

TOWN OF STAR PRAIRIE, WIS.
TOWN BOARD MEETING - MINUTES
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2024 – 6:00 P.M.
STAR PRAIRIE TOWN HALL
2118 COOK DRIVE, SOMERSET, WISCONSIN

The Town Board Meeting was called to order by Tom Heintz at 6:07 p.m. in the Star Prairie Town Hall: 2118 Cook Drive, Somerset, WI 54025. Present were Tom Heintz, Michele Hermansen, Darryl Wendt, Brian Duggan, Bob Crotty and Andrea Neumann, Clerk/Treasurer.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Agenda: Motion M/S by Bob Crotty/Darryl Wendt to approve the agenda, as submitted. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Motion M/S by Darryl Wendt/Brian Duggan to approve minutes from the Town Board Meeting October 1, Work Session October 14, Special Meeting of the Electors October 14, Special Meeting of the Town Board October 14 and Special Meeting of the Town Board October 28, as submitted. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Reviewed. No action taken.

Building Permits: The October 2024 building permits were read, as submitted, by the Building Inspector. Motion M/S by Bob Crotty/Brian Duggan to accept the report, as submitted. Motion carried.

Public Comments:

Dan Ahlness of 1167 Old Mill Road commended the election workers and efficiency of Election Day. He addressed the board regarding traffic on Old Mill Road, requesting a posted speed limit of 35 mph.

Jim Munson of 1141 Old Mill Road addressed the board regarding traffic on Old Mill Road. He requested to have the road speed limit reduced from Goose Lake Road to County Road CC.

Nancy Karastes of 1992 115th Street confirmed the potholes near her home were addressed. She thanked the Clerk for sending a notification regarding City of NR hydrant flushing.

St. Croix County - Notice of Timber Cutting - Cesar & Sara Vega at 966 210th Ave in Somerset: Reviewed. No action taken.

Operator's License Application - StandByMeLLC dba The Post: Motion M/S by Darryl Wendt/Brian Duggan to approve the operator's licenses for Morgan Ayotte, Michael T. Fenske and Torie Wittstock, and conditionally approve an operator's license for Jessica A. Thompson upon verification of address. Motion carried.

Department of Revenue - Assessment Report & Revaluation Timeline: Based on market growth, the Town is outside the 10% threshold to maintain compliance under state law. Last full exterior revaluation was in 2019, and we'll likely pursue a market update-type in 2026. No action taken.

Annual Town Audit: It's time for the Town to sign a Statement of Work for the annual Town audit. Board is in agreement to continue working with CliftonLarsonAllen LLP for audit and Form CT services. No action taken.

Election Summary: A total of 2,454 voters participated in the November 5 General Election, representing 88% of the Town's registered voter population. The Clerk issued 976 mailed and in-person absentee ballots, and there were 224 election day registrations. The Clerk expressed gratitude for the patience and kindness of the 17 election inspectors, as well as the Board's support.

Plan Commission Training through St. Croix County: Training is the same evening as the Town's Comprehensive Plan meeting. Clerk to contact St. Croix County for training materials.

Comprehensive Plan Vision Session: The public is encouraged to attend a focus group on Wednesday, November 20 at 5:30 p.m. at the Town Hall to provide input on the Town's Comprehensive Plan.

Town Maintenance Building: Plans are submitted to the state; hope to have the building take shape by end of the year.

Schedule Monthly Work Session: Scheduled for Monday, November 18 at 4:00 p.m.

Town Road Maintenance: Road Patching, Repairs, Mowing and Other Issues

- Speed Limit on Old Mill Road - Resident contacted Tom Heintz regarding speed/traffic on Old Mill Road. A resident requested a caution/horse-traffic sign. Clerk to look for historical records of speed limit on Old Mill Road. Chair Tom Heintz to request additional sheriff patrols.
- Washboarding reported from Brave Drive going to Shore Drive.
- Snow Plowing Coverage: Chair Tom Heintz met with St. Croix County Highway snow plow drivers and Tyler Kusz of Kusz Contracting regarding snow plow coverage and routes. SCC to send Clerk updated map.
- WISLR Local Road Certification: Annual updates due December 15. Clerk to follow up with Somerset regarding 80th Street Maintenance Agreement.

Approve Payment of Town Bills and Adjourn: Motion M/S by Darryl Wendt/Brian Duggan to approve town bills and adjourn. Motion carried at 7:04 p.m.

Andrea Neumann, Clerk/Treasurer
Town of Star Prairie