

TOWN BOARD MEETING August 8, 2024

The Town Board of the Town of Cooperstown, Manitowoc County, Wisconsin, convened in open session on August 8, 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 7:02 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: Cty. Sup. Falkowski. Nine residents were present.

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

On a motion by Chairman Blakeslee 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 July 9, 2024 Town Board Meeting. Motion passed.

Reports

Treasurer's Finance Report – presented by the Treasurer. Report on loan balances.

Road and Maintenance Equipment Report – Roadman Kasten not present.

Industrial Waste Hauling Report – Chairman Blakeslee had no report.

Constable Report – Constable Kane had no report.

Plan Commission Report – Chairman Blakeslee had no report.

Building Inspector Report - Building Permits: none. Inspections: none.

Utility Permit Report – no report.

Transfer Station Report – Sup. Shibler will meet with Transfer Site on Saturday. Issue with ion battery disposal reported and a barrel for disposal will be made available.

Bridge/Culvert Reports – Chairman Blakeslee reported culverts have not been installed. Cold patching on some bumps on Zander Road has been placed. Pautz Road needs to be marked closed during culvert installation.

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

Ryan Collins reported the Village of Maribel residents that received sandbags are happy with the receipt of them from the Town of Cooperstown. County Supervisor Falkowski talked about the scam presentations that will be presented in different areas of the County.

Public Hearing

Discussion and action on Variance Request for Ann Marie Verlare – Ann Marie Verlare wants to install a garage 1' from the property line. She would like a variance from the 25' setback from the adjacent landowner. Lauri Havlovitz asked why the County, Town and State have a 25' setback. Discussion on setback for utility pedestal and propane tank. Lisa Loberger requested

that access from their property will not be allowed for building or maintaining the property with a 1' setback. The 1' clearance would be the overhang of the roof. The Board gave suggestions for placing the garage in another place on the property or in a different configuration. Ann Marie Verlare stated that placing the garage across the road would need rezoning due to property being ag land. Clerk Kornely reported that EA & GA zoning guidelines allow for private garages. The Lobergers are concerned with digging the footing due to soil composition. On a motion by Sup. Kouba and seconded by Chairman Blakeslee, moved to not recommend the variance request to 1' from the side lot for the building of a garage, based on the variance application. Motion passed.

Discussion and action on 6' – 20' Culvert Inventory and Cost of Full Comprehensive Service – On a motion by Sup. Shibler and seconded by Chairman Blakeslee, moved to table until budget meeting. Motion passed.

Discussion and action of Ag Road Improvement Program – Sup. Shibler reported on the area municipalities that received the first round of grants. The second round of grants are due September 30, 2024. Must be an engineered road with estimates for application. Pavement replacement is eligible. The road could never be classified as Class B again if ARIP grant money is used to rebuild. The first round of grants was paid at 90%. Sup. Shibler will work on submitting the ARIP grant application. No action.

Discussion and action on Gerald Kane property, 18426 CTH R property & other properties– debris violations – letters sent: the 12512 CTH Z Gerald Kane property – Clerk will send a letter to the County to start action against the property, the 18426 CTH R Resident – Clerk will send a letter to the County to start action against the property, 17930 CTH R Eric Quick & Alisha Honkanen have been working on keeping the grass cut and cutting brush and trees, 17807 CTH R WTRW – Clerk sent a citation with second letter and a third letter will be sent with a 2nd citation. The board requested letters be sent. No action.

Discussion and action on re-keying all doors and gates- sign off document Keys have been distributed and there are few more signatures are needed. No action.

Discussion and action on Roadman projects, work schedules (PT employees), Employee Handbook & Safety Manual amendments - Roadwork is being completed as assigned. Discussion on tires on the tractor. Discussion on cutting ditches with current tractor and mower. Discussion on Safety Manual updates with additional verbiage. Discussion on five - 8-hour days verses four -10-hour days in the summer. The clerk will update the manual with the information provided. No action.

Discussion and action on Insurance Policy Renewal – 2024-2025 insurance policy came in \$45 under budget. This was with a 3% increase over 2023-2024. No action.

Discussion and action on first and final mowing costs – Board reviewed breakdown of costs 2023 vs 2024 to date. The board will review again in October. No action.

Discussion and action on shop parking lot sealcoating – Chairman Blakeslee spoke with Asphalt Sealing and the driveway is past the overlay stage. Budget discussion for 2025. No action.

Discussion and action on Annual Convention – October 6-8, 2024 Holiday Inn Convention Center, Stevens Point – no attendance except Chairman Blakeslee may attend on day. No action

Discussion and action on WTA Fall Workshops- no further information provided. No action.

Ordinances, Resolutions and Agreements

Onward Accounting& Consulting Contract On a motion by Chairman Blakeslee and seconded by Sup. Kouba moved to approve the Onward Accounting and Consulting Contract for 2024 reporting. Motion passed.

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: September 8th: Discussion and action of Ag Road Improvement Program, Discussion and action on Gerald Kane property, 18426 CTH R property & other properties, Discussion and action on Roadman projects, work schedules (PT employees), Employee Handbook & Safety Manual amendments, Discussion and action on 2025 Road quotes for budgeting

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Minutes approved September 10, 2024

Susan Kornely, Clerk