**Town of Union – Monthly Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, May 19, 2022**

The Town of Union meeting was called to order by Chairman Elgin Fanta on Thursday, May 19, 2022, at 7:30 p.m.

Roll call was taken with Chairman Elgin Fanta, Supervisor Paige Huber, Supervisor Dennis Rauls, Clerk Fay Urban and Treasurer Starr Janecek present. Others in attendance was Patrolman David Smith.

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

**Public Comment –** None

**Read and Approve March Minutes –** Motion by Rauls and second by Huber to approve the April 19, 2022, Town of Union minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report**

The general checking account has a balance of $4,819.45 and the Money Market Deposit Account balance is $388,502.68 as of Thursday, May 19, 2022.

**Clerks Report**

The board reviewed the budget and the monthly bills. Patrolman Smith explained that the carbide blades from Gray’s was returned. Motion made by Fanta and seconded by Huber to pay the monthly bills, and to transfer $21,000 from the Money Market Account to the General Checking Account. All in favor, motion carried. The board reviewed the budget. Chairman Fanta said that John Howe from Vernon County Highway Department had contacted him regarding the cost share for the culverts put in 2021. The county overpaid the cost share on the culverts. The county had sent the town 100% cost share. It should be 50%.

**Old Business**:

**Sand/Salt Shed** –Supervisor Rauls reported that the concrete is scheduled for early July. Hartje’s will start on the building after the concrete work is completed. It should take only 9 days to complete. The color of the building is a charcoal gray roof and bright white walls with charcoal gray trim.

**ARPA GRANT –** Clerk Urban has done the first quarterly report for the funds. The second and final payment of $36,424.66 will be deposited in May or June.

**New Business**

**2022 Road Work –** Fanta presented the board with Scott’s proposal for sealcoating the roads. The board discussed the proposal. Top priority is to complete Jug Creek. The cost share grant will expire this year. Motion made by Rauls and seconded by Huber to approve $83,755.00 to complete Jug Creek and a portion of Valley Ave. All in favor, motion carried. The town will receive at grant of $23,438.00 from the state to help offset the cost of this project.

**Recycling and Garbage Handling –** Hook & Haul will charge $750 monthly to handle the garbage. The town currently pays $910 monthly to Southwest Sanitation. This will save the town $1,920 annually. Vernon County will handle our recycling materials at no cost. Spring Clean-up Day is scheduled for Saturday, May 28, 2022. Rauls will contact Vernon County to get the cost sheet for tires, appliances, and other items that they charge for. Kris Janecek and Darrell Heuy will help that day.

**Mileage Pay –** Motion made by Rauls and seconded by Fanta to increase the mileage pay from $0.40 per mile to $0.58 per mile retroactive to April 19, 2021. All in favor, motion carried.

**Patrolman's Report –**

Road work - Smith reported that the weight limits were lifted off the roads on April 25, 2022. The annual road trip was completed on Saturday, April 20, 2022. Scott’s Construction was here on May 10, 2022, to review the road work that needed to be done.

Jug Creek update: Fencing is done. They will start to haul gravel to Jug Creek. They will be working on matching up the driveways and putting big rock around the culvert by Redmar’s driveway. Sealcoat should be done in July. The town will be getting more gravel after the spring clean-up day.

Equipment update – The snow equipment is washed and put away.

**Supervisor’s Report**. **–** Supervisor Huber called Revolution Plastic regarding Ag Plastic. They do not have any more dumpster available. She received a letter from them stating this also. Supervisor Rauls talked to Doug Wood about South Canyon LN. They are not able to drive their farm equipment on this road because it is too narrow. Rauls will work with the property owners and the Amish community to remove some trees to widen the road. The right of way of the road is 33’ from center.

**Chairman's Report –** Chairman Fanta had the board member sign the grant request for the Veteran’s graves. Debbie Smith will continue to mow the cemetery. He has three pending construction permits.

**Set Date for next regular monthly meeting** – Thursday, June 16, 2022, at 7:30 pm. (The date was change to Wednesday, June 15, 2022, at 7:30 because of a conflict of schedule).

Motion by Huber, seconded by Rauls to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Fay Urban, Town Clerk