

Town of Union – Monthly Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 23, 2024

Union Town Hall

The Town of Union meeting was called to order by Chairman Jon Franke on Tuesday, July 23, 2024, 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, Lonnie Muller, Bob Vodak, Phil Connors, and Mary Bradford.

Proof of Posting – Yes

Public Comment – None

Review and Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting – Motion made by Rauls and seconded by Huber to approve the minutes from the June meeting with one correction made to the next monthly meeting date. All in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report - The general checking account has a balance of \$4,865.23 and the MMDA has a balance of \$75,536.77 as of Tuesday, July 23, 2024.

Clerks Report

The board reviewed the monthly bills. Motion by Huber and seconded by Rauls to pay the bills as presented and transfer \$32,000 from the MMDA to the general checking account. All in favor, motion carried.

The mail was presented to the board. This included a thank you card from Scotts Construction and notice of the WTA upcoming meeting.

Old Business

Canyon Lane, Timber Lane Updates – Franke and Smith will be meeting with one of the landowners regarding Canyon Ln. On Timber Ln, it needs overburden for the ditches. The board review the prices from Milestone, Krueger and Green Tech. Motion by Huber and seconded by Rauls to have Green Tech deliver the overburden with a cost of \$110 per hour for delivery and the material is free. All in favor, motion carried. Franke marked the trees that need to be taken care of and the temporary fence needs to be move 10 feet.

Reassessment – Chimney Rock Appraisal submitted two proposals for the upcoming reassessment in 2025. Our current assessor from Chimney Rock Appraisal is Jerry Kins. He is retiring and Barrett Brenner would be our new assessor. The two agreements were reviewed by the board. Motion by Huber and seconded by Dennis to except the agreement of \$18,600.00. All in favor, motion carried.

New Business

Adopting the Vernon County Multi- Hazard Mitigation Plan 2023-2028 – Motion by Rauls and seconded by Huber to adopt the Vernon County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan 2023-2028. All in favor, motion carried.

Grader Transmission Repair – The cost to fix the transmission of the grader is \$27,716.49 from Fabick Cat. This quote doesn't cover any additional repairs that maybe needed. Motion by Huber and seconded by Franke to move all the funds in the equipment contingency fund to the general account to help offset the cost of the repair. All in favor, motion made. Motion by Rauls and seconded by Huber to pay for the grader repair of \$27,716.49. All in favor, motion carried.

LP Contract – Motion by Huber and seconded by Rauls to contract 1200 gallons, \$1,769.40, of LP from United Cooperative. All in favor, motion carried.

Dump Hours and Use – Rauls proposed as of October 1, 2024 that the dump start closing at noon on Saturday and staying open all year on Wednesday evenings. Motion by Huber and seconded by Franke to keep the dump open on Wednesday from 5 pm to 7 pm year-round, Saturday hours 8 am till noon starting October 1, 2024, and also to have Spring cleanup day the first Saturday in May and fall cleanup day the first Saturday in October. All in favor, motion carried. There is also a concern that the Amish residences are not using the dump and where their garbage is going. The board will meet with the local bishops to discuss this matter with them. Huber will bring this issue up at the next WTA meeting to see how the other towns in Vernon County are handling this issue. Lonnie Mueller will bring up this concern at the next Vernon County Health Committee meeting.

Patrolman's Report –

Road Report – They finished ditching on Champion Ln. They are working on the remainder of the Fire/Address signs. Also working on the gravel roads after some heavy rain storms. Mowing is continuing.

Equipment update: The mowing tractor had a tire replaced by Hartje Tire. The air condition line was repaired in the 2015 truck at La Farge Truck Center.

Other business: Smith reported that we have quite a few roads that will need gravel this year. Last year we used 800 yards of gravel. We also used 400 yards of sand/salt mix last year. We have 1100 yard remaining. Smith would like to buy more salt when the county has it available again in the fall. This will be discussed further in the August meeting. Also discussed was were to put the sign for the sand/salt shed building dedication to Elgin Fanta.

Supervisor's Report – Supervisor Huber is working with Starr on finishing up our 2023 Vernon County grant.

Supervisor Rauls reported he had talked to the fire departments on how they are doing their billing. The county sheriff has been contacted about dog kennel runoffs into the roadways and road blockage on Timber Ln. He will be attending the Hillsboro Fire Association meeting. The trees need to be trimmed back around the town shop and town hall. The county has been contacted to have the trees trimmed back and to have heavy equipment signs put up.

Chairman's Report – Chairman Franke turned in 1 construction form. He is working with Barrett Brenner from Chimney Rock Appraisal on the reassessment. There is still is an issue on St John's Lane with a runoff. He will be requesting an apron on that lane.

Set Date for Next Monthly Meeting - Tuesday, August 21, 2024, at 7:00 pm.

Adjournment – Motion made by Huber and seconded by Rauls to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Fay Urban, Town Clerk