October 25, 2023 Town of Dewey Board Meeting

Note: These are the proposed Minutes that will be approved at the next Board meeting.

Minutes
Wednesday, October 25, 2023
430 Dewey Drive-Stevens Point WI 54482

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Chairman King at 6:30 pm, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Verify Open Meeting Notice & Roll Call: Open meeting notice was verified. Chairman Maurice King, Supervisor Dennis Hintz, Supervisor LeRoy Pukrop, Clerk Angela Lochinger and Treasurer Josie Napiwocki were present. 3 town residents and/or visitors were present.

Approval of Minutes from the meeting of October 11, 2023: Supervisor Pukrop motioned to approve the October 11, 2023 Minutes as presented. Supervisor Hintz seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Citizens wishing to address the Town Board: Doug Evica inquired about the annual removal of weight limit signposts by town employees, questioning the necessity. Chairman King explained they do it to prevent them from obstructing the road.

Philip Fusco thanked the town for repairing the culvert by his property on Oakwood Drive and mentioned that the soil around it is eroding. Chairman King said the town employees will look at it. He also had questions about his property zoning and a tax increase. The board suggested he contact the town's assessor.

Supervisor Comments/Concerns: Supervisor Hintz got a call from Emil Neuman on Birch Drive, who had questions about a culvert in front of his driveway. Chairman King said he and the town employees have been monitoring the culvert and Mr. Neuman plans to install a larger culvert in his driveway which will help the issue.

Chief Lepper discussed a donation check that was mistakenly made out to Dewey EMS. The board recommended returning it to ensure that the check is issued correctly.

Operator Licenses: The board reviewed a new 2-year operator license application for Candy Wieloch at Funny Farm Bar & Grill.

Supervisor Pukrop motioned to approve the operator license application as presented. Chairman King seconded. Supervisor Hintz abstained. Motion passed 2-0.

Review 2024 Fire Department Budget: Chief Lepper reviewed the proposed 2024 Fire Department Budget with the board.

Review 2024 EMS Budget: Chief Lepper reviewed the proposed 2024 EMS Budget with the board.

Work on town's 2024 Budget: The board worked on the Town's 2023 Budget. Supervisor Hintz suggested creating an emergency contingency fund, an account specifically designated for saving money to address future emergencies.

Clerk/Treasurer Reports for September: The board reviewed the September Treasurer and Clerk reports, and September's reports balanced.

Supervisor Pukrop motioned to accept the Treasurer and Clerk reports as presented. Supervisor Hintz seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Report on Animal Control Meeting: Chairman King and Treasurer Napiwocki provided a report on the annual Animal Control Meeting they attended. Portage County and the Humane Society of Portage County, Inc. have been working on a new animal control services agreement between them for a couple years. While those discussions continue, Portage County and the Humane Society have agreed to extend their current contract through the end of 2023. They received calls so far this year from Dewey for 7 strays, 3 nuisance calls and 1 bite/quarantine.

Reports on WTA Convention: Chairman King and Supervisor Pukrop provided reports on the recent WTA Convention they attended. Some of the topics discussed included ARIP, LRIP, and TRIP applications, the significance of letters of support from local businesses, Board of Commissioners of Public Lands (BCPL) loans and interest rates, a WISLR seminar, and a new option to document culvert installations and mileage certifications, which will start to be recorded online next year.

Repairs to the dump box (Peterbilt): The board previously agreed to look for a used dump box for the Peterbilt as it is rusting. Supervisor Hintz shared that he looked into the prices of used dump boxes, ranging from $6,000 to $9,000, plus shipping. He also discussed the possibility of repairing one with a town employee, who believes it can be taken to Mark's Machine Shop for welding and rebuilding, making it functional again.

Supervisor Hintz motioned to take the Peterbilt to Mark's Machine Shop, LLC to have them repair the dump box. Supervisor Pukrop seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Options for snow plow drivers: Chairman King explained that one of the full-time town employees does not plan to snowplow this winter. The board discussed available backup drivers. The clerk will post an ad on the town website and on Indeed to look for on-call snowplow driver applicants.

Chairperson's Report on town work and activities: Town employees have been inspecting culverts, grading roads, making repairs to equipment, doing oil changes, and putting snow equipment on the trucks.

Correspondence: The board reviewed correspondence.

Set Meeting Dates & Agendas: There is a Public Hearing on the proposed 2024 Budget scheduled for Wednesday, November 15, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. with a Special Town Meeting of the Electors immediately following at the Dewey Town Hall.

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Approve and Pay Bills: Supervisor Hintz motioned to approve and pay the bills. Supervisor Pukrop seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Adjournment: Chairman King adjourned the meeting at 8:33 pm.