

Town of Sturgeon Bay
Door County, WI
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Town Board Meeting
May 13, 2024 – Minutes

Call to Order

The May 13, 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 May 13, 2024, 2nd by Supervisor Uecker. Motion carried by voice vote.

Minutes from the April 8, 2024, town board 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 treasurers report:

Checking Account	\$213,677.96
Savings Account	\$109,849.70**

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

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

Broadband Committee Report – Chair Feuerstein reported for the Broadband Committee:

The Town was awarded a grant from the Capital Projects Fund. Will have report for next month's meeting. Question raised, "at Crossroads meeting last September the town said there would be a public vote on whether or not to proceed with the BB upgrade". Chair Feuerstein responded that the town is not required to hold a voting session, doing the same as other municipalities are doing in the County. Chair Feuerstein said 90% of the audience at the Crossroads meeting were in favor. Proposal will be given to board members for review when it becomes available. Service will be available to every household that wants it and will be at a faster speed.

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

- New session started which included new members as result of April 2, 2024, election.
- Motion to add Pride Month Proclamation Request to May agenda failed.
- Recognized the following for service to County Board: Daniel Austad, David Lienau, Alex Helm Peter and Rodney Beardsley

Roads and/or Parks:

Completed road projects: None at this time.

Pending road projects: Repair signs as needed and fix potholes.

Bid for crack sealing with Fahrner not yet available.

Supervisor Moraga attended first ever Road School in Wisconsin Dells. Learned process of chip sealing.

Old Business: None at this time.

New Business:

Juliana Beheme from DCTZC gave an overview of where room tax collections go in DC, along with Julie Gilbert from Destination DC and projects that have been awarded grants in 2023 from the newly formed DC Community Investment Fund.

Inspection Specialists will increase the fee for residential and commercial electrical service requests from \$50 for residential service and \$60 for commercial to \$75.00 for both residential and commercial.

Chair Feuerstein attended a public meeting regarding the proposed improvements (sidewalks) to S. Duluth Ave. from Emerald Drive to Spruce Drive in the City of Sturgeon Bay on both sides of Duluth Ave. Some residents in that area expressed opposition for various reasons; losing property frontage, elderly people not able to provide snow removal and costs. Chair Feuerstein made a motion, 2nd by Supervisor Moraga to submit a letter in opposition to this project. Motion was approved.

A contract agreement for consulting, assessing, appraisal and revaluation in 2025 with Sleepy Creek Appraisals, Bill Gerrits in the amount of \$30,000.00 was signed and returned.

Rich Propsom request – Towns action regarding removal of obstructions in town right-of-way – Mr. Propsom's claim is he purchased a parcel in Cromell's Grove in 2017 and stated he had 3 public access points to his parcel at that time. Two access points have been vacated. He is asking if he can have obstacles removed in what is understood to be Dretzer to make a walking or bike path to his parcel. He understands the town has no plans to make Dretzer a road.

There was a considerable amount of time spent hearing testimony from the audience. It is not clear exactly where Dretzer falls or what the town owns if anything. No resolution was reached, and discussion will continue at the June 2024 town board meeting.

Correspondence: Clerk Anschutz handed out a report from the DC Sheriff's Dept. for incidents Jan. thru March 2024.

Public Comment: None

Following the approval of bills, a motion to adjourn at 8:46 p.m. was made by Supervisor Uecker, 2nd by Chair Feuerstein. Motion approved and carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Anschutz, Clerk