

TOWN OF WITTENBERG

Monthly Town Board Meeting Minutes

February 18, 2025

The town meeting was called to order by Chairman Dick Beversdorf at 6:02pm. Present besides the Chairman were Supervisor Ray Knaup, Supervisor Justin Hartleben, Treasurer Sue Hamm, Clerk Maria Donat, Maintenance & Road Supervisors Tom Knaup & Rick Hartleben, Cathy Easker, Dog Catcher Sydney Piper, Shawano County Officer Adam Hoffman, Jasmine Wolff and Ryder Wolff.

Minutes from January 21, 2025 Caucus Meeting were read. A Motion was made by R Knaup, and seconded by J Hartleben, to accept them as read. Motion carried.

Minutes from January 21, 2025 Monthly Town Board Meeting were read. A Motion was made by J Hartleben, and seconded by R Knaup, to accept them as read. Motion carried.

A Motion was made by R Knaup, and seconded by J Hartleben, to deviate from the Agenda order. Motion carried.

Cathy Easker, coach for the Wittenberg-Birnamwood Girl's Cross Country high school and middle school teams, spoke and informed the board that approximately 20 to 25 kids currently join Cross Country each year. Easker stated the school no longer purchases sweats for the team and the sweats that the kids wear now are about 10 years old. She also stated a new tent would be beneficial, as they only have one tent that is not big enough, and a donation from the town would be greatly appreciated.

The Treasurer's Report was given and will stand as presented. Balances in the accounts are as follows: NOW Account = \$89,484.75; MMDA Account = \$246,365.84; Gardner Park Account = \$84,131.00; and Tax Account = \$625,409.17.

The town board agreed to hold the town's Open Book on May 21, 2025, and the Board of Review on May 28, 2025.

The clerk informed the board that the Microsoft 365 program was installed by, and will be paid through, Cirrinity phone company.

The clerk reported that the town's share of occupancy tax, held by Shawano Country Tourism, was made current and the error was resolved.

The expenses for the new dump truck were discussed. T Knaup stated the new truck should be ready by the end of June to early July. Beversdorf will check on current interest rates to see if some of the expenses could be borrowed.

R Knaup brought and installed several styles of new ceiling tile for the board to examine and choose which one they liked the most. Knaup stated to replace all the ceiling tiles in the board room, town hall, hallway, kitchen and clerk's office the estimated cost could range anywhere from \$2,500 to \$3,500.

A Motion was made by J Hartleben and seconded by R Knaup to approve the monthly bills & payroll checks numbered 12258 through 12294. Motion carried.

A Motion was made by R Knaup and seconded by J Hartleben to approve the clerk to attend "Completion Year" courses through the UW Green Bay Clerk's and Treasurer's Institute the week of July 15 through July 18, 2025. Motion carried.

Piper, with Animal Control, reported she picked up one stray in the Town of Morris, which was very ill, so the dog was transported to the Shawano County Humane Society.

Tree trimming in the Town of Wittenberg was discussed. T Knaup stated that Apple Road needs trimming on both sides. Beversdorf stated because of the new truck expenses this year, T Knaup should pick out 2 areas, preferably near each other, that need trimming the most, and more roads will be trimmed in the future.

A Motion was made by J Hartleben and seconded by R Knaup to Approve a \$3,000.00 donation, sent from the town's Occupancy Tax funds, held through Shawano Country Tourism, to Wittenberg-Birnamwood Girl's Cross Country. Motion carried.

A Motion was made by J Hartleben and seconded by R Knaup to adjourn the town meeting at 6:54pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria F Donat,
Town Clerk