**Town of Union – Monthly Meeting Minutes**

**Saturday, February 19, 2022**

The Town of Union meeting was called to order by Chairman Elgin Fanta on Saturday, February 19, 2022, at 8:00 a.m. All stood for the Pledge of Alliance.

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 were Patrolman David Smith, Lonnie Muller from the Episcope, Sid Thayer from Sid’s Concrete and Greg Redmer

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

**Public Comment –** No Public Comments

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

**Treasurer's Report**

The general checking account has a balance of $2,287.96 and the Money Market Deposit Account balance is $722,253.64 as of Friday, February 18, 2022. Janecek gave an update on the collection of property taxes

**Clerks Report**

The board reviewed the budget and the monthly bills. Motion made by Rauls and seconded by Huber to pay the monthly bills as presented, except the Vernon County Highway Department bill and to transfer $32,000 from the Money Market Account to the General Checking Account. All in favor, motion carried. Patrolman Smith is going to call the County Highway Department to get more information on this bill.

**Guest Speaker** – Sid Thayer from Sid’s Concrete presented the board with his bids on the concrete work for the new Sand/Salt Shed Building. He answered some questions the board had on the rebar, divided wall and asphalt floor. Sid’s Concrete would not be able to start the project until July. Supervisor Rauls is waiting for two more bids to be submitted. Rauls will check on the cost of the cement blocks verses the concrete wall.

**Old Business**

**Sand/Salt Shed** –The board will have a special meeting on March 10, 2022, at 7:30 pm to open and review all bids for the concrete work and excavation.

**New Business**

**Publish Road Construction/Material Bids -** Clerk Urban will post ads in La Farge’s Episcope and Hillsboro Sentry Enterprises for two weeks and the bids will be opened at the next monthly meeting.

**Training for Board of Review** – There is training available March 12th at Wisconsin Dells. Clerk Urban has signed up for the virtual training. Treasurer Janecek and Supervisor Huber will be looking into getting trained.

**WisDot FFY Transportation Program** – This is a 90/10 grant for roads and bridges. The WTA would like all the towns to apply for this grant. The deadline is August 1st. The town board will look at roads and bridges that could benefit from this grant.

**ARPA Grant** – The board has postponed this until the March 10th meeting.

**Patrolman's Report –** Patrolman Smith reported that the 2015 truck has been at Truck County for repairs. There was maintenance work done on the 2008 truck and Grader. The washer fluid has arrived for the tractor tires. Hartje’s will be here Monday to work on the tractor tires. There is still the issue with the tractor leaking oil. The hydraulic value body will need to be replaces. Smith has been talking to several business. Several estimates came in at $7,500. The Grader needs an airdry system and ball joints. This will cost about $4,000. Motion made by Rauls and seconded by Fanta to fix the Grader now and repair the mower tractor later. All in favor, motion carried.

Road Report – All roads have been graded and the snow pushed back.

Patrolman Smith has been monitoring Southwest Sanitation’s trucks that have been picking up our garbage and reporting it to Vernon County Landfill.

**Supervisor’s Report**. **–** Supervisor Huber has been researching Ag Plastic recycling. Greg Redmer will send the town information on the company they use in his town.

Supervisor Rauls would like to hire Darrell Hewy as an alternate for working at the dump when he is unable to be there. Motion made by Rauls and seconded by Huber to hire Darrell Hewy as an alternate for the dump/recycling position. All in favor, motion carried

**Chairman's Report –** The La Farge Fire Department will be having their annual banquet on March 19, 2022, 6 pm at the La Farge Emergency Building.

**Set Date for next regular monthly meeting** – Thursday, March 17, 2022, 7:30 pm.

Motion by Huber, seconded by Rauls to adjourn the meeting at 9:19 am. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Fay Urban, Town Clerk