no action.

Discussion and action on Gerald Kane property & other properties– debris- pursue violation Board agree letter will be sent to Gerald Kane and the 18426 CTH R property.

Discussion and action on intergovernmental work and agreements – The Town of Cooperstown received a letter from the Town of New Denmark they made a motion to no longer utilize the Town of Cooperstown for road repairs. No action.

Discussion and action on Rate Sheet for Equipment and Labor – Board discussed rates from 2022. No action.

Discussion and action on re-keying all doors and gates – Board discussed one set of keys for town hall and shop doors and one set for the transfer site doors. On a motion by Chairman Blakeslee and seconded by Sup. Shibler, moved to approve re-keying all doors on town hall, shop and Transfer Site and gate at Transfer Site. Motion passed.

Discussion and action on new hire application and advertisement- No action.

Discussion and action on mower repair and mower blades – Board discussed the mower bar and blades for the mower. On a motion by Chairman Blakeslee and seconded by Sup. Shibler, moved to approve purchasing the mower bar and suction blades. Motion passed.

Discussion and action on summer projects and work schedules (PT employees) – Chairman Blakeslee asked for a weekly list of completed work and a list of summer projects to be performed and which jobs will require more than one employee.

Discussion and action on bathroom roof/ceiling – Board received an estimate of \$987.90 for new metal roof on bathroom from Maribel Painters. On a motion by Sup. Kouba and seconded by Chairman Blakeslee, moved to approve roof replacement on bathroom for \$987.90 from Maribel Painters. Motion passed.

Discussion and action on salt pile – Board discussed current outside salt pile. No action.

Discussion and action on protection plan for compressor – Board discussed- no purchase of protection plan. No action.

Board of Review meeting within 45 days of 4th Monday in April – May 28th at 7:00

Dates for Open Book and Board of Review- June 3rd and June 17th

Manitowoc Town Association Meeting – May 16th – Seven Lakes Golf Course

Ordinances, Resolutions and Agreements

None.

Procedural Motions by members of town board

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

Future agenda: May 28th : Discussion and action on culvert replacement-bids, Discussion and action on 50/50 County Culvert Program (ARPA), Plan Commission Rezoning request – Ethan Binish, Discussion and action of Ag Road Improvement Program-road selection

June 11th: Liquor/Beer License and Operator License, Discussion and action on Gerald Kane property & 18426 CTH R property and other properties, Discussion and action on re-keying all doors and gates and sign off document, Discussion and action on summer projects and work schedules (PT employees), Discussion and action on salt pile.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Minutes approved June 11, 2024

Susan Kornely, Clerk