

June 19, 2024 Town of Dewey Board Meeting

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

Minutes

Wednesday, June 19, 2024

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. 1 town residents and/or visitors were present.

Approval of Minutes from the meetings of May 15, 2024 and June 12, 2024: Supervisor Pukrop motioned to approve the May 15, 2024 Minutes as presented. Supervisor Hintz seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Supervisor Hintz motioned to approve the June 12, 2024 Minutes as presented. Supervisor Pukrop seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Citizens wishing to address the Town Board: None.

Supervisor Comments/Concerns: Supervisor Hintz asked how much total interest will be paid on the BCPL loan for the new truck and equipment. Clerk Lochinger will check with BCPL.

Animal Control Agreement between the Town of Dewey and Portage County: In May the Portage County Board of Supervisors approved a new Animal Control Services Agreement between Portage County and the Humane Society for 1/1/24 through 12/31/29. As a result, Portage County provided a corresponding new agreement with municipalities.

Supervisor Pukrop motioned to approve the 2024-2029 Portage County Animal Control Municipal Contract. Supervisor Hintz seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Liquor, beer, cigarette and operator licenses: Supervisor Hintz motioned to approve the liquor, beer, and cigarette licenses as presented for Tiki Beach Bar & Grill, Bullheads Bar & Grill, Funny Farm Bar & Grill, and Sunset Bay Grill. Supervisor Pukrop seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Supervisor Pukrop motioned to approve the operator license applications as presented, with tentative approval of the operator license for Sherry Anderson, pending she provide proof of completing an approved responsible beverage server training course within one week. Supervisor Hintz seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Granite lift project on the joint section of Birch Drive: Chairman King addressed confusion from a May 2024 joint meeting with the Town of Guenther, where Guenther claimed Dewey had sprung the 2022-2023 Birch Drive Granite Lift Project on them, and that it wasn't clear each town was to put down 3600 yards of road material. Chairman King explained that Dewey had informed Guenther about the project since October 2021. Dewey sought bids for their half in April 2022 and planned to lay down 3600 yards of material in 2022, at which time Guenther was again notified. Guenther laid down 500 yards in 2022 and 2400 yards in 2023.

Chairman King also disputed Guenther's claims about the time needed for snow plowing and grading, asserting Dewey's times were shorter and that Guenther's charges for shoulder cutting were excessive. He believes Guenther's claims of being shortchanged are unfounded.

Review estimate for milling and a double chip seal on Willow Springs Drive south of Dewey Drive: Chairman King explained a representative from Fahrner Asphalt viewed the roads and provided an estimate of \$78,000 to mill and double chip seal for an 18 ft wide road, not including road base. Supervisor Hintz inquired if the budget would support this work. Chairman King explained we didn't budget for it this year and that he wouldn't recommend doing this work as he feels the double chip seal won't hold up with semis coming in and out hauling crops, but that the board could discuss if the budget will allow this work to be done for next year.

Notice of Disallowance of Claim: In October 2023, Kathleen Heiberger reported that a town worker using a boom mower accidentally damaged her mature trees and landscaping. The town board suggested she obtain repair estimates from landscaping companies to forward to the town's insurance company for possible coverage. In April 2024, she provided the town with a quote from McKay Nursery to replace the damaged trees.

In June 2024, the town's insurance company, Rural Mutual Insurance, issued a Letter of Disallowance denying the claim, stating their investigation found no fault or negligence on the part of the Town of Dewey with regards to this incident. The insurance company stated that the loss was due to the insured employee cutting the brush well within the right of way for this roadway in the town. They requested the town board issue a notice of disallowance to Mrs. Heiberger.

Supervisor Hintz motioned to approve the notice of disallowance of claim to be issued to Kathleen Heiberger. Supervisor Pukrop seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Using the Town of Dewey's ARPA Funds on personnel cost for the period starting on January 1, 2025 and ending on December 31, 2026: Chairman King explained the town received \$101,842 total in ARPA funds in 2021 and 2022. These funds must be used on specific items and the town must obligate the funds by the end of 2024 to be used by December 31, 2026.

Supervisor Hintz motioned to use the Town of Dewey's ARPA Funds on personnel costs for the period starting on January 1, 2025 and ending on December 31, 2026. Supervisor Pukrop seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution No.2-2024, a resolution to obligate the Town of Dewey's ARPA Funds: Supervisor Pukrop motioned to approve Resolution No.2-2024, a resolution to obligate the Town of Dewey's ARPA Funds on personnel costs for the town's two full time employees, using \$50,921 in 2025 and \$50,921 in 2026. Supervisor Hintz seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Funding for road projects: Supervisor Hintz asked Chairman King how the town would pay for the upcoming Dewey Drive project. He explained that although a grant would cover half the cost, the town must initially pay for the entire project and later be reimbursed. Hintz asked if this cost would end up raising taxes, and also inquired about funding for the replacement of the aging Peterbilt truck.

Chairman King suggested borrowing the portion of money the town will be reimbursed for on a short-term basis, possibly for a couple of months, and then repaying it once the grant funds are received. He added that they could potentially use some of the funds saved on payroll over the next two years, as ARPA funds will cover a large portion of payroll. He explained he doesn't anticipate raising the tax levy to pay for the current planned road projects. However, the town will need to levy taxes for the 2024 plow truck purchase. He also stated that the Peterbilt should last approximately 10 more years.

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

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

Chairperson's Report on town work and activities: Chairman King reported he ordered fire signs for all the town's double driveways, updated contact information on the County's Emergency Response Plan, has been working on updating the town's ordinances with the town's attorney, and discussed a culvert replacement on Scenic Drive. He has also been looking into the fire department coverage of private vehicles when in use for town business. Town employees have been grading and will be cutting shoulders soon.

Correspondence: The board reviewed correspondence.

Set Meeting Dates & Agendas: Town Board Meetings are scheduled for Wednesday, July 17, 2024, at 6:30 pm at the Dewey Town Hall. There is also a Town Board Meeting scheduled for Thursday, July 18, 2024, at 6:30 pm to review the Torun Road construction project with town residents at the intersection of Torun Road and Dewey Drive.

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

Adjournment: Chairman King adjourned the meeting at 8:02 pm.