

TOWN BOARD MEETING September 10, 2024

The Town Board of the Town of Cooperstown, Manitowoc County, Wisconsin, convened in open session on September 10, 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, Jacob Heiser, Denmark News and Cty. Sup. Falkowski. Four 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. Shibler, 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 August 8, 2024 Town Board Meeting. Motion passed.

Reports

Treasurer's Finance Report – presented by the Treasurer.

Road and Maintenance Equipment Report – Roadman Kasten reported patching completed, bumps by culverts addressed, grass cutting in NW corner completed, placed gravel on Jirikovic Road, equipment maintenance, and swept the gravel on the end of Fisherville Road.

Industrial Waste Hauling Report – Chairman Blakeslee had no report.

Constable Report – Constable Kane reported tree down on Zander Road & CTH R removed by Steve & Constable Kane, horses and donkey on CTH R loose and a report of horse on Herold Rd without water.

Plan Commission Report – Chairman Blakeslee had no report.

Building Inspector Report - Building Permits: Genz-garage addition. Inspections: Lingren-home addition, Kapinos-attached garage/mudroom/bathroom, Kincade-accessory building, Malvitz-storage shed, Wetenkamp-garage. Razing Permit: Wall - garage

Utility Permit Report – no report.

Transfer Station Report – Sup. Shibler reported on the battery container, discussion to stop mowing and trimming grass and brush on the outside of fence- complaint by neighbor.

Bridge/Culvert Reports – Chairman Blakeslee reported no culvert work has been started.

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

Nancy Weber asked about the next contract for the appraiser and if the town will be requesting bids. Cty Supervisor, Jim Falkowski reported on the 2025 County Budget and the ½% sales tax request. Jim spoke on the SPAM/Fraud Alert meetings in Manitowoc County. Sign up with the Register of Deeds for Fraud Alert.

Public Hearing

Discussion and action on Conditional Use Permit – Ethan Binish – 13307 Rameker Rd – On a motion by Sup. Shibler and Sup. Kouba, moved to approve the Conditional Use permit at the town level. Motion passed. Clerk will send a letter to the County stating to recommend the Conditional Use Permit application.

Discussion and action of Ag Road Improvement Program – Sup. Shibler is working on getting estimates for engineering, estimate for design and road replacement cost. Applications need to be submitted by September 30th. No action.

Discussion and action on Fall Road Review for 2025 budget estimates – Board members will review roads individually and request estimates for repair or replacement for October 2024 budget meeting. No action.

Discussion and action on Tractor and Mower repair at Weyers Equipment – The hydraulics on the mower failed- mower repair about \$30,000. Discussion on mower replacement and cutting full ROW. Discussion on batwing mower, boom mower and flail mower replacement. Ryan Collins, Tower Excavating offered to make one cut of the whole town for \$10,000. If Dan Kasten uses the Tower Excavating tractor/mower (time and material) On a motion by Sup. Shibler and seconded by Sup. Kouba, moved to approve time and material if Dan Kasten operates Tower Excavating tractor/mower with an estimate on \$10,000 for one pass. Motion passed.

Discussion and action on replacing tractor/mower for 2025 budget – discussion on hiring out, replacement of mower replacement or renting. No action.

Discussion and action on Purchase Order attached to invoices for approval – Chairman Blakeslee requested again that a Purchase Order form be submit with receipt if explanation is not available. No action.

Discussion and action on Property Violations: 12512 CTH Z, 18426 CTH R, 17807 CTH R, 18434 CTH R, 17930 CTH R, 8823 & 8617 Zander Rd-County Investigation – letters & fine sent. Clerk Kornely gave a recap on each of the properties under investigation. No action.

Discussion and action on Roadman projects, work schedules (PT employees), Employee Handbook & Safety Manual amendments On a Sup. Shibler and seconded Sup. Kouba, moved to approve changes to the Safety Manual. Motion passed. No changes to Employee Handbook. Discussion on shouldering about twenty loads was authorized.

Discussion and action on limited work- low censes hours – No action.

Discussion and action on snowplow driver list and advertisement for part-time snowplow drivers – Dan Kasten, Steve Post and Ryan Collins. The board requested to advertise locally.

Discussion on fiber optic ROW project – CTH R – The fiber optic town crossroads could be impacted by the ROW project. The town will send a permit request.

Discussion and action on Wages for 2025 Budget and Evaluations – Board will discuss at budget workshop in October. No action.

Discussion on budget items – bid items for 2025 - Board will discuss at budget workshop, Treasurer Duescher has requested a new computer.

Manitowoc County Unit Meeting- September 19th Meat's Opera House 6:30 pm – Sup. Kouba and Treasurer Duescher will be attending.

Discussion on Mishicot School District Referendum -October 8th representative – Add to October agenda.

Ordinances, Resolutions and Agreements

Tennessen Appraisal bid 2025 and 2026 maintenance assessment – On a motion by Sup. Shabler and seconded by Sup. Kouba, moved to approve Tennessen Appraisal bid for 2025 and 2026 maintenance assessment \$7800 per year. Motion passed.

Procedural Motions by members of town board

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

Future agenda: October 8th: Discussion and action of Ag Road Improvement Program, Discussion and action on replace tractor/mower for 2025 budget, Discussion and action on Property Violations: 12512 CTH Z, 18426 CTH R, 17807 CTH R, 18434 CTH R, 17930 CTH R, 8823 & 8617 Zander Rd-County Investigation – letters & fine sent, Discussion and action on Roadman projects, Discussion and action on snowplow driver list and advertisement for part-time snowplow drivers, Discussion and action on Wages for 2025 Budget and Evaluations, Discussion on budget items – bid items for 2025, Discussion on 2025-2026 Salt Contract. Budget Workshop October 22nd.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Minutes approved October 8, 2024

Susan Kornely, Clerk