

Minutes - Town of Weyauwega

American Legion – 303 N Mill St, Weyauwega WI 54983

Mar 3, 2025

1. Call to Order

- a. Chairman/Dave Stelzner called to order the meeting of Town of Weyauwega at 6:00pm on Mar 3, 2025, at The 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/John Neuman and Clerk/Sonia Thede-Kramer. The following persons were present via phone: Supervisor/Terry Wilz and Treasurer/Jodi Wilz.
- a. Public – NA.

4. Approval of Minutes

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

5. Treasurers Report

- a. Treasurer/Jodi Wilz reported the interest decreased to 3.89%. Motion to approve the Treasurer's report by Supervisor/John Neuman, seconded by Supervisor/Terry Wilz, all ayes, motion carried.

6. Review of Vouchers & Authorize Payments

- a. Board reviewed the Vouchers & Payments report. Clerk/Sonia Thede-Kramer showed the board the routine maintenance for road work was all for plowing/sand. Motion to approve vouchers and authorized payments of \$26,294.94 by Supervisor/Terry Wilz, seconded by Supervisor/John Neuman, all ayes, motion carried.

7. Zoning

- a. We Energies Electrical Permit, Reek Rd: Clerk/Sonia Thede-Kramer received a request from We Energies for a permit to perform electrical work on Reek Rd. Motion to sign and approve electrical work on Reek Rd by Supervisor/John Neuman, seconded by Supervisor/Terry Wilz, all ayes, motion carried.
- b. Chairman/Dave Stelzner advised the duplex owned by Sanger's still has the shelter/shed up. We have not received any paperwork or word on the violation for putting up the shelter/shed without a permit.

8. Highway – Roads

- a. Chairman/Dave Stelzner reported that there are Ash trees on River Rd and Slough Rd and they could be in the right-away. Supervisor/Terry Wilz stated that if the trees are not in the right-away, the trees are the property owners responsibility. He told him to let the owner know of the trees. Chairman/Dave Stelzner stated the trees are very close to the right-away and he will contact the property owners.
- b. Chairman/Dave Stelzner drove around checking the roads and ditches. There are leaning or fallen trees and brush that he will be taking care of. He spoke with Behm Farm/Chris regarding cutting the ditches in township.
- c. Haire Rd/County Road A: Chairman/Dave Stelzner will talk with Hwy/Greg Flohr at the Hwy meeting 3/10/25 about grants for County Road A and will they do Haire Rd at the same time.
- d. Chairman/Dave Stelzner sees potholes on the road and will address.
- e. Weight limit restrictions start on 3/10/25.
- f. Received letter from Al Kresel from Hwy regarding the bridges. Chairman/Dave Stelzner will talk with Al Kresel about getting an estimate on bridge repairs at the Hwy meeting.

9. Fire District Report

- a. No Report.

10. Gold Cross Ambulance Report

- a. No Report. Next meeting is 4/30/25

11. WI Towns Association Meeting

- a. Supervisor/John Neuman and Dave Stelzner attended the meeting on 2/20/25. Financial report was given. Amy Resop from Senator Ron Johnson's office gave a report on what has been happening. Cindy from Senator Rachel Gabral gave a report on what has been happening. State Rep Kevin Peterson talked about governor's budget, and he is not in favor of it. The budget is 1,900 pages and very complicated. One of the items on the budget is to increase state employees. Zach Van Asten, New Emergency Management Director. He talked about ICS classes. ICS stands for Incident Command System, which is a management system used to respond to emergencies. Sheriff Wilz talked about New London Vet's office no longer accepting stray dogs. He advised a vet's office in Neenah will take stray dogs. He recommended townships to get rid of dog ordinances. Waupaca Cty does not have a Humane control officer. Hwy/Casey Beyersdorf talked about road limits and the weight limit will start soon (3/10/25). He gave a list of the projects for this year. He discussed LRIP eligibility and the 2-year plan. Jeremy Schoenicke is the new register of deeds, and he gave a report. Cty Treasurer/Mark Sether gave a report. Amy Ebert gave a report from the Extension Office. Jackie Beyer gave a report. Next meeting is 5/15/25.

12. Waupaca Cty Zoning Informational Meeting, Ordinances

- a. Supervisor/John Neuman attended the meeting on 2/20/25. The purpose of the meeting is to update wording on ordinances; language, housekeeping, punctuation, definitions, eliminating unnecessary wording and adding specifics. Supervisor/John Neuman went into more detail on many of the changes/updates; Shoreland, Floodplain, Building and Building Regulations, also nuisance properties. The next subject that was discussed was regarding digester language. Currently, there is no language in zoning for digestors. The request is to add language, but it takes discussions away from the townships. If the language that they are proposing goes through, the towns will not have any say. Zoe Nelson from Waupaca County Dairy Farmers' Alliance gave her opinion and gave lots of details. One item she wants is to eliminate the 51% requirement of farms produced manure to be put into the digester. Kathy Nickel commented that his proposal would put no limit on several items, on being quantity on what is being put in a digester, vague. She also stated the Farm Bureau is not in support of this. Zoe brought up minutes from Farm Bureau and said they are in support. After this many individuals provided their comments which included Cindy Hardy and Jackie Beyer. Waupaca Cty Zoning asked for the town's input on this issue in the next few months. Next reported was building inspectors. Currently, 10 townships have contract with General Engineering Co. If our township wants to change, we just need to request. Broadband Expansion update was reported on. Greenways Commission is a grant program for local trails, signage, updates, etc. Farm Preservation Plans are due for a 10-year update. Towns are required to update their comprehensive plans every 10 years.

13. Brightspeed – BEAD Letter

- a. Clerk/Sonia Thede-Kramer received a request from Brightspeed asking for support to extend internet access in our township. They are asking to send a letter to support them. The board read the information and would like more time to decide. This is tabled till next meeting to review the information.

14. Dog Pick Up Location

- a. Chairman/Dave Stelzner spoke with several location in Waupaca and Weyauwega area to drop off stray dogs. Two places requested to send an email asking to board the stray dogs for Town of Weyauwega. He gave the contact information to Clerk/Sonia Thede-Kramer. He also spoke with Larry Shofner of Dairyland Animal, and he said no due to other animals destroying stuff, protecting current customers and no room. He also re-asked Jodi of Happy Tails and she also said no due to no room and protecting her current customers. Sherriff Wilz advised Chairman/Dave Stelzner it is responsibility of the chairman to pick up the dogs. He also told Chairman/Dave Stelzner the sheriff's department will help locate the owners of the dogs by scanning them and don't be afraid to ask. Supervisor/John Neuman asked, should we consider getting rid of the ordinance as we don't get many that obtain a dog license. Treasurer/Jodi Wilz said dog licenses are required by the county. Supervisor/Terry Wilz suggested to ask Town Association for their advice.

15. Miscellaneous Business before Board

- a. Supervisor/Terry Wilz received a phone call with zoning questions. He gave Clerk/Sonia Thede-Kramer's phone number. Looking at buying a property. Clerk/Sonia Thede-Kramer advised of not receiving a phone call and would direct them to either Waupaca Cty Zoning department or Paul Hanlon.
- b. Chairman/Dave Stelzner received a phone call asking to bid on a seal coating job. He told them, Town of Weyauwega is contracted with Waupaca Cty Hwy dept.
- c. Supervisor/John Neuman asked about the pay for the clerk and election workers. Clerk/Sonia Thede-Kramer explained the election inspectors are paid hourly and she receives \$40 for gas to run around which is above her salary.

16. Public Input

- a. No Public.

17. Next meetings

- a. Chairman/Dave Stelzner and Supervisor/John Neuman plan to attend Waupaca Cty Hwy meeting on 3/10/25.
- b. Spring Primary election is on 2/18/25.
- c. Board agreed to change the April monthly meeting to 4/15/25 following the annual meeting.
- d. The Annual meeting will be on 4/15/25 at 6pm.
- e. The Gold Cross meeting is set for 4/30/25 at 6pm.
- f. Wolf River Preservation meeting is 3/6/25 at 6pm. Chairman/Dave Stelzner and Supervisor/John Neuman are planning to attend.
- g. Clerk/Sonia Thede-Kramer explained the Board of Review meeting to be held prior to the May meeting around 5:45pm due to law, but it would be just a call to order then adjourn meeting as Assessor/Larry Preuss will not have the parcel figures yet due to re-assessing the township. The "real" meeting will not be till around Aug.

18. Adjournment

- a. Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:19pm by Supervisor/Terry Wilz, seconded by Supervisor/John Neuman, all ayes, motion carried.