

# Town of Union – Monthly Meeting Minutes

## Saturday, February 17, 2024

The Town of Union meeting was called to order by Chairman Jon Franke on Saturday, February 17, 2024, at 8:00 am. All stood for the pledge of allegiance.

Roll call was taken with Chairman Jon Franke, Supervisor Paige Huber, Supervisor Dennis Rauls, and Treasurer Starr Janecek present. Clerk Fay Urban was absent due to illness. Others in attendance was Patrolman David Smith, Lonnie Muller, Collyn Geffman, Don Subera, Julie Hotek, Mary Bradford, Kurt Anderson, Nathan Toth, Anna Schumacher-Liska, Matt Albright, Brad Winchel, Mallory Winchel, Thomas Barna, Randy Vesbach, Marion Otto, and Calvin Miller.

Proof of Posting – Verified by three members of the audience.

Vernon County Sanitarian, Anna Schumacher-Liska discussed licenses for short term rentals (Airbnb and Vrba). The annual license is \$200.

Vernon County Zoning, Matt Albright said the zoning ordinance was adopted in 1978. New maps were adopted in 2012. The maps are constantly being updated. There were 500 violations in 2017. Public meetings are held, and notices sent to property owners when the flood plain map changes. He talked about the comprehensive plan. The county tried to pass a comprehensive plan in 2010. It was voted down at that time. The county has a survey available to the county residence. They encourage everyone to complete the survey. It is available on the website. Most of the counties in Wisconsin have a comprehensive plan. It is a ten-year plan and renewed every 10 years. The county will have additional meeting coming up. There is a planning commission meeting on March 5, 2024, at 9:30 am at the courthouse. This meeting is open to the public.

Public Comment – None

Review and Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting – Motion made by Rauls and seconded by Huber to approve the minutes from the January meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported the general checking account has a balance of \$564.78 and the MMDA balance is \$409,432.42.

Clerks Report

The board reviewed the monthly bills. Motion by Rauls and seconded by Huber to pay the bills as presented and transfer \$277,831.17 from the MMDA to the general checking account. All in favor, motion carried.

Mail- None

Old Business

South Canyon Lane Update – Too wet to burn currently.

Road Right Away Clean Update – The cedar trees on Pine Ave have been cleaned up. Other roads that need to be addressed is Muncie and Warner. The homeowners will be contacted before moving forward. Further determination for tree cleanup will be made during the road inspection.

Timber Lane Marking Update – Chairman Franke has been working on finding the survey for Timber LN. Once work is ready to start, Franke will post a notice in three places.

Shop and Town Hall Furnace Update- Franke looked over the hall furnace and the shop furnace have a 10-year warranty. A new furnace is coming.

New Business

Review Rock and Seal Coat Notice for Sealed Bids - The board rewrote the notice for rock and seal coat bids. The notice will be posted before the next meeting. The bids will be opened in the March meeting.

Patrolman's Report –

Road Report – Weight limits were put on the town roads on January 30<sup>th</sup>.

Equipment – The backhoe had the other rear tire replaced. The 2015 truck's power steering leak was fixed. The 3<sup>rd</sup> switch on the sander needs to be replaced. The part was ordered from Universal and Kris will be able to replace it. All the tires have been rotated.

Supervisor's Report – Supervisor Huber meet with County Sheriff Torgerson on the safety manual. No progress on the manual. The county is offering another community grant. Huber is contacting Amy Oliver to see if a well would be covered. The deadline for the grant is April 19<sup>th</sup>.

Supervisor Rauls reported that the La Farge Fire Department is looking to get a new ambulance. There would be no additional cost to the towns. Next of kin will be added on the driver's license. The DNR has 803 fires put out annually with response time of 18 minutes. May 11<sup>th</sup> is clean sweep for the county. March 24<sup>th</sup> there will be a landfill meeting. The county is looking to charge \$2.00 for small appliances.

Chairman's Report – Chairman Franke received a building permit on Newburn. Franke goes to the property to inspect where the location is to make sure it is not in the flood plain. He attended the Hillsboro Fire Association meeting for Dennis. Jon and David will be attending the WTA Road School.

Set Date for Next Monthly Meeting: Wednesday, March 20, 2024, 7:00 pm at the Town Hall.

Adjournment – Motion made by Huber and seconded by Rauls to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 a.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Fay Urban, Town Clerk