

TOWN OF WHEATON REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, February 11, 2025

- 1) The meeting has been properly noticed per Wisconsin Statute 19.84
- 2) The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance being recited and a moment of silence being observed.
- 3) Roll call was taken and the following members were present: Mr. Deutscher, Ms. Dole, Ms. Kaiser, Mr. Books, and Ms. Droske. Ms. Rudd was absent.
- 4) A motion was made by Kaiser/Books to approve the agenda. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.
- 5) Mr. Deutscher presented the clerk's report and check register. A motion was made by Kaiser to approve the January 14, 2025 meeting minutes with the discussed changes. The motion failed with the lack of a second. A motion was made by Books/Droske to approve the January 14, 2025 board meeting minutes. The motion carried on a 2-1 voice vote. Ms. Kaiser voted no.
- 6) Special Board Action
 - A) No electors expressed interest in being appointed to fill the town chair vacancy.
 - B) No electors expressed interest in being appointed to fill the fire commission vacancy.
- 7) Public comments: A representative from 29 Pines asked how the town was using the room tax revenue. Clerk Scott Deutscher answered their question.
- 8) Mr. Tony Aguado from Rural Mutual Insurance discussed the town's insurance policy. The board made several changes to the insurance policy based on Tony's recommendations.
- 9) Committee Reports:
 - A) Ms. Dole presented the treasurer's report.
 - B) Chief Adam Blaskowski presented the fire chief report on the budget, equipment, runs, training, and answered questions from the board.
 - C) The next fire commission meeting will be held on March 5, 2025 at 6:30pm.
 - D) No update on water testing was available.
 - E) Election notices, a link to the MPO survey, and park winter activities spotlight was added to the website. The environmental impact meeting was added to the website calendar.
 - F) Visit Eau Claire presented the tourism report.
 - G) Ms. Kaiser presented a report from the WI Utility Tax Association meeting held on January 29, 2025.
 - H) Ms. Droske presented a report from the MPO meeting held on January 29, 2025.
- 10) Old Business
 - A) Ms. Droske presented an update on the County T project from the meeting held on January 30, 2025.
 - B) Ms. Droske provided an update on the town attorney's review of the bylaws and constitution of the fire department. The board tabled any action on this item to the March board meeting.
 - C) No one has expressed interest in being appointed as the town dog catcher.
 - D) The board tabled a decision on dog license fees to the March board meeting.
 - E) The board tabled a decision on creating an access policy for the fire station, town hall, town shop, park buildings, and recycling center to the March board meeting.
- 11) New Business

A) A CUP for a wedding barn owned by Carl and Cassie Smiskey located at 11151 County N was discussed. A motion was made by Books/Kaiser to send this item back to the Plan Commission for the creation of a CUP. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

B) The town dog catcher has been advised on how to handle future instances involving an unlicensed dog.

C) The town requested \$3,974 through the American Trails Capacity Grant Program. The board requested to be kept updated on the status of this grant application.

D) Creating a part-time administrator or town planner position was discussed. The board tabled this item to research it further.

E) Job descriptions for the clerk and treasurer will be created.

F) The board tabled appointing a new vice chair to the March board meeting.

G) Mr. Books will attend the Chippewa County Emergency Management Training Course.

12) Future Agenda Items: Town building access policy, Dog license fees, fire department bylaws and constitution, and appointing a new vice chair.

13) The next meeting date was set for Tuesday, March 11, 2025 at 7pm.

14) A motion by Books/Kaiser was made to adjourn. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote at 9:31 pm.

Submitted by

Scott Deutscher

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Town Clerk