**Town of Union – Monthly Meeting Minutes**

**Saturday, August 20, 2022**

The Town of Union meeting was called to order by Chairman Elgin Fanta on Saturday, August 20, 2022, at 8:00 a.m.

Roll call was taken with Chairman Elgin Fanta, Supervisor Paige Huber, Supervisor Dennis Rauls, Treasurer Starr Janecek, and Clerk Fay Urban present. Others in attendance was Patrolman David Smith, Greg Radmer, Karri Bartlett, and Lonnie Muller from the Episcope.

Chairman Fanta asked for affirmation of proper public notice to which Town Clerk Urban replied, “Yes”.

**Public Comment –** Karri Bartlett was inquiring on the work that will be done on Timber Lane. The town will be working on expanding the road so two vehicles can meet on it. No set deadline currently. Greg Radmar was inquiring on posting a 45-mph speed limit on Jug Creek.

**Read and Approve July Minutes –** Motion by Huber and second by Rauls to approve the July 21, 2022, Town of Union minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer reported the general checking account has a balance of $7,001.11 and the Money Market Deposit Account balance is $391,371.40 as of Friday, August 19, 2022.

**Clerks Report**

The board reviewed the monthly bills. Motion made by Rauls and seconded by Huber to pay the monthly bills, and to transfer $20,000 from the Money Market Account to the General Checking Account and $55,980.42 from the Sand/Salt Shed Reserve to the General Checking Account. All in favor, motion carried. The board reviewed the budget. Mail received was on the town’s population estimate and notice from the county regarding a courthouse auction on land in the town.

**Old Business**:

**Sand/Salt Shed** –Supervisor Rauls reported the problem with the mud runoff after a heavy rain was corrected at the expense of Nachatelo Construction. It has passed inspection. The concrete wall will be done on Wednesday. Rauls will check with Nelson’s Agri Center for the purchase of the tar for the walls.

**New Business**

No new business.

**Patrolman's Report –**

Road work - Smith reported that they had cleaned up after a strong storm that had knocked some trees down. They have also been working on patching, mowing, and graveling some roads.

Equipment update – The backhoe’s fuel pump went out. Titans repaired it. The tractor wouldn’t go into reverse. Simpson repaired it. On the backhoe, the yoke on the 4-wheel drive shaft is loose. Titans has a new shaft for $800. A new u-joint was purchased for $40. Wheel weights will be need because of the different fluid that is being used. Smith will get estimates on the cost of the weights.

**Supervisor’s Report**. **–** Supervisor Huber is checking on getting a sign that could be used for upcoming events. Supervisor Rauls received estimates on dumpster for fall-cleanup day on October 22nd. Big Hook came in with the lowest bid. He had called Southwest Sanitation on the road damage done on Union Ave by there trucks. They will be moving the dumpster to prevent any further damage to that road. The patrolmen will verify if this has helped. Rauls will verify the easement for Timber Lane.

**Chairman's Report –** Chairman Fanta received 1 construction forms. He is working with the county on the Town’s Road Improvement Grant received in 2018 for Jug Creek. The grant is for $23,438.00. This will help offset the cost of sealcoating the road.

Motion made by Chairman Fanta and seconded by Supervisor Huber to go into close session- *Sec. 19.85(1)(c), Wis. Stats., sanctions the use of closed sessions where governmental bodies are considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation of any public employee,* Discuss and possible action on town’s assistant patrolman benefits and alternate recycling attendant at 9:00 am.

Returned to open session at 9:23 am.

**Action on Closed Items Session:** Motion made by Rauls and seconded by Huber to approve 40 hours of PTO time after 1st year of employment for assistant patrolman. Motion Carried. Motion made by Huber and seconded by Fanta to approve Anthony Urban as an alternate recycling attendant. Motion carried.

The board would like to thank Jack Heding for donating 150lbs of grass seed.

**Set Date for next regular monthly meeting** – Thursday, September 15, 2022, at 7:30 pm

Motion by Fanta, seconded by Rauls to adjourn the meeting at 9:27 am. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Fay Urban, Town Clerk