

Town of Union – Monthly Meeting Minutes

Thursday, July 13, 2023

The Town of Union meeting was called to order by Chairman Jon Franke on Thursday, July 13, 2023, at 7:00 pm. All stood for the pledge of allegiance.

Roll call was taken with Chairman Jon Franke, Supervisor Paige Huber, Supervisor Dennis Rauls, Treasurer Starr Janecek, and Clerk Fay Urban present. Others in attendance was Patrolman David Smith, Karri Bartlett, Thea Fronk, and Donald Subera.

Chairman Franke asked for affirmation of proper public notice. Clerk Urban replied “Yes”.

Public Comment – Donald Subera commented on a public request he had dropped off at the clerks drop box on May 19, 2023. It was marked received on June 9, 2023. Clerk Urban explained that she was unaware that it was in the drop box because the flag was not up showing that something was dropped.

Review and Approve June Minutes – Chairman Franke read the minutes from the June 15, 2023, meeting. Motion made by Rauls and seconded by Huber to approve the minutes with correction to the Vernon County Community Grant stating it is a 50/50 grant and Vernon County’s match is at \$10,000.00. All in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported the general checking accounts has a balance of \$9,635.82 and the MMDA balance is \$81,271.19 as of Thursday, July 13, 2023.

Clerks Report

Clerk Urban presented the board with the monthly bills. The board reviewed the budget. Motion made by Rauls and seconded by Huber to transfer \$27,000.00 from the general MMDA and \$30.34 from the Vernon County Grant account. All in favor, motion carried.

Old Business

Rest of the Year Gravel and Road Expense – Discussion was held on how much gravel needs to be purchased and the roads that need to be done. Motion made by Huber and seconded by Rauls to purchase 800 yards of gravel from Krueger’s in the amount of \$10,720. All in favor, motion carried. The board will be requesting road material bids for 2024 in February and award the bids at the March meeting. The board will discuss the purchase of sand, screenings, and salt at the next monthly meeting.

Review Fuel Quotes – The board review the fuel quotes from Myers, Premier Co-op, and United Cooperative. Motion made by Franke and seconded by Rauls to contract 1,000 gallons of LP from United Cooperative. All in favor, motion carried.

Grader Boot – The board discussed the grader boot with patrolman Smith. Smith received several different bids for the boot. Motion by Franke and seconded by Huber to have Hansen’s Fabrication make a grader boot. All in favor, motion carried.

Pine Ave. and Shop Lot Work – The board discussed both projects. The projects will be discussed further at the next monthly meeting.

New Business

Emergency Operation Plan – The county had sent over two options for the emergency operation plan. The first plan was for the Town of Union to contract with Vernon County Office of Emergency Management for emergency management services. The second plan was for the Town of Union to maintain its own head of emergency management services. Motion made by Huber and seconded by Rauls to approve Resolution 2023-2 that ordains and adopts the Vernon County Office of Emergency Operation Plan. All in favor, motion carried.

Patrolman's Report –

Road work – Smith reported they are grading the gravel roads. The first round of mowing is done. They are doing some sealcoat patching and using the Town of Greenwood's sweeper before they patch. They also did some work on Spring Lane.

Equipment update – They are working on making a sand/salt pusher.

Smith needs some of the new construction/building forms with Chairman Franke listed on them.

Supervisor's Report. – Huber is continuing to work with Martha Graham and the Amish community on supporting road maintenance.

Rauls reported on the Yuba Fire Association meeting. They received a state grant to help offset the cost of a new fire truck. He also reviewed what was discussed at the last meeting. Rauls contacted the county highway commissioner about the blind spot when you come off Pine Ave. The county will check into it.

Chairman's Report – Franke reported that the town will be receiving an additional \$44,745 in state shared revenue in 2024. The State of Wisconsin is putting \$.01 of state sales tax toward the shared revenue.

Other Comments – Treasurer Janecek asked for guidance on submitting our expenses for the Vernon County Community Grant. The board would like her to turn in our expenses to the county as we receive them.

Set Date for Next Regular Monthly Meeting – Thursday, August 17, 2023, at 7:00 pm.

Motion by Rauls, seconded by Huber to adjourn the meeting at 9:09 pm. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Fay Urban, Town Clerk