

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, September 11, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

1. Call to order/roll call. At 6:04 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; Supervisor 4, Nick Berends; the Clerk, Cheryl Miller; and the Treasurer, Deb Gotlibson. Also present were five residents.
2. Public Comments. Jeff Heitkamp asked when spray patching and repair of the CTH B railroad crossing would take place.
3. Minutes. *Motion by Nick Berends to approve the Minutes of the August 14, 2023 town board meeting; motion seconded by Jim Richartz. None opposed. MC*
4. Financials. *Motion by Don Hayden to approve the previous month's Treasurer's Report and current month's claims; motion seconded by Erik Hendrickson. 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. The ARPA CD expires near the end of the month. Bob will volunteer at the Clean Sweep event on September 21st at 1:00 p.m., and Erik will be there at 4:00 p.m.
 - (c) Planning Commission. The minutes were reviewed. The Planning Commission recommended that the town board not act on Resolution 2023-13 to Discontinue a Public Way in the Town of Red Cedar.
6. Business:
 - (a) Act on Resolution 2023-13 to Discontinue a Public Way in the Town of Red Cedar as shown on CSM 998, Volume 4, Page 63 of surveys recorded as document number 392775. Discussion had. The board asked the adjoining property owner (Larson) if the town could cut trees and put crushed rock down on his property southeast of the gate in the public way, and he agreed. *Motion by Nick Berends to not consider or act on Resolution 2023-13 at this time and discontinue winter maintenance on the west side of the gate, continue with a single plow pass on the east side of the gate pushing snow to the south, and cutting back and removing trees as needed to have a visual while backing out of the public way and adding a gravel shoulder on the south side of the public way on the Larson property; motion seconded by Don Hayden.* Further discussion had. Motion called by the Chairman. *Nick Berends, Don Hayden, and Bob Cook voted in favor of the motion. Erik Hendrickson abstained. Jim Richartz was opposed.* Motion carried on a majority vote of 3 to 1, with 1 abstaining. This public way will be viewed and revisited at the next annual road inspection.
 - (b) Act on Resolution 2023-16 and sign documents to borrow funds for the purpose of financing building repairs, equipment and roadwork, and levy a direct annual tax upon all taxable property within the Town of Red Cedar for the purpose of paying interest and principal on the loan as they become due. Resolution 2023-16 was provided to board members prior to the meeting and read aloud at the meeting by Supervisor 4, Nick Berends. *Motion by Nick Berends to adopt Resolution 2023-16 to borrow funds from the Trust Funds of the State of Wisconsin in the amount of \$100,000.00 for the purpose of financing building repairs, equipment and roadwork at an annual interest rate of 5.75 percent payable within 3 years, and levy a direct annual tax upon all taxable property within the Town of Red Cedar for the purpose of paying interest and principal on the loan as they become due; motion seconded by Erik Hendrickson. None opposed.* Motion carried unanimously on a 5 to 0 vote.
 - (c) Act on ATV/UTV Ordinance 2023-17 (replacing ATV/UTV Ordinance 2014-1). *Motion by Jim Richartz to adopt Ordinance 2023-17; motion seconded by Nick Berends. None opposed. MC*

- (d) Enter into contract with Cedar Falls Heating & A/C for town hall/shop repairs. Energy rebates discussed. *Motion by Jim Richartz to enter into a contract with Cedar Falls Heating & A/C approving furnace purchase option 1 in the amount of \$7,430.00 when paid at completion; motion seconded by Erik Hendrickson. None opposed. MC*
- (e) Determine LRIP projects for upcoming 2023-2025 cycle (deadline 11/15/2023). Possible projects discussed for Discretionary (TRID) and/or Supplemental (LRIP-S) and Entitlement (TRI).
Motion by Nick Berends to approve road improvements to 640th Street from 420th Avenue to CTH J for a 2023-2025 Discretionary TRID or LRIP-S project in conjunction with the upcoming BIL project; motion seconded by Jim Richartz. None opposed. MC
Motion by Nick Berends to approve chip sealing of 650th Avenue from Stokke Parkway west to the City limits, just past 532nd Street, north to 651st Ave., east to termini and west to the town line and Pine Bay Road (approximately 1.5 miles) for a 2023-2025 Entitlement (TRI) LRIP project; motion seconded by Don Hayden. None opposed. MC
- (f) Attendance at Dunn County Unit WTA Banquet on October 25, 2023. There will be 7 attendees this year.
- (g) Employee benefits. *Motion by Jim Richartz to set up an HRA for the Patrolman at Kado Insurance and revisit this matter in September of 2024 during the employee performance review; motion seconded by Erik Hendrickson. None opposed. MC*
- (h) Animal control options. *This matter was postponed.*
- (i) Other town issues, matters, and concerns. Nick will conduct the annual Patrolman performance review; from this point forward, payment will be required in full from Spectrum/Charter prior to issuing utility permits due to consistently late payments; the overhang above the hall door will be removed due to deterioration and replaced at a later date; Bob will order additional mower parts; Dillon's shed has been removed; and Bob will send a copy of the line-of-sight map to the Gassert estate and speak to Dustin with respect to removing trees and brush at the corner of CTH E and B.

7. Communications:

- (a) Correspondence and announcements. The clerk handed out recent correspondence received.
- (b) Upcoming agenda items. Postponed items, Patrolman performance review and possible wage increase.

8. Set Next Meeting Date. The next meeting was set for Monday, October 9, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

9. Adjourn. At 8:26 p.m., the Chairman, Bob Cook, adjourned the meeting without objection.

Cheryl Miller, Clerk

September 12, 2023