

December 13, 2023 Town of Dewey Board Meeting

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

Minutes

Wednesday, December 13, 2023

430 Dewey Drive-Stevens Point WI 54482

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chairman King at 6:30 pm, and 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. 0 town residents and/or visitors were present.

Approval of Minutes from the meeting of November 15, 2023 and November 29, 2023: Supervisor Pukrop motioned to approve the November 15, 2023 Minutes as presented. Supervisor Hintz seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Supervisor Hintz motioned to approve the November 29, 2023 Minutes as presented. Supervisor Pukrop seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Citizens wishing to address the Town Board: Treasurer Napiwocki mentioned that a resident had previously inquired about exploring options other than the Portage County Humane Society for animal control. She spoke with the Village of Junction City, who contracts with the South Wood County Humane Society, paying a set rate for tags and additional fees on a per-call basis. Napiwocki observed that after comparing the figures, factoring in the population and the number of calls received, the costs are similar between the Village of Junction City and the Town of Dewey.

Clerk Lochinger informed the board about an error in the 2023 Annual Town Newsletter's "Highlights" section. It was incorrectly stated that the DNR provided a grant for the Smokey the Bear fire danger sign on Sunset Drive, attributed to Dewey firefighter Malayna Polum's daughter, Autumn, and her Girl Scout Troop 6260. Ms. Polum clarified that the DNR did not end up providing a grant, and Autumn, along with her Girl Scout Troop 6260, raised all the necessary funds independently. The board suggested posting the updated information on the town website.

Supervisor Comments/Concerns: Supervisor Hintz asked whether anyone called Mitch King about the cost of hauling sand. Chairman King stated that a town employee checked, and it was estimated to be around the same cost. However, they plan to assess the actual cost for sand this year to make a pricing comparison, factoring in labor, gas, and the wear and tear on the town's vehicles.

Operator licenses: Supervisor Hintz motioned to approve the operator license applications for Keera Wildes and Morgan Rose as presented. Supervisor Pukrop seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Appointment of Election Inspectors: The board acknowledged receipt of a list of election inspectors for the 2024–2025 term, provided by Clerk Lochinger. Supervisor Pukrop motioned to approve the appointment of the election inspectors as presented for the 2024–2025 term. Supervisor Hintz seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Appointment of Plan Commission members: Chairman King explained that three Plan Commission members have terms expiring on December 31, 2023, typically appointed for three years. As part of the ordinance updates, he suggested a staggered approach with two terms starting in the first year, two in the

second year, and one in the third year. He recommended appointing each of the three members for a one-year term for now. After completing the ordinance update project, they can establish a rotation of three-year terms. Despite no new interest in joining, the current members, whose terms are expiring—Rhonda Hollfelder, Sandy Meis, and Doug Evica—all agreed to continue for another term.

Supervisor Pukrop motioned to appoint Rhonda Hollfelder, Sandy Meis, and Doug Evica to a one-year term on the Plan Commission, through December 31, 2024. Supervisor Hintz seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Participating in the WI-CAMS Program: According to Portage County Emergency Management, the WI-CAMS program serves as a critical purpose by identifying and validating individuals who play vital roles in disaster response.

Supervisor Pukrop motioned to postpone action on participating in the WI-CAMS program until the board obtains more participation information, ensuring the entire town can be set up simultaneously. Supervisor Hintz seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

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

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

Chairperson's Report on town work and activities: Town employees have been grading roads, snowplowing, and sanding roads, putting up snow fence posts, and conducting equipment repairs.

Correspondence: The board reviewed correspondence.

Closed Session: Supervisor Pukrop motioned to enter into Closed Session at 7:11 pm per Wis. Stats. 1985(1)(c) to consider employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of the town road and maintenance employees. Supervisor Hintz seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Chairman King brought the meeting back into open session at 7:57 pm.

Items discussed in Closed Session: The town currently has two full-time employees, one of whom cannot plow snow this winter due to a family commitment. While there are backup snow plow drivers, the town is actively seeking someone interested in becoming a regular on-call snow plow driver. The board deliberated on ensuring fair pay for the full-time employee handling most of the snow plowing this winter and improving compensation for all snow plow drivers.

Supervisor Hintz motioned to assign the title of "senior full-time employee" to Dave Larson and increase his pay by \$1.50 to a rate of \$25.00 per hour. Additionally, to designate Steward Plaski as a "regular full-time employee", maintaining his current pay at \$23.50 per hour. The motion also includes setting the pay for any part-time snow plowing work at \$25.00 per hour. Supervisor Pukrop seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Set Meeting Dates & Agendas: There is a Special Town Meeting of the Electors scheduled for Wednesday, January 17, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. at the Dewey Town Hall, with a Town Board Meeting immediately following.

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 8:17 pm.