

Minutes of Town Board Meeting – July 10, 2023

Chairperson Klimek called the meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Schley to order on July 10, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the Schley Town Hall.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call – Klimek, Brown, Plamann, Dallman, and Podeweltz.

Verification of posting meeting notices.

Brown motioned to approve the minutes from the 6/12/2023 Town Board meeting, 2nd by Plamann. All ayes. Motion carried.

Klimek motioned to accept the treasurer's report, 2nd by Brown. All ayes. Motion carried.

Plamann and Klimek received complaints about Sunrise Road being rough and poor grading. Forster will grade it.

Klimek reported that 2.7 miles of granite has been placed on various town roads. Culvert replacements have been done on Mosser and Prairie Dells Roads. The Town Maintenance crew completed roadside mowing.

Public Comment: Kristina Westfall stated that Schielke Road from Jane Spur Road to Hwy C is in rough shape. Klimek stated that the Town Board will consider that part of Schielke Road for next year's granite project.

Brown motioned to pay bills and transfer \$83,450 for general bills from the money market to checking, 2nd by Plamann. All ayes. Motion carried.

Dallman reported that the upgraded Town website went live. It is designed to be more user friendly for mobile devices. Dallman is working with the designer to correct the event notices calendar. Training dates will be solidified for the Town representatives.

Dallman stated that County Clerk Marlowe was recommending the replacement of all the DS200 and Automark ADA election equipment due to age and running on Windows 7. Recommendation is now to replace just the Automark ADA equipment and upgrade the DS200 software. The Towns will apply for \$750 grants to off-set some of the cost (anticipated \$4,074.75). Cost is not finalized on this yet. Town Clerks will be meeting with Clerk Marlowe later in July to review final costs and to bring more information back to the Town Boards.

Hoffman Appraisal Service provided notice to the Town Board that the 2024 annual assessments fee will increase by 5% over the 2023 fee to \$12,600. The terms and scope of the annual assessment services are covered within the current signed service agreement.

Klimek stated a new communications tower will be constructed on Lyle Basner property parcel #2232070139988. The County Zoning does not require a conditional use permit. Klimek will visit the property due to a request for a driveway permit. Welker stated that the tower is designed to fall half the distance of the height (150 feet) of the tower (300 feet). If it falls, it will not cross property lines. The intent of the tower is to provide coverage for the western side of the Town of Schley and the Gleason area.

Klimek stated that Michelle Last from Apex Angels and Warriors signed the agreement letter put together by Attorney Frokjer.

Klimek stated that the 2023 pavement ratings will be done after the July Town Board meeting is adjourned.

Planning Commission:

L-23-127 Sorenson Land Use – Jeff Sorenson to build a 10’ x 16’ sauna with a changing room on 3.32 acres in a RR-5 zoning district at N4605 Wyant Avenue, Merrill.

L-23-128 Soil Disturbance Permit – Jeff Sorenson to fill, grade, and build stairs and a 6’ wide walkway on 3.32 acres in a RR-5 zoning district at N4605 Wyant Avenue, Merrill.

Motion by Klimek, 2nd by Plamann to approve land use application. Roll call vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Welker provided recommendations that the Planning Commission put together for next steps for Town Hall repair vs. build. Motion by Plamann, 2nd by Brown to approve the recommendations. Roll call vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Town Board decided that Klimek will start gathering information on remodeling the Town Hall and septic updates. Brown and Plamann will work on gathering information for a new building. Klimek will look at options for replacing the 2 entry doors on the Town Hall. Podeweltz to check in to loan rates and grants available.

Welker stated that the Town will need to look at an ordinance for wind turbines.

Next meeting: August 14, 2023 – Town Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Agenda items: Town Hall build vs. repair follow-up, Election equipment

There being no further business, motion to adjourn by Plamann, 2nd by Brown. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Becky Dallman, Clerk

Submitted by Becky Dallman, Clerk