

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, August 14, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

1. Call to order/roll call. At 6:00 p.m., the Chairman, Bob Cook, called the meeting to order. Present were Supervisor 1, Erik Hendrickson; Supervisor 2, Jim Richartz; Supervisor 3, Don Hayden; and Supervisor 4, Nick Berends. The Clerk, Cheryl Miller, and the Treasurer, Deb Gotlibson, were also present. Two residents were in attendance.
2. Public Comments. Luanne Prochnow mentioned the dangerous, dilapidated building and lack of visibility at CTH E and State Hwy. 12/29 due to thick brush and trees and the recent and ongoing accidents on that corner. County Board member, Randy Prochnow, informed the board that the county cut the branches extending into the right of way, but they are limited to that. Bob will contact the brother of the late owner to see what the status of the property is. Luanne also mentioned the overgrown weeds at 3M where the seeds will be airborne soon, and that there are now over 75 vehicles on the property that Dillon is occupying.
3. Minutes. *Motion by Erik Hendrickson to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2023 town board meeting; motion seconded by Nick Berends. None opposed. MC*
4. Financials. *Motion by Don Hayden to approve the Treasurer's Report and current month's claims as presented; motion seconded by Nick Berends. None opposed. MC*
5. Reports and Recommendations:
 - (a) Patrolman. The Patrolman provided a report of work performed since the last board meeting.
 - (b) Finance Committee (budget income and expenses to date) and solid waste/recycling. Deb provided information to the board related to solid waste and recycling updates.
 - (c) Planning Commission. Cheryl informed the board that the public hearing is before the Planning Commission next week to discontinue the public way, and the committee is reviewing the County's changes to their Land Division Ordinance and a number of town ordinances which may be affected.
6. Business:
 - (a) Adopt Resolution No. 2023-14 updating Per Diem and Compensation Policy. *Motion by Jim Richartz to adopt Resolution No. 2023-14; motion seconded by Erik Hendrickson. None opposed. MC*
 - (b) Adopt Resolution No. 2023-15 updating Town's Winter Road Maintenance Policy. *Motion by Don Hayden to adopt Resolution No. 2023-15; motion seconded by Nick Berends. None opposed. MC*
 - (c) Enter into contract with Cedar Falls Heating & A/C for town hall/shop repairs. Bob will contact the company to see if there are rebates available through Focus on Energy or other companies and ask that the proposal be updated through September 15th. *This matter was postponed.*
 - (d) Enter into contract with CBS Squared to update and submit STP-Local Application (610th St., 420th Ave. and 640th St. from 430th Ave. to CTH J) for the 2024-2028 WisDOT funding cycle. *Motion by Don Hayden to enter into a contract with CBS Squared to update and submit the referenced STP-Local Application for a fee of \$1,000.00; motion seconded by Nick Berends. None opposed. MC.* Jim will obtain updated and additional petition signatures and contact the new Director of Public Works for the City of Menomonie.
 - (e) Recycled blacktop on 649th Street. The road is crushed rock, and it is approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile and 16 feet wide. The cost of recycled blacktop right now is \$650.00 per load, and we may need 22 tons which will have to be spread, bladed, and rolled or packed. *This matter will be revisited in March of 2024.*
 - (f) Grizzly implement. *This matter will be revisited in March of 2024.*
 - (g) Employee benefits. *This matter was postponed.*
 - (h) Road materials loan/BCPL. Discussion had. Cheryl will draft a resolution to borrow the amount of \$100,000.00 from BCPL for hall/shop repairs, road materials, and other operating and maintenance

costs for a 3-year term at 5.75% interest rate and assess the debt over all taxable property in the town to be presented at the September 11th town board meeting and complete the required paperwork. *This matter was postponed.*

- (i) Increasing town levy on an ongoing basis for any and all projects. *This matter will be revisited in February of 2024.*
 - (j) Updates to town's ATV Ordinance. The County's ATV Ordinance has been updated and enacted, and Cheryl will update the town's ordinance to present at our next board meeting.
 - (k) Animal control options. *This matter was postponed.*
 - (l) Other town issues, matters, and concerns. Private road signs were purchased and will be put up on various private roads in the town. People have been living in a RV in the Rusk neighborhood since early July with multiple dogs that are unleashed at times, and a letter will be sent regarding same. PASER ratings should be reviewed during the annual road inspection or at another time. Jim updated the board on what is occurring at City Council meetings, and there is a rail committee meeting on August 16th. Bob informed the board that the first housing committee meeting is on August 22.
7. Communications:
- (a) Correspondence and announcements. The Fall WTA Workshop is on Tuesday, September 19th, in Eau Claire (Cheryl and Deb will attend). The Town Law Conference is virtual on Friday, October 6th (Cheryl will attend). The Colfax Newspaper is available for posting ads and notices.
 - (b) Upcoming agenda items. Postponed items. Act on Resolution 2023-13 to discontinue public way.
8. Set Next Meeting Date. The next town board meeting was set for Monday, September 11, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.
9. Adjourn. *At 8:49 p.m., the Chairman, Bob Cook, adjourned the meeting without objection.*

(The minutes are subject to approval at the next, regularly scheduled town board meeting)

Cheryl Miller, Clerk

August 18, 2023