

TOWN BOARD MEETING October 8, 2024

The Town Board of the Town of Cooperstown, Manitowoc County, Wisconsin, convened in open session on October 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 7:00 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 Rep Mishicot School District. Eight 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. Kouba and seconded by Sup. Shibler, moved to approve the minutes for September 10, 2024 Town Board Meeting as amended. Motion passed.

Reports

Treasurer's Finance Report – presented by the Treasurer.

Road and Maintenance Equipment Report – Roadman Kasten reported five new posted installed on Zander Rd, Rosecrans Rd and Lakeview Rd guardrails, Zander Rd & Pleasant Rd have been shouldered, patching work done, culverts on Kocian Rd finished by Ben Jensen Excavating, swept a few corners, patching on Greenstreet Rd for crack sealing. Discussion on corner Fisherville and Pleasant Rd hump in roadbed.

Industrial Waste Hauling Report – Chairman Blakeslee had no report.

Constable Report – Constable Kane had no report. Constable Kane asked if his presence will be needed for the November election. The clerk will contact him if needed.

Plan Commission Report – Chairman Blakeslee had no report.

Building Inspector Report - Building Permits: Weaver: shed 2023 & lean-to, Wall-attached garage & breezeway/mudroom, Lyman-detached garage & bedroom suite remodel, Binish-shop/hair salon. Inspections: none Razing Permit: none

Utility Permit Report – no report.

Transfer Station Report – Sup. Shibler reported no complaints- very busy on Saturday. The Transfer Site is currently closed on Wednesdays.

Bridge/Culvert Reports – Chairman Blakeslee reported culvert work on Kocian had been started.

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

David Skwor, Mishicot School District President spoke on the November Referendum. The need for the referendum was for more classroom space, sports education, Performing Arts center, expansion to Tech Ed, cafeteria, band area, a new roof on all three buildings, weight room, and

wrestling room. Capitol Referendum- to do all three roofs at a cost of 9.4 million. \$.67 per \$1000 property tax. 30-year loan. Fred Lemens spoke on the mower replacement with a boom- the tractor is worth it. Nick Propson spoke on the use of skid steer – feels the skid steer could be used over our backhoe/tractor. Complaint by Tom Keehan on waterway built to damn water on the Brian Swelik property stopping the water from flowing off his property.

Public Hearing

Discussion and action on Maribel Fire Department Contract – On a motion by Chairman Blakeslee and seconded by Sup. Kouba, moved to approve the .75 percent of one mil rate of equalized valuation for the 2025 Maribel Fire Department Contract. Motion passed.

Discussion and action on use of skid steer without permission and fuel invoice – Board discussed the use of Dan Kasten's skid steer without the permission of the board and the fuel and DEF that was purchased at Maribel Grain for the skid steer. Fuel invoice will be paid. On a motion by Sup. Shibler and seconded by Sup. Kouba, moved to approve a future policy to be written for prior authorization to use equipment by board member responsible for the Transfer Site. Motion passed.

Discussion and action on first and final mowing costs - On a motion by Chairman Blakeslee and seconded by Sup. Shibler, moved to approve payment of \$10,000 for mowing by Tower Excavating. Motion passed.

Discussion and action of Ag Road Improvement Program- Board discussed the application was not submitted due to the fact all information was not available to complete the application. All materials will be saved for future project submittal. No action.

Discussion and action on debris violations: 12512 CTH Z, 18426 CTH R, 17807 CTH R, 18434 CTH R, 17930 CTH R, 8823 & 8617 Zander Rd-County Investigation – Clerk gave a recap on each of the properties status. The County is working on four of the violations. No action.

Discussion and action on Roadman projects, work schedules (PT employees) Board discussed the crack filling- compressor needs work. Crack filling has started. Pumps on tractor need to be removed. Snowplowing and snow fencing for fall work. Discussion on possible purchase of a used compressor. No action.

Discussion and action on snowplow driver list and applications received for part-time employment- Clerk reported no applications received. No action.

Discussion and action on Salt Contract for 2025-2026 Season – Discussion again at time of next contract. No action.

Discussion and action on replacement of tractor/mower for 2025 budget – Pump system is totally shot- replacement \$12,000 if both pumps failed. Weyers Equipment repair \$28,000. Discussion on replacement cost, scrap cost and \$500 purchase price. Tower Excavating has a boom mower that could cut the final outside round. Quotes will be requested for next year first and final cuttings. No action.

Discussion and action on Wages for 2025 Budget and Evaluations – Board will meet on October 22 at 7:00 Closed Session. Budget Workshop at 7:30. On a motion by Chairman Blakeslee and seconded by Sup. Shibler, moved to approve a Closed Session meeting for Wages for 2025 on October 22nd at 7:00 pm. Motion passed.

Discussion and action on Fall Road Review for 2025 Budget – Received a quote on various roads for 2025 budgeting: Parizek Rd \$13349, Luebke Rd \$16443, Pautz Rd (County Road R to the West) \$13750, Pautz Rd (County Rd R to the East) \$5500, Zander Rd (Pleasant Rd to CTH T \$22914 or \$26431 w/black stone, Cooperstown R (County Rd T to Rosecrans Rd) \$27591 or \$31826 w/black stone, Kvitek Rd (Cooperstown Rd to Zander Rd) \$47080, Kvitek Rd (Zander Rd to Hickory Grove Rd) \$33880. These roads will be reviewed at the 2025 budget workshop. Culvert on Devils River Dr has a dip. No action.

Discussion and action on shop parking lot sealcoating – 2025 budget- Board discussed replacement of shop parking lot and further discussion at the 2025 budget workshop. No action.

Discussion on budget items for 2025 Budget – items for discussion at the 2025 budget workshop: culvert, roads, tractor/mower, forks for tractor, computer for treasurer

Recap of Annual Convention – October 6-8, 2024 Holiday Inn Convention Center, Stevens Point – no attendance.

Budget Workshop – October 22nd @ 7:30, 7:00 Closed Session.

Ordinances, Resolutions and Agreements

2025 Maribel Fire Department Contract- Approved and Signed.

2025 County Rescue Service Contract – On a motion by Sup. Shibler and seconded by Sup. Kouba, moved to approve the 2025 County rescue Service Contract at \$18371.06 in 4 quarterly payments. Motion passed.

Resolution 2024-04 Authorizing to Amend the 2024 Budget On a motion by Sup. Shibler and seconded by Chairman Blakeslee, moved to approve resolution 2024-04 Authoring to Amend the 2024 Budget. Roll Call Vote: Chairman Blakeslee- yes, Sup. Kouba- yes, Sup. Shibler- yes. Motion passed.

Procedural Motions by members of town board

On a motion by Chairman Blakeslee and seconded by Sup. Kouba, moved to approve all checks including \$10,000 for Tower Excavating as presented. Motion passed.

Future agenda: October 22nd: 7:00 Closed Session- 2025 Wages, 7:30 Budget Workshop
November 12th: Discussion and action on use of skid steer without permission and fuel invoice policy, Discussion and action on debris violations: 12512 CTH Z, 18426 CTH R, 17807 CTH R, 18434 CTH R, 17930 CTH R, 8823 & 8617 Zander Rd, Discussion and action on Roadman projects, work schedules (PT employees), Discussion and action on replacement of tractor/mower for 2025 budget, Discussion on damned water of Brian Swetlik property

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Minutes approved November 12, 2024

Susan Kornely, Clerk