

# Minutes - Town of Weyauwega

American Legion – 303 N Mill St, Weyauwega WI 54983  
March 6, 2023

## 1. Call to order

- a. Chairman/Jim Biddison called to order the meeting of Town of Weyauwega at 6:00 pm on March 6, 2023, at Town Hall/American Legion.

## 2. Pledge of Allegiance

- a. We stood and said the pledge of allegiance.

## 3. Roll call

- a. Clerk/Sonia Thede-Kramer conducted a roll call. The following persons were present: Chairman/Jim Biddison, Supervisor/Dave Stelzner and Clerk/Sonia Thede-Kramer. Supervisor/Terry Wilz and Treasurer/Jodi Wilz called in on the phone.
- b. Public – Michele Neuman, John Neuman, Gordan Vong, William Ponto & Lynn Ponto.

## 4. Approval of Minutes

- a. Board reviewed the minutes for Feb. Motion to approve the Feb Minutes by Supervisor/Dave Stelzner, seconded by Supervisor/Terry Wilz, all ayes, motion carried.

## 5. Treasurers Report

- a. The board reviewed the Treasurer's report. Treasurer/Jodi Wilz reported interest increased to 3.76%.
- b. Motion to approve Treasurer's report by Supervisor/Terry Wilz, seconded by Supervisor/Dave Stelzner all ayes, motion carried.
- c. Chairman/Jim Biddison went over letter received from Waupaca County regarding additional charge to townships. Mark Sether from Waupaca County Treasury department explained that the additional charge each township will have is for a new software program for property taxes. This will be added on to the charge we already have.

## 6. Review of Vouchers & Authorize Payments

- a. Board reviewed the Vouchers & Payments. Motion to approve vouchers and authorized payments of \$18,339.87 by Supervisor/Dave Stelzner, seconded by Supervisor/Terry Wilz, all ayes, motion carried.

## 7. Zoning

- a. Thiel Property: Chairman/Jim Biddison reported receiving letter from Waupaca County regarding the Thiel Property as they have not acted on the previous action, they should have taken on their property with shed and cabin. It was a 3 page letter and they are just advising our township as in the County's hands.
- b. Koplien Property: Chairman/Jim Biddison reported letter from Waupaca County of the Koplien Property on Evanswood Rd put up an extra shed without a permit and is too close to the other shed. Now the Koplien Property has obtained a permit.
- c. Proposed Ordinance Revisions: Chairman/Jim Biddison reported receiving the proposed ordinance revisions from the Town informational meeting. They plan on taking the revisions to the Planning and Zoning committee in May. Board reviewed the updates and changes the zoning department provided. Some things were additional language and others were stricken from the ordinances. Couple things are portable containers rule is updated, floor plan ordinance is updated and with floor plans, maps need to be surveyed.
- d. Tri-Plex Apartment: Chairman/Jim Biddison advised while changing to the carts for the garbage/recycling, discovered we have a Tri-Plex apartment in our township, and they would need carts for each apartment. He asked the City of Weyauwega how they handle. They treat them as commercial and charge more. Board discussed the options and Clerk/Sonia Thede-Kramer advised for duplexes, charging them for the extra carts on the property taxes as 2 separate families. Board agreed to just charge the tri-plex 3 sets of carts and duplexes 2 sets of carts. Motion to charge the tri-plex 3 sets of carts due to 3 separate families and charge the duplex 2 sets of carts due to 2 separate familie by Supervisor/Dave Stelzner, seconded by Supervisor/Terry Wilz, all ayes, motion carried.

- e. Wilson – Kriese Rd: Chairman/Jim Biddison reported Nate Wilson owns property on Kriese Rd and thinking of building on it. There is already a fire number assigned to the property. Advised Nate Wilson to contact Building Inspector/Paul Hanlon for more information.
- f. Jonely Culvert Application: Scott Jonely applied for a culvert to be installed at his property on Little River Rd. He paid the \$50 fee. He is thinking of building a shed there in the future. Motion to approve Jonely Culvert Application by Supervisor/Terry Wilz, seconded by Supervisor/Dave Stelzner all ayes, motion carried.

## **8. Highway – Roads**

- a. Received Notice Weight Limit is in effect starting 3/8/23.
- b. Kriese Rd: Chairman/Jim Biddison looked at road and it is in tough shape. He mentioned to Waupaca Cty Highway/Greg Flohr and should look into repairing it. The road is not heavily traveled.
- c. Reek Rd & Haire Rd Stop Sign: Supervisor/Dave Stelzner reported during one of the snow storms the stop sign was down. Waupaca County Highway put up a temporary stop sign, then they are installing a new one.
- d. Lakeshore Dr – Tree Limbs: Chairman/Jim Biddison and Supervisor/Dave Stelzner reported a tree limb on Lakeshore Dr is low and hitting trucks that go by. There is a powerline very near the tree limb. They asked Cty Hwy/Greg Flohr to look at it. He advised, will not handle due to the powerline. He suggested to call power company, We Energies or professional tree trimming company. Supervisor/Terry Wilz suggested to contact power company first.
- e. Hillside Dr – Trim Trees: Chairman/Jim Biddison advised the City of Weyauwega received approval for the sign at Hillside Dr to clean up and contracted with Waupaca County Hwy. Chairman/Jim Biddison approved to have Cty clean up around the sign as part is on our township.
- f. Mowing Status: Supervisor/Dave Stelzner contacted John Gunderson and he verbally provided an estimated fee of \$150 to \$200 per hour. Another suggestion was to contact Bugs Behm and see what their pricing would be. Clerk/Sonia Thede-Kramer said with Lind Excavating the hourly rate was \$95. This is tabled for next meeting.

## **9. Fire District Report**

- a. Building Construction: Chairman/Jim Biddison advised the question came up on who owns the fire department building. Under ordinance that was updated 5/24/16, under #11 each municipality owns a portion of the fire department building based off of percentage. For the Town of Weyauwega own 48.48% which is based off of population. The fire district rule is for items to pass, they only need 80% of approval but when it comes to money, they lean towards 100% of approval. The meeting is at the end of the month.

## **10. Ambulance Report**

- a. No Report.

## **11. GFL Environmental**

- a. Chairman/Jim Biddison and Clerk/Sonia Thede-Kramer received an email from GFL Environmental/Alisha stating a resident came to their office to complain about several items. We both checked the residence house and saw they have 2 sets of carts. We are not sure how they received 2 sets of carts. GFL knows they have the extra carts. Supervisor/Dave Stelzner & Supervisor/Terry Wilz stated to put a letter together to send to resident to explain their complaints and ask if they want both carts with an extra charge or only need 1 set. Chairman/Jim Biddison will put together the letter to send.

## **12. Happy Tails Letter**

- a. Supervisor/Dave Stelzner was contacted by Jodi of Happy Tails is no longer going to accept any more stray animals due to safety of the other animals they take care of for the business. Clerk/Sonia Thede-Kramer said we received a letter stating this also. Supervisor/Dave Stelzner suggested to ask the vet office, Larry Shoffner to see if they will take when an animal is found.

## **13. Towns Association Meeting Update**

- a. The meeting was on 2/16/23, Supervisor/Dave Stelzner attended in person and Chairman/Jim Biddison attended by zoom. Supervisor/Dave Stelzner reported and advised it was more informational. Karl Green from UW Madison, program manager spoke. He spoke about trying to recommend 1 cent of taxes

and give to local governments to take care of preservation items. Also, the registered of Deeds spoke about a fraud alert and need to be careful, making sure all is legit. Next meeting is May 18<sup>th</sup>.

#### **14. Miscellaneous Business before Board**

- a. Public Bill (William) & Lynn Ponto own property on Railroad Grade Rd and would like to rezone the property. They would like to separate the property to 2 parcels. Chairman/Jim Biddison said to possible change zone to AWT and need to talk with surveyor then Cty Zoning department. Also, suggested to try to make the parcels in 5 acre increments if can. They are looking at selling a portion of the property.
- b. Chairman/Jim Biddison received a phone call from the owner of JD's café in City of Weyauwega. He called asking if a liquor license can be transferred from Town of Weyauwega to City of Weyauwega for them to purchase. He explained, we can't transfer liquor licenses from one municipality to another. He understood.
- c. Supervisor/Dave Stelzner received a phone call from We Energies asking who inspects solar panels. He told them to ask the Cty.
- d. Public – William & Lynn Ponto left the meeting at 6:54pm.

#### **15. Public Input**

- a. Public did not have any input.

#### **16. Next meetings**

- a. Wolf River Preservation Meeting, Mar 9th 6:00 pm at Fremont Village Hall. Chairman/Jim Biddison & Supervisor/Dave Stelzner plan on attending.
- b. Fire District Meeting, Mar 28th 6:30 pm. Chairman/Jim Biddison & Supervisor/Terry Wilz plan on attending.
- c. Waupaca County Highway Annual Meeting, Mar 28th 6:00 pm. Supervisor/Dave Stelzner plan on attending.
- d. Open Book, Apr 18th 10:00 am to Noon.
- e. Annual Meeting, Apr 18th 6:00 pm.
- f. Monthly Town of Weyauwega Meeting, Apr 18th following Annual Meeting.
- g. Board of Review, May 4th 6:00 to 8:00 pm.

#### **17. Adjournment**

- a. Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 pm by Supervisor/Dave Stelzner, seconded by Supervisor/Terry Wilz, all ayes, motion carried.