**Town of Union – Monthly Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, July 21, 2022**

The Town of Union meeting was called to order by Chairman Elgin Fanta on Thursday, July 21, 2022, at 7:30 p.m.

Roll call was taken with Chairman Elgin Fanta, Supervisor Paige Huber, Supervisor Dennis Rauls, and Clerk Fay Urban present. Treasurer Starr Janecek was absent because of an illness. Others in attendance was Patrolman David Smith, Greg Radmer, and Lonnie Muller from the Episcope.

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

**Public Comment –** Greg Radmar comment on the great job Scott’s Construction did on Jug Creek. There was discussion on someone doing donuts on the newly laid sealcoat. The county sheriff’s department is aware of the situation and are actively pursuing it. The board is consider putting up cameras in this area.

**Read and Approve June Minutes –** Motion by Huber and second by Rauls to approve the June 16, 2022, Town of Union minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Janecek emailed the account balances earlier in the day. The general checking account has a balance of $9,992.05 and the Money Market Deposit Account balance is $404,757.79 as of Thursday, July 21, 2022. Chairman Fanta had a check from a Town of Union resident made payable to himself instead of the town. Fanta will contact the property owner have them make out a new check.

**Clerks Report**

The board reviewed the budget and the monthly bills. The board had questions on three of the expenses, JFTCO, Simpsons Tractor, and Milestone Materials. Patrolman Smith explained the bills. Motion made by Rauls and seconded by Huber to pay the monthly bills, and to transfer $19,000 from the Money Market Account to the General Checking Account. All in favor, motion carried. The board reviewed the budget. Mail received was four building permits from the state.

**Old Business**:

**Sand/Salt Shed** –Supervisor Rauls reported that excavating has started. There is meeting tomorrow with Kruegers and Nachatelo Construction to discuss the concrete work. The concrete work should start in two to three weeks. Once the concrete is complete and set, Hartjes will start the building. Roofing tar was recommended for the concrete walls. Custom Paving will be doing the blacktop floor.

**Update on 2022 Road Projects –** Jug Creek is completed. The patrolmen are working on the smaller road projects. They are continuing to patch the roads.

**New Business**

**Brotherhood Cemetery –** Motion by Rauls and seconded by Huber to send a check for $400 to help offset the upkeep expense of the cemetery. All in favor, motion carried.

**LP Contract –** Motion made by Rauls and seconded by Huber to contract 1300 gallons of LP with United Cooperative for $1,899.00. All in favor, motion carried.

**Dog Counter –** Motion made by Fanta and seconded by Huber to appoint Starr Janecek as the towns dog counter. All in favor, motion carried.

**Recycling & Garbage Attendant –** The town residences are adjusting to the new recycling program. The fall clean-up day is scheduled for October 22, 2022. Rauls will arrange for the additional dumpster needed. Motion was made by Fanta and seconded by Huber to increase the attendance wage from $10.25 an hour to $16 an hour effective as of July 1, 2022. Rauls abstained from voting. Motion carried.

**Patrolman's Report –**

Road work - Smith reported that it took several days to clean up the roads after a sever storm. They have been working on cleaning out ditches and culverts. The sand pile has been moved and the first round of mowing is complete.

Equipment update – A new battery was purchased for lawn mower. The 2008 truck went to LaFarge Truck Center with an engine light on and blowing smoke out. It was determined that it might be the emissions causing this issue. Smith reported that additional weights will be needed for the mowing tractor. Supervisor Huber has requested that Smith get estimates for the wheel weights before they are approved to purchase.

Additional issues include an electrical problem in the shop with the lights. Rauls will contact a local person to check on this issue. Smith report that Union Ave is breaking up by the Walter’s farm and the garlic place. It is being caused by Southwest Sanitation when they come to pickup their dumpsters. Rauls will call Southwest Sanitation about this issue.

**Supervisor’s Report**. **–** Supervisor Huber will check on getting a sign that could be used for upcoming events. For example, Clean-up Days and Elections. Rauls had a resident inquire about putting a new septic in. The resident will need to go through the county. Rauls had also asked if the town had received any checks from Runick on the two dumpster they had picked up with metal in it. No checks have been received. Smith will call Runicks on this issue.

**Chairman's Report –** Chairman Fanta received 2 construction forms. He received a call on a fence complaint. He talked to the landowners, and they will work it out between the two of them. Fanta received the bridge inspection report from Jewel Assoc. Engineers. There are three bridges on the report that need work done to them, two on Pine Ave and one on Sunrise LN. The Wisconsin Towns Association meeting is being held at the Kickapoo Reserve.

**Set Date for next regular monthly meeting** – Thursday, August 16, 2022, at 7:30 pm. (The date was change to Saturday, August 20, 2022, at 8:00 am. because of a schedule conflict).

Motion by Rauls, seconded by Huber to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Fay Urban, Town Clerk