

Minutes - TOWN OF RED CEDAR

The monthly Town Board meeting was held at the Red Cedar Town Hall, E6591 627th Avenue, Menomonie, WI on Monday, October 8, 2018, at 6:30 p.m.

1. Call to order/roll call. At 6:30 p.m., Chairman, Pete Prochnow, called the meeting to order. Present were supervisors Deb Gotlibson, Bob Cook, Don Hayden, and Doug Miller. Also present were the Clerk, Cheryl Miller, and the Treasurer, Jill Haldeman.
2. Public Comments. Bob Colson, Dunn County Planner, provided information on efforts to close the broadband “donut” surrounding the City of Menomonie to organize citizens with towns, the county, and ISPs to help bring broadband to the area, county wide. He will keep us updated. Rod Dicus, a candidate for Dunn County Sheriff, introduced himself to those present.
3. Minutes. *Motion by Deb Gotlibson to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2018 town board meeting; motion seconded by Bob Cook. None opposed. MC*
4. Treasurer’s Report. *Motion by Don Hayden to approve the Treasurer’s Report for the prior month; motion seconded by Bob Cook. None opposed. MC*
5. Current Month’s Claims. *Motion by Deb Gotlibson to approve the current month’s claims and per diems; motion seconded by Bob Cook. None opposed. MC*
6. Reports:
 - (a) Patrolman. The Patrolman provided a report as to work performed, including hand patching, cutting trees, grader patching, bringing the International and the plow to Universal, replacing the left rear brake caliper and the U-bolts on the Ford, fixing downed street signs, ditch mowing, painting the restrooms, and clearing/chipping downed trees.
 - (b) Finance Committee. The Treasurer provided a report as to GTA, LRIP, solid waste/recycling, and dog licensing fees received. The Clerk indicated that she is still looking into legal notice fees for the Colfax Messenger.
 - (c) Ordinance Committee. The Treasurer handed out the minutes of the last meeting and provided information as to what the committee has been working on.
 - (d) Planning Commission. The minutes were provided in the packets.
7. Additional Business:
 - (a) Patrolman wage and annual performance review. Bob Cook recused himself from discussion and voting. Pete will perform a performance review with the Patrolman. *Motion by Pete Prochnow to raise the Patrolman’s wages 50 cents per hour effective January 1, 2019; motion seconded by Don Hayden. None opposed. MC*
 - (b) Drainage easement off of 610th Street. The purchasers of the two lots at the corner of 610th Street and 430th Avenue appeared and indicated that they are planning to build a house and shed on the property and asked that the easement be removed so they can fence it in. A resolution will be prepared and acted on at the next board meeting. The parties will obtain an enlarged document and get it to Cheryl. *Motion by Don Hayden to approve the removal of the easement once a resolution is passed; motion seconded by Doug Miller. None opposed. MC*
 - (c) Fire call – Lofthus, farm equipment fire on 9/11/2018, \$441.70. *Motion by Deb Gotlibson to bill the cost of the entire fire call to the owner as per Section 2(1) of the Town’s Fire Protection Charges Ordinance; motion seconded by Bob Cook. None opposed. MC*

- (d) Plowing private road (Edgewater/The Cutoff). Todd Torgeson and Don Southard, developers, appeared and asked that the town provide winter public services to the subdivision roads. Discussion had as to why the town has yet to accept the roads and the current DNR easement on the road into the subdivision. The developers indicated that they would trim and cut trees for better access. *Motion by Bob Cook to set a special meeting date of Monday, October 29, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. to meet at the town hall and then visit the property to discuss this matter; motion seconded by Deb Gotlibson. None opposed.* MC. Cheryl will post the meeting date, and this matter will be revisited at the November board meeting.
 - (e) Town road boundaries/parcel east of the river, off CTH BB. *This matter was postponed.*
 - (f) Winter plowing/turnarounds. *This matter was postponed.*
 - (g) Renew Treasurer's Tax Collection Bond. *Motion by Deb Gotlibson to renew the Treasurer's Bond; motion seconded by Bob Cook. None opposed.* MC
 - (h) Consider funding options for future road improvements. Discussion had. *Motion by Deb Gotlibson to borrow \$300,000.00 for future road improvements for a term of not more than five years and levy a tax annually for the term of the loan on all taxable property in the Town of Red Cedar to repay the principal and interest on said loan; motion seconded by Bob Cook. None opposed.* MC. Cheryl will draft the necessary Resolution to be acted on at the November board meeting.
 - (i) Review 1st draft of 2019 Budget. Discussion had. There will be changes to the fire service charges and road budget portion of the proposed Budget to be presented at the November board meeting.
 - (j) Set the budget/levy hearing date and time. The budget/levy hearing date was set for November 12, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. The Finance Committee will meet prior thereto at 5:30 p.m.
 - (k) Property complaints and other town issues, matters, and concerns. The Clark court date is set for Wednesday, October 17th at 9:00 a.m. at the Judicial Center. Bob and Cheryl will attend.
8. Communications:
- (a) Correspondence and announcements. The American Express Special Exception permit is before the County BOA on 10/15/2018 at 5:30 p.m., and Pete will attend. An open house at the Whispering Emerald Ridge Legacy Barn will occur on Sunday from 12:00-6:00 p.m. The Annual Rural Fire Department meeting is on Wednesday, October 17th at 7:00 p.m., the WTA banquet is on Wednesday, October 24th at 6:30 p.m., and the Joint Town/City meeting is on Tuesday, October 30th at 4:30 p.m. Pete and Bob continue to work with the DNR on the landfill site issue. The plow and hitch for the International is expected to cost less than \$12,500.00, and the town will try to sell the old one.
 - (b) Upcoming agenda items. Outdoor recreation plan/presentation by Addison Vang.
9. Set Next Meeting Date. The next meeting date was set for Monday, November 12, 2018 at 6:30 p.m., or immediately following the budget/levy hearing.
10. Adjourn Monthly Town Board Meeting. *At 9:00 p.m., the Chairman, Pete Prochnow, adjourned the meeting without objection.*

(The Minutes are subject to approval at the next, regularly scheduled Town Board meeting)

Cheryl Miller, Clerk

October 18, 2018