**Town of Union – Monthly Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, December 21, 2022**

The Town of Union meeting was called to order by Chairman Elgin Fanta on Wednesday, December 22, 2022, at 7:30 p.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, Tim Hotek, and Lonnie Muller from the La Farge Episcope.

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

**Public Comment –** Tim Hotek addressed the board with questions regarding Wilderness LN and his property. Supervisor Rauls will contact the county.

**Read and Approve November Minutes –** Chairman Fanta addressed the election recommendations by Sara Baldwin at the previous meeting. All recommendations need to be taken care of before the next election in February. Motion by Rauls and second by Huber to approve the November 17, 2022, Town of Union minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer reported the general checking accounts has a balance of $4,238.79 and the MMDA balance is $54,102.35 as of Wednesday, December 21, 2022.

All property taxes are sent out. The list of property taxes will be sent to the La Farge Episcope and posted on the Town of Union’s website. There will also be hard copies available Saturday during garbage and recycling hours.

**Clerks Report**

The board reviewed the budget. Motion made by Huber and seconded by Rauls to change the contingence account title from sand/salt shed to equipment account. All in favor, motion carried.

The board reviewed the monthly bills. There were questions regarding Big Hook’s charges and Vernon County’s charges for our fall cleanup day. Rauls will make sure the charges are correct before we pay Big Hook’s invoice. Patrolman Smith is continuing to have issues with his new cell phone. US Cellular said they were working on their towers. After the first of the year the issues should be resolved. Chairman Fanta would like to remove the phone he is using from the Town’s account to his own personal account. Urban and Fanta will work together to get this switched over.

Mail received was Christmas cards from venders.

**Old Business**

Jug Creek Grant Update – The county is waiting for additional information to complete the grant. The information is being sent to the county this week.

**New Business**

Appoint Poll Worker – The board reviewed the list of poll workers. Motion by Huber and seconded by Fanta to approve the list as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Set Caucus Date – Chairman Fanta announced that he will not be running for another term as Town of Union’s Chairman. Motion made by Rauls and seconded by Huber to hold the Town of Union’s Caucus on Saturday, January 21, 2023, at 9:00 am. All in favor, motion carried.

**Patrolman's Report –**

Road work – Smith reported that they have been doing some ditching, cleaning up tree branches, and cleaning out the culverts.

Equipment update – The snow equipment is ready. The 2008 truck had some regen issues but is now working better. Fabick Cat will be working on the grader in January. The mowing tractor will need new batteries in the spring.

**Supervisor’s Report**. **–** Supervisor Huber is working on bringing ALICE training to this area. Rauls is working with the county on the easements with Timber Ln, Canyon Ave, and Wilderness Ln. He would like 30 copies of the tax role available at the garbage and recycling area to handout. Yuba Fire Department is working on getting a new fire station built. They have the blueprints done so they can start to apply for grants. They currently have two grants for their new fire truck and will be selling their old brush truck to cover the balance.

**Chairman's Report –** Fanta turned in three constructions forms.

Motion made by Huber and seconded by Rauls to go into closed session at 8:42 pm. All in favor, motion carried.

**Closed 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 wage increase for the town patrolman**

Motion made by Huber and seconded by Rauls to return to open session at 9:11 pm. All in favor, motion carried.

Action on Closed Session: Motion made by Rauls and seconded by Huber to increase Patrolman Smith’s wages by $1.00 per hour and to increase Patrolman Janecek’s wages by $1.00 per hour and to reset vacation time earned of 40 hours on January 1st. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion made by Rauls and seconded by Huber to qualify an eligible employee for sick pay as working an average of 36 hours per week. All in favor, motion carried.

**Set Date for next regular monthly meeting** – Saturday, January 21, 2023, following the Caucus at 9:00 am.

Motion by Rauls, seconded by Huber to adjourn the meeting at 9:14 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Fay Urban, Town Clerk