

Minutes - Town of Weyauwega

American Legion – 303 N Mill St, Weyauwega WI 54983
April 18, 2023

1. Call to order

- a. Chairman/Dave Stelzner called to order the meeting of Town of Weyauwega 6:30 pm on April 18, 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/Dave Stelzner, Supervisor/Terry Wilz, Supervisor/John Neuman, Treasurer/Jodi Wilz and Clerk/Sonia Thede-Kramer.
- b. Public – Michele Neuman, Carrie Hofferber & Previous Chairman/Jim Biddison.

4. Approval of Minutes

- a. Board reviewed the minutes for Mar. Motion to approve the Mar Minutes by Supervisor/Terry Wilz, seconded by Supervisor/John Neuman, all ayes, motion carried.

5. Treasurers Report

- a. Board reviewed the Treasurer's report. Treasurer/Jodi Wilz reported interest increased to 4.2%.
- b. Motion to approve Treasurer's report by Supervisor/John Neuman, seconded by Supervisor/Terry Wilz, all ayes, motion carried.
- c. Previous Chairman/Jim Biddison mentioned in Annual meeting ways to handle the insurance protection of funds over \$650,000. There are several options that the township can do to handle the insurance of funds in the banks. Some are moving monies to other banks, open a CD and another option is to open an account with the state of Wisconsin, LGIP which then would be 100% covered. He spoke with the City of Weyauwega/Jeremy, and he advised they have their monies in several different "locations", one being with the LGIP. The downfall with some CD's is that if funds are needed, there could be a penalty if taken out early. Treasurer/Jodi Wilz is going to do more research.

6. Review of Vouchers & Authorize Payments

- a. Board reviewed the Vouchers & Payments. Motion to approve vouchers and authorized payments of \$24,691.10 by Supervisor/Terry Wilz, seconded by Supervisor/John Neuman, all ayes, motion carried.
- b. Motion to have the Previous Chairman/Jim Biddison sign the checks till the signees at bank are updated with new Chairman/Dave Stelzner by Supervisor/John Neuman, seconded by Supervisor/Terry Wilz, all ayes, motion carried.
- c. Clerk/Sonia Thede-Kramer reported of completing the CT form and submitted to WI Department of Revenue. She pointed out there was a difference of about \$200,000 and could not find why the difference is so much. She asked the previous Chairman/Jim Biddison to review and they decided the difference is from the TID. We paid the TID earlier than getting the property taxes to pay it off and in 2022, received the taxes for the TID.

7. Zoning

- a. Thiel & Loughrin Property: Previous Chairman/Jim Biddison reported of Building inspector/Paul Hanlon is working with the zoning department on the property. They provided an email showing what the property looked like prior to updates they have been doing throughout the years. The owners did not get a permit when they started the updates and one of the issues is they are in the flood plan. Building inspector/Paul Hanlon and the zoning department are working with the property owner.
- b. Monumented Town Road – County Surveyor: Previous Chairman/Jim Biddison receiving a letter regarding the right of ways on roads and the county surveyors are working on items.

8. Highway – Roads

- a. Koplien Rd: Public/Carrie Hofferber presented issues with Koplien Rd. The road is in bad shape and would like the board to act on fixing the road. Chairman/Dave Stelzner is going to contact Greg Flohr

with the Hwy department to see the options on how to fix the road and get quotes. At 7:19pm Carrie Hofferber left the meeting.

- b. Weight Limit End & Permit Issued: Previous Chairman/Jim Biddison stated the weight limit has been lifted on 4/16/23.
- c. Lakeshore Dr – Tree Limbs Update: Previous Chairman/Jim Biddison called We Energies to see if the wires are too close to the limbs that are hanging over. We Energies stated they will not trim tree limbs unless requested. They stated the tree limbs are not too close and suggested contacting Midstate Tree Service to cut down the limbs. Chairman/Dave Stelzner is going to contact Midstate.
- d. Mowing Status: Chairman/Dave Stelzner received 2 quotes for mowing the township's ditches. One from Behm Farms and the other from Gunderson. Behm Farms has new equipment, and the equipment is bigger than Gunderson's equipment. Behm's quote is \$155/hr and Gunderson's quote is \$135/hr. In the past with Lind Excavating the rate was \$95/hr and mowed twice per year. Gunderson stated he would only be able to mow once a year. Behm, with the new equipment, is able to cover more area and be able to mow twice a year. Motion to contract with Behm Farms to mow the township's ditches on a 2-year contract for \$155/hr by Supervisor/Terry Wilz, seconded by Supervisor/John Neuman, all ayes, motion carried. Chairman/Dave Stelzner will advise Behm Farms and obtain a certificate of insurance.
- e. We Energies – Little River Rd: Previous Chairman/Jim Biddison received a call from We Energies asking for proof that Little River Rd is 66" wide. Previous Chairman/Jim Biddison checked with Hwy department; they confirmed the road is 66" wide. He advised We Energies.
- f. Road Inspections – Set Date: Chairman/Dave Stelzner is going to set the date to inspect the roads with Greg Flohr of Hwy Department.

9. Fire District Report

- a. Building Construction: Supervisor/Terry Wilz reported on the meeting that occurred on 3/28/23. The building maintenance and upgrades committee sent out the referendum question and provided a copy of the referendum question to the board. Board reviewed the referendum question. It shows an amount of \$3.5million, which prior the quote was based on \$3million. They are anticipating an increase due to it will take a couple years before they would start the project it approved. They are looking to see if can add to the election in either Feb or Apr of 2024. The emergency calls report was given; calls for this period was 36. Year to date calls is at 59 with 23 for lift assist with Gold Cross. They are also going to look at fundraising for the upgrades. They submitted grants to FEMA to replace equipment and exhaust system. SCBA compressor was purchased and installed. There was a special meeting held on 1/28/23 and it went very well. They discussed officer elections, transparency, safety and trust. It lasted almost 3 hours. The chief's report was reviewed. There will be 2 chiefs attending the chiefs convention.

10. Ambulance Report

- a. EMS & FD Budget Information: Clerk/Sonia Thede-Kramer received an email asking to provide the budget figures that the Town of Weyauwega paid to EMS & FD in 2021 and 2022. Board agreed ok to provide the information.

11. Raft Permits – Costs – Inspection Fee

- a. Clerk/Sonia Thede-Kramer reported purchasing more raft permits this year due to more interests and scheduled to order 24 for next year. Our cost for the permits is about \$16 for 12 raft permits. Currently, we charge an individual \$27 for a raft permit. She is asking if we should update the fee charged. Chairman/Dave Stelzner stated should leave the fee as is. One reason why he is going to look for another inspector to check if rafts have a permit or not. All others agreed.

12. GFL Environmental

- a. Update on Carts: Previous Chairman/Jim Biddison reported of sending the letter to resident, Fernandez, regarding the extra carts. Fernandez stated they do not need the extra carts and GFL can pick them up. Previous Chairman/Jim Biddison went to GFL/Tim and he is handling the extra carts.

13. Bartender's License

- a. Clerk/Sonia Thede-Kramer received 2 bartenders' applications, Brenda Plum and Jacqueline Wilz. Brenda Plum paid the fee and there were no violations. Motion to approve to issue Brenda Plum a bartender's license by Supervisor/Terry Wilz, seconded by Supervisor/John Neuman, all ayes, motion

carried. Jacqueline Wilz paid the fee and there were no violations. Motion to approve to issue Jacqueline Wilz a bartender's license by Supervisor/John Neuman, seconded by Supervisor/Terry Wilz, all ayes, motion carried.

- b. Clerk/Sonia Thede-Kramer mentioned each applicant paid the annual fee of \$15 but this license will expire 6/30/23. Treasurer/Jodi Wilz stated, to make things easier, have a 90 window, and if the applicant is within the 90-day window of the expiration date, the fee is only \$5.

14. Wolf River Preservation

- a. Previous Chairman/Jim Biddison reported in 2022 there was 651 patrolled hours. They purchased 17 new buoys. There are no new board members, same as expiring. River Cleanup: garbage cost estimate \$70/ton and they will be checking for options on garbage costs. The new buoys are planned to go upriver to Templeton Bayou. Committee wants to set up with towns to get a raffle going. Fall meeting will be held on 10/5/23 in Fremont.

15. Hosting Towns Association

- a. Previous Chairman/Jim Biddison stated, he estimates the Town of Weyauwega will host the Towns Association meeting in Aug of 2023.

16. Waupaca County Highway Annual Meeting

- a. Chairman/Dave Stelzner attended the meeting and reported last year there was about \$14.5million of work completed, 14% was for townships. There is a County Road Record book department, they put all road information together. They will be monitoring bridges. The stop sign on the corner of Reek Rd and Haire Rd is not new, they were able to put the old one back up.

17. State Legislator – Joan Ballweg Report

- a. Previous Chairman/Jim Biddison attended the meeting on 3/27/23. Joan Ballweg reported on the state budget along with other items.

18. Boarding Stray Dogs

- a. Chairman/Dave Stelzner does not have any new news and would like to table this to the next meeting.

19. Miscellaneous Business before Board

- a. Previous Chairman/Jim Biddison reported resident Ziti requested more gravel on Marsh Rd. Jerry Ruon was not re-elected for the Town of Royalton. Poltrock called to advise he is working with the zoning department to get construction started and hoping to set up a planning commission meeting soon. He is in the process of filling out the paperwork.

20. Public Input

- a. No Public input.

21. Next meetings

- a. Monthly Town of Weyauwega Meeting, May 1st 6:00 pm. All are ok to attend.
- b. Board of Review, May 4th 6:00 to 8:00 pm. All are ok to attend.

22. Adjournment

- a. Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm by Supervisor/Terry Wilz, seconded by Supervisor/John Neuman, all ayes, motion carried.