

Town of Union – Monthly Meeting Minutes

Saturday, February 18, 2023

The Town of Union meeting was called to order by Chairman Elgin Fanta on Saturday, February 18, 2023, at 9:00 am.

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, Thea Fronk, Karri Bartlett, Donald Subera, and Robert Vodak

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

Public Comment - None

Review and Approve January Minutes – Motion by Rauls and second by Huber to approve the January 21, 2023, Town of Union minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer reported the general checking accounts has a balance of \$3,155.09 and the MMDA balance is \$382,120.62 as of Friday, February 17, 2023.

Property Tax Update: There is around \$186,000.00 in postponed property taxes. Two personal property taxes that are delinquent.

Dog License: The town has registered 196 dog licenses so far. 127 are under the kennel license. Janecek presented a letter she would like to send out to the residence with dogs. It was reviewed and the letter will be sent to residents that have not licensed their dogs.

Clerks Report

The board reviewed the budget and the monthly bills as presented. Motion made by Huber and seconded by Rauls to approve the bills as presented and to transfer \$17,000.00 for the monthly bills from the Money Market Account to the general checking account. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence: Vernon County with the LRIP grant, is requesting minutes that shows Scots Construction was awarded the bid for Jug Creek. The clerk will review minutes from 2018 and 2019. Scots Construction will be contacted to see if they have a signed contract for Jug Creek.

Old Business

None

New Business

Road Maintenance: Supervisor Rauls contacted the WTA attorney to clarify easements and road right of ways and what the state statutes are. A letter should be sent to all property owners if they have something that is an encroachment on the right of way. If the property owner does not do anything about it, they could be fined a \$1 a day according to WI statue 82.18. It is stated that the roadways are 66’ wide unless otherwise stated. Timber LN is marked as 66’ wide on the GIS map. The town supervisors are responsible for the maintenance of the roads. The next step is to mark the trees that will need to be removed. Before April’s Road Inspections, the trees will be mark with ribbons so everyone can see where the right of way is. Motion made by Rauls and seconded by Huber to start procedures to clean up the road easements, starting with worse conditions first. All in favor,

motion carried.

Grader Repair: See patrolman's report.

Patrolman's Report –

Road work – Smith reported that they have been dealing with the weather.

Equipment update –The 2008 truck had some work done on it. It was towed to LaFarge Truck Center on February 16, 2023. It is currently there getting fixed. The grader had worked done on it by Fabick. It will need a new turbo. Smith got estimates from several places. Motion made by Huber and seconded by Rauls to have Samuel Bontrager do the work on the grader with a Board Warner turbo for \$1,000 which includes a 2000 hour warranty plus his hourly pay of \$35 an hour. All in favor, motion carried.

Supervisor's Report. – Supervisor Huber reported that there will be ALICE training on March 9, 2023, at 6:00 pm at the Town Hall. This will be opened to the board members and election workers.

Supervisor Rauls attended a Vernon County meeting regarding the state's surplus of money and state grants available. The highway 82 project could be move up to 2024 because of the extra funding available through the state. There are grants available for bridges that are under 20', flood damage, and grants for generators. The county has a grant for community development. Supervisor Huber will check further on the grants that are available.

In March, Vernon County Landfill will be having a meeting regarding the county trash be moved to another landfill. Both supervisors plan on attending this meeting.

Rauls got a bid for sand/salt mix and salt. Patrolman Smith will compare the price to Bill Kruger and report back.

Chairman's Report – Fanta reported there was one new fire/address sign requested and one construction form. He also reported that the La Farge Fire Department is having their annual banquet on March 18, 2023. It includes a dinner and refreshments. Anyone planning on going will need to RSVP by February 28th.

Set Date for next regular monthly meeting – Wednesday, March 15, 2023, at 7:00 pm.

Motion by Huber, seconded by Rauls to adjourn the meeting at 10:09 am. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Fay Urban, Town Clerk