**Town of Union – Monthly Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, November 22, 2021**

The Town of Union meeting was called to order by Chairman Elgin Fanta on Monday, November 22, 2021, at 7:30 p.m. All stood for the Pledge of Alliance.

Roll call was taken with Chairman Elgin Fanta, Supervisor Kris Janecek, Clerk Fay Urban and Treasurer Gladys Janecek present. Others in attendance were Patrolman David Smith, Lonnie Muller, Gail Muller, and Dennis Rauls. Supervisor Paige Huber was absent.

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

**Public Comment –** Gail Muller introduced herself and wanted to let the town know that she will be running for Vernon County Supervisor in the 17th District. The majority of the Town of Union is in the 17th District.

**Read and Approve September’s Minutes –** Motion by Fanta and second by Janecek to approve the October 14, 2021, Town of Union minutes. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report**

The general checking account has a balance of $777.55 and Money Market account balance is $369,006.22 ($300,000.00 contingent fund and $36,424.66 ARPA fund) as of Monday, November 22, 2021. $60,000 was transferred from the MMDA to the general checking account to cover October’s monthly bills. The town received monies from Vernon Communication for $115.95, $25 for gravel, and $60 from fall clean-up day. The town did receive an early property tax payment for property that was sold. An invoice was mailed out to resident for a fire/address sign in the amount of $70. Chairman Fanta noted that the fall clean-up day had fewer items brought in then previous years.

**Clerks Report**

The board reviewed the budget. Motion made by Fanta and seconded by Janecek to move $10,000 from the contingency fund to the money market account to cover extra expenses the town had occurred during the year. Motion carried

The monthly bills were presented to the board. Motion by Fanta, seconded by Janecek to pay the monthly bills and transfer $40,000 from the money market account to the general checking account to cover the monthly expenses. Motion carried.

**Old Business**

Redistrict Resolution – The county has approved the redistricting for the county supervisors. The Town of Union will be divided into three different districts. Motion made by Fanta and seconded by Janecek to approve the Redistrict Resolution. Motion carried. The town will need to order new maps with the new district lines.

Sand/Salt Shed – the soil boring report is complete. Hartje’s engineers will review the report and complete the building plans based on the soil boring report. Once the plans are complete, they will be sent on to the state for final approve. After they are state approve, the town will get bids for excavating the site and concrete work.

**New Business**

2022 Budget Approval – Motion made by Janecek and seconded by Fanta to approve the 2022 budget.

Tractor Repair – Patrolman Smith reported that the tractor needed 3 tires and a new rim. Also, the 2015 truck needs two steer tires. After discussing the issues, motion was made by Fanta and seconded by Janecek to purchase three new tires for the tractor from Hartje’s and one new tractor rim with windshield washer fluid along with two new tires for the 2015 truck. Motion carried.

**Patrolman's Report –**

David Smith reported on the road work they have been doing this last month. It includes patching up the gravel roads, mowing the roadsides, completing smaller jobs before winter sets in, help with the three large culverts going in and removing a fallen tree on Warner Ave. The town is hiring local Amish to put the fence back up on Jug Creek.

Smith reported on equipment work that was done. The 2008 truck had a cracked rim. The mower braces were cracked. Kris welded them. There are hoses that are breaking on the mower.

**Supervisor’s Report**. **–** None

**Chairman's Report –** Chairman Fanta reported there were nine construction forms submitted. The Amish would like a phone booth by West Lima. Elgin is completing the LRIP grant for Timber Lane. The estimate on the cost of the project is $43,500.

December’s monthly meeting will be held on Saturday, December 18, 2021, 9:30 am at the town hall building.

Recycling Attendant – Motion made by Fanta and seconded by Janecek to hire Dennis Rauls as a temporary replacement for Recycling Attendant. This will give the town time to look for a permanent replacement.

**Closed Session – Sec 1985(1)(c), Wis Stats., sanctions the use of closed session where governmental bodies are considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation of any public employee – Appoint Supervisor #2.**

Motion made Fanta and seconded by Janecek to go into closed session at 8:38 pm. Motion carried. Roll call includes Chairman Elgin Fanta, Supervisor #2 Kris Janecek, Clerk Fay Urban, Treasurer Gladys Janecek, and Dennis Rauls.

Motion made by Fanta and seconded by Janecek to go back into open session at 8:53 pm. Motion carried.

Appoint Supervisor #2 - Motion made by Fanta and seconded by Janecek to appoint Dennis Rauls as Supervisor #2 to replace Kris Janecek. Roll call, Fanta yes, Janecek yes and Urban yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Fanta and seconded by Janecek to appoint Rauls as the Town of Union Representative to the Yuba Fire Association. Motion carried.

Motion by Fanta, seconded by Rauls to adjourn the meeting at 9:59 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Fay Urban, Town Clerk