

Regular Meeting Minutes

December 10, 2024

In attendance: Dan Lilla, Chairman; David Kujak, Supervisor; Joseph Wener, Supervisor; Kara Wener, Clerk; Becky Tiedje, Treasurer; David Frahm, Charles Kulas, Rick Kujak, Debbie Scholl, Ken Frahm, Jr, Michelle Fetting, Carol Galewski, Pat Bushman, Glen Gibbons, Shawn Squired (CCT), Scott Lambert, Nancy Quinn, Lane White, Jim Sobotta, Althea Moga, Greg Moga, Jackson Hoffman, Guy Leavitt, Mike Russell, Malia Fox, and Rod Seitz

Meeting called to order at 6:30. Chairman Lilla asked if public notice requirements were met for the meeting; Clerk Wener affirmed public notice requirements were met.

Supervisor Kujak made a motion to approve the prior month regular meeting minutes. Seconded by Supervisor Wener. Verbal vote, motion carried.

Public Comments: None

Broadband, Equity and Access Development Grant (BEAD): Shawn Squires CEO of Cochrane Cooperative Telephone (CCT) was given the floor. Mr. Squires shared details of CCT noting all things are handled by their employees including technical support. Mr. Squires explained the BEAD program and that Wisconsin is using project areas and the state has to set a minimum match threshold. CCT is authorized to participate in the BEAD program and Round 1 will be open Jan. 13-Feb. 25, 2025 with fiber receiving priority. CCT is interested in submitting a project for the town of Dodge. CCT has two months to put a project together for the town of Dodge and requires the following: 1. Confirmed interest from the town, 2. If interest, the level of financial support the town is comfortable with putting toward the project, 3. Letters of support from residents and businesses sharing stories of lack of access and poor service.

Chairman Lilla noted this will be a topic at the January regular meeting and special meeting of the electors to be held in late January.

Road Maintenance: Chairman Lilla noted the following: snowplow is ready for the winter and sand/salt is being mixed.

Fire Department By-laws and General Update: Ken Frahm, Jr. was given the floor. Mr. Frahm noted the bottle filler for air has been hooked up and ready to be used.

Property Easement: Mr. Glen Gibbons was given the floor to share his request for a property easement. Mr. Gibbons noted there has been disagreement about a perpetual easement between himself and property owners. Chairman Lilla noted a property easement is not a town decision, but a civil issue. The town cannot take action.

Auto Pay Service: Treasurer Tiedje shared, FNBT offers a bill pay service free to its customers. The service includes a check signer system with individual credentials for multiple approvers for direct payments. This system would allow the town of Dodge to avoid late fees on bills.

Supervisor Kujak made motion to utilize the FNBT bill pay service for direct payment for common vendors. Seconded by Supervisor Wener. Verbal vote, motion carried.

CD Renewal: Treasurer Tiedje noted a CD will be up for renewal prior to our next meeting. Board authorized treasurer Tiedje to renew the CD.

Review of Orders: Orders were reviewed in the meeting. Supervisor Wener made a motion to approve orders for payment. Seconded by Supervisor Kujak. Verbal vote. Motion carried.

Upcoming Meetings: The next meeting was set for Tuesday, January 14 at 6:30. Caucus will be held January 6, 2025 at 6:30.

Closed Session for a Personnel Matter: Chairman Lilla made motion to enter into closed session to discuss a personnel issue. Seconded by Supervisor Wener. Verbal vote. Board moved into closed session. Board returned from closed session.

Adjournment: Supervisor Wener made motion to adjourn. Seconded by Supervisor Kujak. Verbal vote. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 pm.