**Town of Union – Monthly Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday October 19, 2022**

The Town of Union meeting was called to order by Chairman Elgin Fanta on Wednesday, October 19, 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, and Lonnie Muller from the Episcope.

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

**Public Comment –** None

**Read and Approve September Minutes –** Motion by Huber and second by Rauls to approve the September 15, 2022, Town of Union minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer reported the checking accounts has a balance of $233,737.84 as of Wednesday, October 19, 2022.

The board decided not to include an annual letter in with the property tax statements. The letters will be available at the dump and on the website. This will cut down on postage.

The dog count needs to be filed with the county in April. Starr will call to verify the number of dogs with homeowners and visit the Amish to get their counts.

The county sent over a list of the property owners that receive the lottery credit. The county would like us to verify the list. The list will be emailed to the board members to review.

**Clerks Report**

The board reviewed the monthly bills. Motion made by Rauls and seconded by Huber to pay the monthly bills, and to transfer $188,298.96 from the Money Market Account to the General Checking Account. All in favor, motion carried. The board reviewed the budget. Shared Revenue will be coming November 29th.

**Old Business**:

**Sand/Salt Shed** –Supervisor Rauls reported that the project is completed. There was a discussion on additional lighting and aprons for the front of the shed. At this time, the board will wait to see how the winter goes. The building is included on the town’s insurance policy. The area will be seeded in the spring.

**New Business**

**Set Budget Meeting** – Public Hearing and Budget Meeting will be Thursday, November 17, 2022, at 6:30 pm. Items to consider for the 2023 budget is repairs to the mower and making Timber Lane and South Canyon Ave wider.

**Patrolman's Report –**

Road work – Smith reported that they are finishing the sealcoat patching, hauling gravel, spot grading and mowing the roadsides. The new culvert was installed on Oct. 10th on Newburn Ave. The sand/salt shed is now being filled for the winter. Estimated cost to fill it is $20,000. The board would like to check other options for purchasing the salt next year to help save on the cost.

Equipment update – The board had approved $4000 in February to repair the grader. There are some additional repairs needed. The new estimate is $6,632.69 from Fabricks. This includes a new air tank, ball joints, electrical work, bushing in the front, and fix the heater fan. They can begin the work right away and on site.

**Supervisor’s Report**. **–** Supervisor Huber contacted Vernon County about a seminar on Active Shooter. She would like to see the poll workers and board members take a seminar on this. From December to March the monthly board meetings will be held the 3rd Saturday of each month at 8:30 am. If any scheduling conflicts come up, the day or time can be adjusted.

**Chairman's Report –** Chairman Fanta reported the check for Jug Creek should be coming soon. LaFarge area Fire Association meeting is Thursday evening. WTA is holding a meeting on October 27th at 7:30 pm in Viroqua. There were no building permits this last month.

Special Meeting was set for October 31, 2022, at 6:30 pm for the board to discuss the 2023 budget.

**Set Date for next regular monthly meeting** – Thursday, November 17, 2022, following the Public Hearing and Budget Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Motion by Rauls, seconded by Huber to adjourn the meeting at 9:01 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Fay Urban, Town Clerk