

March 12, 2025 Town of Dewey Board Meeting

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

Minutes

Wednesday, March 12, 2025

430 Dewey Drive-Stevens Point WI 54482

Call to Order: The 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 Lori Kolodziej were present. 5 town residents and/or visitors were present.

Approval of Minutes from the meeting of February 12, 2025: Supervisor Pukrop motioned to approve the minutes of February 12, 2025, as presented. Supervisor Hintz seconded. The motion passed 3-0.

Citizens wishing to address the Town Board: None

Supervisor Comments/Concerns: None

Discussion on traffic issues on County Road DB between I-39 and the north county line: Richard Koehler attended the meeting to discuss safety concerns on County Road DB between I-39 and the north county line, requesting a speed limit reduction to 45 mph. He noted heavier traffic from local development, with many homes relying on DB for highway access, plus risks from narrow causeways, speeds over 55 mph, and more pedestrians/bicyclists, causing accidents and near misses. Koehler, having also met with the Town of Knowlton, is seeking support from both towns before approaching Portage and Marathon Counties, as DB is a county road. The board agreed to work with Knowlton to draft a similar resolution asking Portage County to consider safety improvements on County Road DB between I-39 and the Marathon County line.

Discussion/Action on bids for Torun Road reconstruction project: The board reviewed bids for paving and shouldering Torun Road, starting at Dewey Drive and extending south approximately 7,075 feet. American Asphalt submitted a bid of \$166,881.50 for both paving and shouldering. Earth Inc. bid \$16,125.00 for shouldering only.

Supervisor Pukrop motioned to accept the bid from American Asphalt at a cost of \$166,881.50 for the Torun Road reconstruction project. Supervisor Hintz seconded. The motion passed 3-0.

Update on insurance coverage review: The board reviewed the town's proposed insurance coverage policy from Rural Mutual Insurance. Chairman King outlined minor changes still needed.

Discussion/Action on new insurance coverage rate: Supervisor Hintz motioned to approve the town's businessowners insurance coverage policy proposal from Rural Mutual Insurance, with an annual premium of \$13,928, incorporating the amendments discussed. Supervisor Pukrop seconded. The motion passed 3-0.

Update regarding the sale of the 2000 Sterling truck: The board discussed selling the town's 2000 Sterling truck. The clerk will check with the Wisconsin Towns Association on ad costs for their monthly magazine and explore fees for Truck Paper, an online marketplace for trucks and commercial vehicles. They discussed a starting sale price of \$25,000.

Discussion/Action on Town of Dewey 2024 Year End Income/Expense Report & Bank Account Summary: Supervisor Pukrop motioned to approve the 2024 Year End Income/Expense Report & Bank Account Summary as presented. Supervisor Hintz seconded. The motion passed 3-0.

Discussion/Action 2024 Annual Report: Supervisor Hintz motioned to approve the 2024 Annual Report as presented. Supervisor Pukrop seconded. The motion passed 3-0.

Update on ARPA CD: Treasurer Kolodziej reported the town's ARPA CD has been renewed for 6 months at an interest rate of 3.94%.

Clerk/Treasurer Reports: The board reviewed the Clerk and Treasurer reports for February, noting that the reports balanced.

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

Chairperson's Report on town work and activities: Chairman King reported that town employees have been conducting inventory, cleaning the town garage, cutting brush, plowing snow, applying sand/salt as needed, testing reflectivity on town road signs, and posting weight limit signs.

Update on Town Inventory: Chairman King shared an updated town inventory list, compiled with town employees. It's organized by location, detailing items in each truck, behind the garage, in the fuel shed, and town buildings, with breakdowns for the grader and office rooms. Tools are listed separately for clarity.

Correspondence: The board reviewed correspondence.

Discussion/Action on a motion to enter into Closed Session per Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(c) to perform town road & maintenance employee evaluations, review employee compensation and, to consider compensation of a public employee: Supervisor Hintz motioned to enter into Closed Session at 7:39 pm per Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(c) to perform town road & maintenance employee evaluations, review employee compensation and, to consider compensation of a public employee. Supervisor Pukrop seconded. The motion passed 3-0.

Chairman King brought the meeting back into open session at 8:12 pm.

Discussion/Action on compensation for the town road & maintenance employees: Following discussion, Supervisor Pukrop motioned to raise the pay for full-time road and maintenance employees by approximately 3% resulting in a wage of \$26.50 per hour for the senior full-time employee and a wage of \$25.00 per hour for the regular full-time employee. Supervisor Hintz seconded. The motion passed 3-0.

Set Meeting Dates & Agendas: The Annual Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 15, 2025, at 6:30 pm at the Dewey Town Hall.

There next Town Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 16, 2025, at 6:30 pm at the Dewey Town Hall.

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

Adjournment: Chairman King adjourned the meeting at 8:15 pm.