

Town of Sturgeon Bay
Door County, WI
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Town Board Meeting
February 12, 2024 – Minutes

Call to Order

The February 12, 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 February 12, 2024, 2nd by Supervisor Uecker. Motion carried by voice vote.

Minutes from the January 8, 2024 meeting are available on the town website. A motion was made by Supervisor Moraga to approve the minutes as posted, 2nd by Supervisor Uecker. Motion carried by voice vote.

Treasurers Report - Treasurer Gustafson gave the following financial report:

Checking Account \$1,168,104.31

Savings Account \$109,795.54**

** 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 Towns of Sevastopol and Egg Harbor have signed contracts with AT&T. A contract with AT&T is expected for review at Town of Sturgeon Bay's March town board meeting. FAQ page on town website has been restored. Determined by Committee the town not eligible for the low interest USDA loans because applicants must own and operate the system. A question was raised about AT&T's cost share; AT&T to provide 60% support for the project. Chairman Feuerstein stated vast majority of residents would have better service and for less money.

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

- Approval of DNR grant for lake monitoring,
- Approval of EPA GL restoration initiative, DNR grant for European-Frog-Bit,
- Release funds to repair tower generator,
- Public hearing – updated floodplain ordinance mandated by FEMA scheduled for March 7, 2024.
- Well testing will again be available to county residents in 2024.

Roads and/or Parks:

Completed road projects: Chair Feuerstein reported additional road salting was requested and completed. Taube Road sign replaced. Leaning tree on Canal Road was cleaned up.

Pending road projects: Will proceed in Spring to grind and pave South Lake Michigan Drive, between Lake Lane and Silverdale, approximately one mile. Expect the project to start end of April or early May.

Old Business:

Request to vacate Evergreen Avenue, on plat of Cromell's Grove - Tony Hayes asking for resolution from the town to vacate the proposed roadway. A lengthy discussion followed. Chairman Feuerstein stated, "the town does not want to vacate at this time". Hayes asked, "what does the town want to do"? Chair Feuerstein stated Hayes needs to clean up Evergreen, create a path. He asked what are the plans for the property? Hayes asked what is the reason for not vacating? Chair Feuerstein stated "end of discussion". Hayes asked the town to put request in writing what the town wants. Chair made motion to end discussion, 2nd by Supervisor Moraga. Motion carried by voice vote.

New Business:

Town Insurance – Jason Schoeffler, agent for Rural Mutual attended the town board meeting to introduce himself to the new town board. No changes to insurance policy.

Poll Worker Wages – Clerk Anschutz did a survey with 9 towns/villages of current wages. Wages ranged from \$20.00 per hour to \$10.00 per hour. \$10.00 per hour is currently what the Town of Sturgeon Bay pays. Of the 9 inquiries, 6 pay \$15.00 per hour or more. Chair Feuerstein made a motion to raise Town of Sturgeon Bay poll worker wages to \$15.00 per hour, 2nd by Supervisor Uecker. Supervisor Moraga refrained from voting due to a conflict of interest, seeing his wife expressed an interest in the position of Chief Election Inspector. Motion was approved.

Chairman Feuerstein made a motion to raise the Chief Election Inspector wage to \$16.00 per hour, 2nd by Supervisor Uecker. Again, Supervisor Moraga refrained from voting. Motion was approved.

Culvert Inventory – All towns in Wisconsin must give notice to WisDOT by April 15th who will complete the towns inventory of the 6-20 foot diameter culverts/small bridge inventory. The program will end Dec. 31, 2024.

Correspondence: Clerk Anschutz gave board members confirmed dates for 2024 Open Book and Board of Review. Open Book (Assessor attendance only) Monday, April 8th, 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and Board of Review Monday, May 13, 2024 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Public Comment – Supervisor Moraga raised a question about a notation listed on the "Special Burning Permit" books. States ... a burning permit is not required when the ground is completely snow covered. He asked for clarification. Supervisor Feuerstein will research.

Following the approval of bills, a motion to adjourn at 7:35 p.m. was made by Supervisor Uecker, 2nd by Chairman Feuerstein. Motion approved and carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Anschutz, Clerk