Town of Ixonia
Town Board
Minutes
September 11, 2023

Call to Order and Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance
Chairman Goetsch called the meeting of the Town of Ixonia Town Board to order at approximately 7:00 pm.

Roll call was taken with the following in attendance: Chairman Perry Goetsch, Supervisor Carl Jaeger, Supervisor Brian Derge, Supervisor Rick Ziegler, and Supervisor Dan Rupnow.

Also, Present: Fire Chief Brett Meints, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Jodi Jaeger, Hwy Superintendent Dennis Lillge, and Park & Rec, Peter Mark

The pledge was recited by those present. Chairman Goetsch asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of 9/11.

Proof of Posting and Notice
The agenda was posted at the Town Hall, Ixonia Bank and Post Office and posted on the website.

Approval of Minutes – August 14th & August 28th, 2023
Supervisor Jaeger moved, seconded by Supervisor Derge to approve the August 14th & August 28th, 2023 minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

a) *Approve August 2023 Financial Report*

Supervisor Derge moved seconded by Supervisor Jaeger to approve the August financial report as presented and to put on file for the audit. Motion carried.

Jefferson County Sheriff's Department Report and/or Jefferson County Supervisor Report
No Jefferson County Sherriff was present.

County Supervisor, Bruce Degner was present. He informed the Board that a judge's ruling on a Concord zoning issue is going to be announced soon. The strategic plan is still being worked on. The October county board meeting is planned to be held in the remodeled courthouse. It's budget time.

Plan Commission

a) *Discussion and Action regarding a request by Micheal Podevels for a conditional use to allow an extensive onsite storage structure in a Community Zone at W110 Rockvale Road on parcel 012-0816-2544-006.*

Rosanna Podevels was present. Originally they were looking at building a large shed but are now looking at an 8' x 12' shed. Supervisor Ziegler asked how much additional space they were looking at building and do the neighbors object to it. Ms. Podevels stated that they are not looking for additional space, but downsizing and no neighbors have objected.

Supervisor Derge moved to approve the conditional use for a shed at W110 Rockvale Road parcel #012-0816-2544-006. Supervisor Jaeger seconded the motion and it carried.

b) *Discussion and Action regarding a request by Thomas Griswold to allow a variance for a reduced lot line setback for a proposed shed at N8934 River Valley Road on parcel 012-0816-1133-000. The property is owned by Griswold Trust.*

Kevin Griswold was present to speak on behalf of Tom Griswold. The house was separated from the farm. They would like to add an addition to the shed but need to change the lot line. Plan Comm approved unanimously.

Supervisor Derge moved, seconded by Supervisor Jaeger to allow a variance for a reduced lot line set back for a shed at N8934 River Valley Road. Motion carried.

c) *Discussion and Action on a request by Hughes Reynolds Group, LLC to rezone from Industrial to Business all of parcel 012-0816-2121-002 (6.80 acres) at W1593 Marietta Avenue*

Devin Anderson of Anderson Auto & Truck Repair, currently located in Mapleton would like to run a business in the old LRS Building owned by Hughes Reynolds Group. Kevin Griswold spoke in favor of the business. Peter Mark, Rockvale Road questioned outside storage & building changes. Mr., Anderson stated he would repaint the outside white with blue trim and dumpsters would be concealed. There would be a designated area for parking & outdoor storage. Supervisor Jaeger asked about old tires that would be placed on the property. Mr. Anderson stated that he was originally looking at an area in the SW corner for tires but was told the septic needs to be upgraded. This will most likely be done in the NW corner where he would place screening for tires and dumpsters. Supervisor Rupnow asked what type of screening would be used. Mr. Anderson stated it would be dog eared fencing.

Supervisor Derge moved, seconded by Supervisor Jaeger to approve the request to rezone parcel 012-0816-2121-002 from Industrial to Business. Motion carried.

Discussion and Action regarding Utility District rate increase for 1/1/2024 to $318.00/REU and 1/1/2025 to $486.00/REU as recommended by the town financial advisors, Ehlers.

Brian Roemers reviewed the timeline of the new sewer treatment project to this date – 4 yr. process. Ehlers in recommending sewer rates be increased to $318 per REU per quarter as of 1/1/24 and $468 per REU per quarter as of 1/1/25. A three-phase increase started on 11/23 at $216 per REU per quarter. This rate can be adjusted if needed based on budget needs. Supervisor Rupnow asked if we have to do 2 years. Brian Roemers stated yes to plan for project completion. Heather Harris, N8251 Pritchard Farm Road asked for rates to be reviewed every year instead of every 2 years.

Supervisor Derge made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Jaeger to increase the rates for Utility District #1 to $318.00 per REU per quarter as of 1/1/2024 with a second increase on 1/1/2025 of $468.00 per REU per quarter with rates being evaluated on a yearly basis. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion and Action regarding Resolution 2023-07-R Bond Resolution - $24,386,541 Town of Ixonia Sewerage System Revenue Bonds, Series 2023 (Clean Water Fund Loan) (the "Revenue Bonds")

Financial Assistance Agreement for a 30-year loan at 2.292%. $951,596 of internal funding is being used. This loan is non prepayable and is funded by sewer rates. The creation of a TID district will also help offset the project. The Town will need to create a redemption fund and do

an Annual Equipment Replacement Fund Deposit of $128,928. Principal payment starts after project completion.

Supervisor Derge made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Jaeger to approve Resolution 2023-07- R Bond Resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

Set Dates for Budget Workshop – October 16 & October 23 @ 6:00 pm
All board members agreed these dates and times would work.

Utility District #1

a) *Discussion and Action regarding third and fourth pay request received from Staab Construction Corporation for the Wastewater Treatment Facility in the amount of $1,109,805.20*

Supervisor Derge moved, seconded by Supervisor Jaeger to pay Staab Construction $1,109,805.20 for the Wastewater Treatment Facility, based on the recommendation of our engineer. The motion carried unanimously.

b) *Discussion and Action regarding third payment to Super X in the amount of $229,082.95*

Supervisor Jaeger moved, second by Supervisor Derge to approve the payment of $229,082.95 to Super X based on the recommendation of our engineer. Motion carried.

Fire Department

a) *Monthly report for Fire & EMS*

Chief Meints gave the monthly report. He stated 61% of the calls have been daytime calls. That is up from 50% the previous month.

Supervisor Jaeger acknowledged past fire members Lyle Ulsberger and John Von Reuden who recently passed away.

Park & Recreation Commission

a) *Discussion and Possible Action regarding a walking path agreement with Oconomowoc School District*

Peter Mark, Park & Rec Chairman stated that the Oconomowoc School District would like a path from Firemen's Park to the Ixonia school driveway to accommodate construction in fall. The path will be gravel initially, blacktop in the future. Supervisor Jaeger asked how wide the path would be. It will be 8 ft wide. Supervisor Rupnow asked why it would be gravel the first year. Paving will be done at a later date along with the school project. Park & Recreation Committee recommends going forward with this.

Supervisor Derge moved, second by Supervisor Ziegler to approve the walking path between Firemen's Park and Ixonia school. The motion carried unanimously.

Highway Department

a) *Discussion and Action regarding a petition received from residents along Hustisford Road to reduce the speed limit to 45 MPH*

Highway Superintendent Lillge stated that this has not been done since he had held this position. He contacted the Jefferson County Highway Department and was informed that there are steps to do this. The first step would be the Highway Safety Committee doing a study on the Road.

Emily Yaresh of Hustisford Road stated they moved here in 1994 and were one of the only houses on the road back then, Since the road has been redone, cars are going 80 miles an hour. There are not 12 homes and driveways on this road. She would like to see a 45 MPH speed limit possibly 35.

Beth Sully, Hustisford Road. supports the request. She suggested a camera to issue tickets.

Kim Drost, North St. stated this would also make it safer for bike riding.

Ed Yaresh, Hustisford Road asked why the south end of Hustisford Road is 45mph. That happened quite some time ago and is believed to have been done because of a request from resident.

Emily Yaresh, Hustisford Road stated there is a lot more traffic with all the subdivisions.

Dan Lembrech, Hustisford Road has kids and dogs. He would like to see a safer turn lane from 16 onto Hustisford Road.

Peter Mark, Rockvale Road understands the residents' concerns and feels 45 MPH would be fine, but 35 MPH would just be a speed trap.

Supervisor Jaeger has the same problem on his road and stated that we need a police department, signs are not going to slow people down.

Supervisor Rupnow stated that people go through the stop sign.

Tim Jacobs, Hustisford Road supports the petition and talked to the men working on the road who informed him that another coat will be applied in a year or two.

The board agree to move forward with the study.

Emily Yaresh, Hustisford Road asked what the speed limit is on unmarked roads. All roads in the Town of Ixonia are 55mph unless marked otherwise.

Upcoming Meetings:

Town Board Meeting – October 9th @ 7:00 pm
Plan Commission – September 27th @ 7:00 pm
Recycling Committee Meeting – October 10th, 2023 @ 1:00 pm
Park & Recreation Committee – October 9th @ 5:00 pm
Ixonia Fire Dept. Officer's Meeting – October 5th @ 6:30 pm

Motion to Adjourn

Supervisor Derge moved, second by Supervisor Jaeger to adjourn the September 11th Town Board meeting at approximately 8:30 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jodi J. Jaeger
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer