

Town of Union – Monthly Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 15, 2023

The Town of Union meeting was called to order by Chairman Jon Franke on Thursday, June 15, 2023, 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, Greg Redman, Tim Hotek, Julie Hotek, and Bob Vodak.

Chairman Franke asked for affirmation of proper public notice. Clerk Urban replied “Yes”.

Public Comment – No public comments.

Review and Approve May Minutes – The minutes were reviewed by the board. There was no additions or corrections. Motion made by Supervisor Huber and seconded by Supervisor Rauls to approve the minutes as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported the general checking accounts have a balance of \$8,114.49 and the MMDA balance is \$77,704.60 as of Thursday, June 15, 2023.

Clerks Report

Clerk Urban presented the board with the monthly bills. Motion made by Huber and seconded by Rauls to approve the bills as presented and to transfer \$18,000.00 for the monthly bills from the Money Market Account to the general checking account. All in favor, motion carried. The board reviewed the budget as presented.

Old Business

Spring Cleanup Day – Supervisor Rauls updated the board on the spring clean-up day. It cost \$200 more than last year but the town saved money by not having a patrolman working all day. Rauls recommended just having 3 dumpsters for the fall clean-up day.

Vernon County Community Development Grant – Supervisor Huber and Treasurer Janecek worked on the grant together. They reported that the town was awarded a 50/50 grant of \$20,000.00. The county will match up \$10,000. The grant is for replacing the old fire/address signs with new ones and replacing the windows and front door in the town hall. Wolf windows will be replacing the window. No date when this will start. The new door is scheduled to be done in mid-October. Motion made by Supervisor Huber and seconded by Chairman Franke to transfer the amount needed for the downpayment on the windows from the grant contingency fund. All in favor, motion carried. For the new fire/address signs, Treasurer will be sending out letters to the property owners that will have their signs replaced. Motion by Rauls and seconded by Huber to transfer \$264 from the grant contingency account to cover the supplies needed to mail out the letters. All in favor, motion carried.

Review Fuel Quotes – This item is tabled until next meeting.

Vernon County Landfill Memorandum – The board reviewed the memorandum sent by the Vernon County Landfill. Motion made by Rauls and seconded by Franke to sign the Vernon County Landfill Memorandum. All in favor, motion carried. Clerk Urban will send the signed memorandum to the county.

New Business

Gravel and Road Expenses for 2023 – The board reviewed with Patrolman Smith on what the town's needs are for gravel, sand, screenings, and salt for 2023. Patrolman Smith said there is about 4 to 5 miles of gravel roads that to be worked on. Smith will get an estimate for the next board meeting. Motion made by Rauls and seconded by Huber to purchase 300 yards of gravel. All in favor, motion carried.

Grader Boot – Patrolman Smith would like to look into the town getting a grader boot. Whitestown has one that we can try. If it fits our grader and works out, Smith will take it to a local welder to see how much it would cost to make one. The board wants two estimates on the cost. This will be discussed at a future meeting.

Corporation Counsel – Currently the town has no legal council available. Motion by Franke and seconded by Huber for the Town of Union to attain legal services at will as the board deems as necessary. All in favor, motion carried.

Patrolman's Report –

Road work – Smith reported that the fences were completed on Jug Creek. Scotts has completed sealcoating the roads and they have started to mow the roadsides and patching the seal coated roads. Work needs to be done on the shop's lot and on the hill on Pine Ave where it has washed out. Scotts has a bid to do both jobs for \$4,400.00. This item was table until next meeting.

Equipment update –The grader had some work done on it.

Supervisor's Report. – Huber is working with Marti Graham and the Amish community regarding a buggy fee to help maintain the town's roads. Huber will be taking over the veteran's grave in Newburn Cemetery. She would like to coordinate a work session to place the stones back to their upright position. Rauls has talked to the county and local property owners regarding human sewage running on other people's property. The county is still working on this issue to get it taken care of.

Chairman's Report – Franke has talked to Jerry Pedretti, the Vernon County Clerk, regarding the election complaint. One new construction form was received for a new garage/shed.

Set Date for Next Regular Monthly Meeting – Thursday, July 13, 2023, at 7:00 pm.

Motion by Rauls, seconded by Huber to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 pm. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Fay Urban, Town Clerk