

Minutes of Town Board Meeting – October 9, 2023

Chairperson Klimek called the meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Schley to order on October 9, 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 9/11/2023 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 stated he called L & L Propane to fill the tank.

Brown stated that Michelle Last informed him on 10/4/23 that 2 people were walking along the river behind the wolf dog pens. The sheriff's department was called.

Numerous reports of grading issues were reported. Town Board will continue monitoring these.

Klimek stated that he received e-mail confirmation that the WI DOT received the Town's road maps that were recently updated.

Klimek reported that the Town is eligible for \$16,434.51 in 2024 through the LRIP. It is a 50/50 split. Town Board is considering replacing the box culvert on Burgener Road. Town could receive additional funding through the LRIP-S, which is 70/30 split. Consideration would be given to Heineman Road. Motion by Klimek, 2nd by Brown to meet with the Lincoln County Highway Commissioner to review potential projects. All ayes. Motioned carried.

Public Comment: None

Brown motioned to pay bills and transfer \$12,100 for general bills from the money market to checking and \$1,500 for occupancy bond return from the bond account to checking, 2nd by Plamann. All ayes. Motion carried.

Klimek stated that J & J Lee construction brought a plumber out to the Town Hall to look at remodeling needs. To date, a final estimate has not been provided. Klimek stated that he contacted Hanson Roofing for an estimate. Klimek received an estimate of \$40,000-\$50,000 to tear down the town hall and prep the site.

Town Board scheduled a special town meeting to discuss the Town Hall build vs. repair for November 15 following the budget meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Motion by Brown, 2nd by Plamann to approve the wolf control resolution to limit the population to 350 or less. Roll call vote. All ayes. Motion carried. Dallman will post and send copies to the government officials listed in the resolution

Town Board reviewed the snowplowing contract for town roads provided by Central Wisconsin Construction LLC. Town Board added clauses regarding mailbox damage and timing of snowplowing. Motion to approve contract with added clauses by Brown, 2nd by Klimek. All ayes. Motion carried.

Dallman stated that County Clerk Marlowe recommended to replace the Automark ADA election equipment and upgrade the DS200 software. Waiting on purchase order so Town Board can review. Tabled to November meeting.

County Clerk provided a MOU for his department to manage WisVote for the Towns. The MOU has not been updated since 2005. Town Board to review. Table to November meeting.

Reminder of the Town budget meeting on November 15 at 6:00 p.m. Special meeting for Town Hall to follow.

Planning Commission:

LC Forestry/Parks Land Use # L-23-210 – Lincoln County Forestry Land and Parks to replace a 10' x 14' vault toilet at N4109 Old Hwy 17, Merrill.

Gerpoltz Land Use # L-23-252 – Arthur Gerpoltz to construct a 40' x 60' storage building on 34.79 acres located at N4881 Estonian Church Road, Gleason.

Neumann Land Use # L-23-255 – Judith Neumann to construct a 28' x 28' addition to a home on 20 acres located at W845 County C, Gleason.

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

Welker stated that he attended Lincoln County Broadband Commission meeting. The commission will be working on a broadband plan. Welker encouraged everyone to take the broadband test frequently on a computer or cell phone while on WIFI at home. This will help prioritize areas in the County.

Welker requested to attend a Broadband Workshop at Nicolet College on October 25-26. Cost is \$90. Motion by Brown, 2nd by Klimek to approve Welker's attendance. All ayes. Motion carried.

Welker stated that he will be meeting with Mike Huth from Lincoln County Land Services to discuss land use performance standards, particularly home occupation.

Welker stated that the Supreme Court ruled, in Sackett vs. EPA, that the Clean Water Act extends only to wetlands that have a continuous surface connection to waters of the United States. It is up to each State to regulate.

Angela Cummings informed the Town Board that the County is looking for ways to grow Lincoln County. There are ARPA funds available to the Towns for this initiative. Town Board must submit a letter to the Lincoln County A & L committee for consideration.

Next meeting: November 13, 2023 – Town Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

November 15, 2023 – Town Budget meeting at 6:00 p.m.

November 15, 2023 – Special meeting regarding Town Hall to follow budget meeting

November Town Meeting Agenda items: Town Hall update, Election equipment replacement, MOU with County for WisVote, County ARPA funds for Towns

There being no further business, motion to adjourn by Plamann, 2nd by Brown. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

Becky Dallman, Clerk

Submitted by Becky Dallman, Clerk