Town of Sturgeon Bay
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Town Board Meeting
January 8, 2024 – Minutes

Call to Order
The January 8, 2024, Town of Sturgeon Bay Town Board Meeting was called to order by Chairman Jeff Feuerstein at 6:00 p.m. at the Arle Memorial Hall.

Establish a Quorum
Board members present: Chair Jeff Feuerstein, Supervisor Dawn Uecker and Supervisor Kent Moraga. Quorum complete.

Also present: Town Treasurer Lynne Gustafson, Town Clerk Nancy Anschutz and Public

Approval of Agenda –Supervisor Moraga made a motion to approve the agenda for January 8, 2024, 2nd by Supervisor Uecker. Motion carried by voice vote.

Minutes from the December 4, 2023 meeting are available on the town website. A motion was made by Supervisor Uecker to approve the minutes as posted, 2nd by Supervisor Moraga. Motion carried by voice vote.

Treasurers Report - Treasurer Gustafson gave the following financial report:

Checking Account	$885,223.61
Savings Account	$109,775.69**

** Includes payment from American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of $86,874.90

A motion was made by Chairman Feuerstein, 2nd by Supervisor Uecker to accept the Treasurers Report. Motion carried by voice vote.

Broadband Committee Report – Chair Feuerstein reported the committee is watching Towns of Egg Harbor and Sevastopol as they progress on their BB journey. Egg Harbor passed resolution to go with AT&T., plan to fund thru Board of Commissioners of Public Lands. Sevastopol discussed resolution and will vote at January meeting. They also will go with funding thru BCPL.

County Board Update – Representative Hugh Zettel reported on current county board activity:

- Memoriam of Dennis Mcintosh
- Approved grants to the DC Library
- Approved donation of therapy dog for the Sheriff's Office
- New Emergency Management Director, Jeb Saelens has been hired
- Supervisor Moraga asked if County monitoring water quality in DC – Zettel stated County has schedule for spreading manure.

Roads and/or Parks:
Planned road projects for 2023 have been completed. Chair Feuerstein reported the county hwy. dept has cold mix available at all times, including the cold months.

Pending road projects: Will proceed in Spring to grind and pave South Lake Michigan Drive, between Lake Lane and Silverdale, approximately one mile.

Chair Feuerstein announced the Town of Sturgeon Bay was awarded $20K for an LRIP project on Blue Ridge – potential to improve from gravel to pavement.

Supervisor Uecker asked what the procedure was if she gets a call reporting an icy road. Chair Feuerstein responded to call the DC Hwy. department. The County can respond with a brine truck.

Old Business:

Portage Park Funding Application: Supervisor Uecker had nothing to report.

New Business:

Broadband Expansion – Covered in Chair's committee report.

Request to vacate Evergreen Avenue, on plat of Cromell's Grove – Tony Hayes asking for resolution from the town to vacate the proposed roadway. Discussion followed. Mr. Hayes was not present.

Rich Propsom stated the scrap yard (Tony Hayes) has not honored the town's request to date. Mr. Propsom also suggested the town provide documentation for items listed on the town agenda for more information.

Chair Feuerstein made a motion, 2nd by Supervisor Moraga to take no action at this time; will explore a possible trial period to improve parcel management. A letter will be sent to the landowners who will be affected. All in favor - motion approved by voice vote.

2024 District Meetings – Chair Feuerstein and Supervisor Moraga will attend the District Meeting on Feb. 16th in Green Bay WI. Clerk Anschutz will mail in registration fees.

Ordinance for "Building and Mechanical Code" was updated. Will be forwarded to the State, put on town website and published in local newspaper (Peninsula Pulse).

2024/2025 Term for Poll Workers – Chair Feuerstein appointed current poll workers for the Town of Sturgeon Bay. Clerk Anschutz announced the need to recruit a Chief Election Inspector. Notice will be posted on town website. Chair suggested the clerk reach out to other municipalities to see what they are paying poll workers. Clerk Anschutz will bring those findings to the February meeting.

Resolution – Establish Spilt Shifts for Elections – A resolution was adopted to use split shifts for elections if needed. First shift being 6:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and 2nd shift from 1:30 p.m. until election duties completed.

Breakwater Repairs – The US Corp of Engineers has applied to the DNR to make repairs to the breakwater, lakeside of the Sturgeon Bay Canal. All work to be done by tugs, barges, and cranes that operate above the ordinary high-water mark.

3170 Lake Forest Park – Rip Rap Project – Nothing submitted by property owners.

Ariana Hayes Salvage Application – Chair Feuerstein stated application is on hold.

Correspondence: None

Public Comment – Tom Schmelzer asked if he could install lights at 27 Pines Golf Course on Silverdale Rd. Lights would be in the driving range area and would be used on a seasonal basis. Chair Feuerstein recommended he talk with Land Use Services to see what is allowed.

Treasurer Gustafson provided a photo of the Taube Road sign. It is not legible and should be replaced. Chair Feuerstein will ask the DC Hwy. Dept to make the replacement.

Rich Propsom asked permission to measure a tree on town property for potential ranking as a Champion Tree. Type of tree not known at this time. He expects to do the measurements in the Spring.

Following the approval of bills, a motion to adjourn at 7:22 p.m. was made by Supervisor Moraga, 2nd by Supervisor Uecker. Motion approved and carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Anschutz, Clerk