

TOWN BOARD MEETING July 9, 2024

The Town Board of the Town of Cooperstown, Manitowoc County, Wisconsin, convened in open session on July 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 7:08 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. 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. Shibler and seconded by Sup. Kouba, 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 June 11, 2024 Town Board Meeting. Motion passed.

On a motion by Chairman Blakeslee and seconded by Sup. Kouba, moved to approve the minutes for June 17, 2024 Board of Review Meeting. Motion passed.

Reports

Treasurer's Finance Report – presented by the Treasurer. CD comes due 7/13/24 will cashout and put back in the general fund savings.

Road and Maintenance Equipment Report – Roadman Kasten reported spraying completed, mower maintenance, two cuttings of mowing and road patching. Pothole on Cooperstown Rd in the Town of New Denmark was reported.

Industrial Waste Hauling Report – Chairman Blakeslee had no report.

Constable Report – Constable Kane had a report of a dog out in the heat.

Plan Commission Report – Chairman Blakeslee reported Cty Zoning on August 20th.
Building Inspector Report - Building Permits: Karl Lindgren – home addition, Dave Malvitz – storage shed, Jim Cisler – generator and transfer switch. Andy Boncher – garage addition.
Inspections: none.

Utility Permit Report – no report.

Transfer Station Report – Sup. Shibler had no complaints.

Bridge/Culvert Reports – Chairman Blakeslee had no report.

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

Ryan Collins reported flooding in the Village of Maribel and used the empty bags from the Town of Cooperstown, will there be no charge. County Sup. Falkowski spoke on the County \$4.2 million deficit. Proposed County ½% sales tax to offset the deficit. Lack of public comments at the County Board meetings. County Public Safety will be having a few presentations on scams.

Kelly Kane reported trees leaning over the roadways on Frelich Road, Keehan Road and Herold Road.

Public Hearing

Discussion and action on contracting for 1st round of grass cutting & tractor repairs - 1st and 2nd round have been completed. The tractor and mower have been repaired, but there is still a leak on the front end of the tractor. No action.

Discussion and action on 6' – 20' Culvert Inventory and Full Comprehensive Service – The bridge/culvert on Greenstreet Road was not in the 6'-20' culvert list completed by Delmore. Chairman Blakeslee spoke with Gary Mueller, Cty Bridge inspector will be coming out to look at the Greenstreet Rd bridge. No action.

Discussion and action of Ag Road Improvement Program – Pleasant Rd – Habeck Farms driveway to Fisherville Rd, Zander Rd - CTH NN to Herold Rd, these are the two road sections that will be applied for on the ARIP. Application process will proceed. No action.

Discussion and action on Gerald Kane property, 18426 CTH R property & other properties– debris violations – letters sent – Some of the letters have response time of 60 days, grass cutting violations are 10 days response time. No action.

Discussion and action on re-keying all doors and gates- sign off document – Keys have been handed out for the locations and employees that need them. The Maribel Fire department will also receive a set of keys for the shop and Transfer Site. Key sign off document will be sent around for signatures. No action.

Discussion and action on summer projects and work schedules (PT employees) – Sup. Kouba reported wedging needs to be completed. Two employees will be needed for the following projects: crack filling, plowing, tree cutting, snow fence and patching of a major project. Amendment reviewed; this will be written up as a memo for approval at the next board meeting. No action.

Discussion and action on Employee Handbook amendments – Board reviewed the handbook and will bring revisions for discussion to next board meeting. No action.

Discussion and action on Safety Manual amendments - The Board reviewed the Safety manual and will bring revisions for discussion to the next board meeting. Sup. Shibler will write up the sections that need additional information added according to OSHA and State Law. No action.

Discussion and action on salt pile – Chairman Blakeslee reported the salt pile has been moved across the road and is covered. There is some tarping left over. No action.

Discussion and action on LRIP State Funds -Hidden Valley Rd (Chavala Rd to Marshek Rd) has been approved by the Department of Transportation under the LRIP State Municipal Project Agreement \$32,069.24. The board has until 2029 to complete the project. No action.

Discussion and action on Manitowoc County Salt Ordering – The Town of Cooperstown must take the 75-tons but does not have to take the 15-ton reserve for 2024-2025 contract. No action.

Discussion and action on ARPA County 50/50 match on culverts – approved Chairman Blakeslee signed the Procurement Agreement. No action.

Discussion and action on Insurance Policy Renewal – Insurance invoice and Insurance Policy Renewal has not been received.

Discussion and action on Annual Convention – October 6-8, 2024 Holiday Inn Convention Center, Stevens Point

Discussion and action on WTA Fall Workshops September 19th at Rock Garden

Ordinances, Resolutions and Agreements

None.

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 and insurance payment up to \$10000. Motion passed.

Future agenda: August 8th : Discussion and action on 6' – 20' Culvert Inventory and Cost of Full Comprehensive Service, Discussion and action of Ag Road Improvement Program, Discussion and action on Gerald Kane property, 18426 CTH R property & other properties– debris violations – letters sent, Discussion and action on summer projects and work schedules (PT employees), Employee Handbook amendments & Safety Manual amendments, Discussion and action on Insurance Policy Renewal, Discussion and action on 1st & final mowing costs

On a motion Sup. Shibler and seconded by Sup. Kouba, moved to hold the August Board meeting on August 8, 2024. Motion passed.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Minutes approved August 8, 2024

Susan Kornely, Clerk