

TOWN OF FOND DU LAC

FOND DU LAC COUNTY

MONTHLY MEETING

FEBRUARY 10, 2025

7:00 PM

The Monthly Meeting was called to order by Chairman Jeff Montsma. Present were Chairman Montsma, Supervisors Aaron Kuhls, Jessica Allender, Jennifer Janeczko and David Washkoviak, Clerk Patti Supple, Treasurer Brenda Post, Attorney Matt Parmentier and various Town residents. Confirmation was made of Open Meeting notice.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. The minutes from the January meeting were approved with one caveat: In the Chairman's report, the oversight of ATV activity on the road is per County request to determine use. There have been no issues. Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes with the above addition. Motion carried, 5 aye.

4. Over the past several years, there have been some accidents on the corner of Brown and Esterbrook Roads. Residents in the area are asking for a 4-way stop to help alleviate the issue. Chairman Montsma thanked the residents for their concerns. He noted the Town Board has recently updated the vision corner requirements to help with sight lines on various Town roads. However, as to the 4-way stop, there are some constraints placed on the Town. Certain criteria must be met. Per Attorney Parmentier, compliance with a State Statute, an engineering study must be done, number of accidents, sight distance grounds, traffic volume and other factors must be met. The resident noted that there is now ATV traffic which increases traffic volume. Chairman Montsma noted the latest accident was caused by the driver running the stop sign and that a 4-way stop is not a cure all. Unfortunately, a fatality carries more weight than accidents. Chairman Montsma will talk to the County and the Sheriff for recommendations. This will again be on the March agenda.

5. At the request of the Village of North Fond du Lac Water Utility boxes need to be upgraded after the new motor installation. Motion was made and seconded to approve the upgraded boxes and installation at a cost of \$6500.00 plus installation. Motion carried.

6. The Planning Commission has recommended upgrading the GA zoning to allow for storage units in existing farm buildings. It would be a special exception and no new buildings would be allowed. This is on the March agenda for a Public Hearing and action.

7. Motion was made and seconded to approve the contract with the Fond du Lac Humane Society for stray dogs. Motion carried.

8. Motion was made and seconded to approve an Operator's License for Kendra Whitty at Schmitt's. Motion carried.

9. PUBLIC WORKS:

a. Stormwater: cattails are being graded in ditches. Fox Court ditches have greater issues and will need more research. The MS-4 permit is due in March. AECOM is updating the report. The recommendation was made to work with private retention pond owners to help with meeting stormwater requirements.

b. Asplundh is trimming trees. They exceed weight limits. Weight limits need to be addressed.

c. DPW Supervisor Harold Haney presented his report. He noted the salter has been installed, and the trucks have been checked prior to the upcoming snowstorms. Lights and an electrical box have been repaired on the DPW building. Brushing is being done in Simon Park. The smaller brush can be taken care of with a controlled burn by the Fire Department.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Dan Feyen presented updates on his State office.

11. Supervisor Allender had some complaints about Manowske noise issues. She also noted weight limits on Highway 151, concerns about the Esterbrook and Brown intersection and the ZOOM account.

Supervisor Washkkoviak attended the Envision Greater Fond du Lac meeting and found the area is 700 housing units short.

Chairman Montsma reported that he is working with Terry Dietzel over the water utility lines on the County Airport property in relation to the hangars. Spark-Ops has purchased 3 lots in the Aeronautical Park. They construct housing pods. Gremmer is working on a road frontage spread sheet. There is also a need to update the ordinances for the website.

Clerk Supple reminded residents that there are two elections this year. One is on February 18 and one on April 1. She also noted that two long time, active members of the Town recently passed, Harold Schmitz and John Dux.

Treasurer Post noted the tax collection went well.

Fire Chief Birschbach reminded residents that vehicles on lake ice should take care.

12. There are no Board of Appeals or Planning Commission meetings scheduled.

FINANCIAL REPORT: January 2025

General Account received: \$29,802.48

Orders: 224,471.09

Balance: 383,867.68

Road, Bridge, Culvert & Eq: \$63,877.55

Park: \$39,925.67

Hall CD: \$26,875.39

Fire Dept. CD: \$17,109.29

Motion was made and seconded to approve the Financial Report. Motion carried.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

Bills: \$111,232.44 Wages: \$14,669.52

Motion was made and seconded to approve the Payment of Bills. Motion carried.

The Town Board intends to convene into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85 (1) (g) for the purpose of conferring with legal counsel for the Town who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the Town with respect to litigation in which the Town is or is likely to become involved. By voice vote Kuhls, aye; Allender, aye; Janeczko, aye; Washkoviak, aye; Montsma, aye. The Board convened into closed session.

After the closed session, motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.

Submitted by Patti Supple, Town Clerk