

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, November 13, 2023.

1. Call to order/roll call. At 6:15 p.m., the Town Chairman, Bob Cook, called the meeting to order. Present were Board members, Erik Hendrickson, Jim Richartz, Don Hayden, Nick Berends, Cheryl Miller (Clerk), and Deb Gotlibson (Treasurer), and three attendees.
2. Public Comments. Josh Melstrom, from Melstrom Building Inspections, introduced himself and provided information about himself and his business.
3. Minutes. *Motion by Nick Berends to approve the minutes of the October 9, 2023 Town Board meeting; motion seconded by Jim Richartz. None opposed. MC*
4. Financials. *Motion by Jim Richartz to approve the Treasurer's Report and claims as presented; motion seconded by Erik Hendrickson. None opposed. MC*
5. Reports and Recommendations:
 - (a) Patrolman. None.
 - (b) Finance Committee (budget income and expenses to date) and solid waste/recycling. Updates were provided by the Treasurer.
 - (c) Planning Commission. The minutes of the prior Planning Commission meeting were reviewed, as well as their recommendation to allow further work and research on increasing lot sizes for two-family homes and to not act on the Resolution to Amend the Town's Land and Subdivision Ordinance at this time.
6. Business:
 - (a) Review and discuss Menomonie Rural Fire Department funding analysis and related items with Menomonie Fire Department Chief, Dennis Klass. The Menomonie Fire Department Chief, Dennis Klass, appeared and introduced himself. He presented a PowerPoint and funding analysis of the Menomonie Rural Fire/Ambulance District Budget from 2022. Payments collected from towns and villages were \$44.21 per capita (\$478,168.00), and payments were made to the City in the amount of \$29.90 per capita (\$323,451.00). The balance (\$154,717.00) was put into the Rural operating fund for repairs, equipment, apparatus, etc. The City is using 65% of services, and the towns and villages are using 35% of the services. The City has been paying 92.79% for operations while Rural is paying 7.21%. The current operational budget is \$4,486,458.89, and 65% towards City usage is \$2,909,813.38. Rural usage of 35% is \$1,576,645.51. Over the next five years, the rate for Rural will need to be increased to \$145.77 per capita to cover the 35% of usage (\$1,576,645.51) of the operating budget. Creation of a funding committee was proposed, and the first committee meeting will be held on January 30, 2024.
 - (b) Select town board member to serve on Menomonie Rural Fire Department funding committee. *Motion by Bob Cook to nominate and appoint Jim Richartz as the Town Board member to serve on the Menomonie Rural Fire Department Funding Committee; motion seconded by Nick Berends. None opposed. MC*
 - (c) Act on Resolution No. 2023-19 Amending Town Land Division and Subdivision/Plat Ordinance (2017-2) to increase the Lot Size from 1 Acre to 2 Acres for Two-Family Homes in the Town of Red Cedar. *This item will be removed from future agendas at this time.*
 - (d) Discussion on reducing speed limit on 620th Ave. to 35 mph upon completion of road repairs by Town of Elk Mound. *This item will be removed from future agendas.*
 - (e) Town hall/shop repairs and canopy replacement proposal in the amount of \$13,850.00. *No action taken.*

- (f) Enter into contract with the Dunn Co. Humane Society in the amount of \$4,455.36 for 2024 animal control services. *Motion by Erik Hendrickson to approve and enter into a contract with the Dunn County Humane Society in the amount of \$4,455.36 for 2024 animal control services; motion seconded by Jim Richartz. None opposed. MC*
 - (g) Employee benefits updates. Updates were provided. The current uniform company will be changed since prices are going up. *No action taken, and this item will be removed from future agendas at this time.*
 - (h) Other town issues, matters, and concerns. A sign was down and repaired. Burning will take place at the yard waste site soon. Jim attended the recent zoning and BOA workshop. The County BOA needs an alternate, and Jim was recommended.
7. Communications:
- (a) Correspondence and announcements. The LRIP-S petition was completed and submitted. The City does not expect payment from the town for a portion of the 2022 taxes on the Lindstrom annexation. The City will owe 5 years of taxes on the Harmony Parks annexation, which is only \$19.75/year. An overweight permit was issued, and another overweight permit has been requested.
 - (b) Upcoming agenda items. Any postponed items.
8. Set Next Meeting Date. The next Town Board meeting was set for Monday, December 11, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.
9. Adjourn. *At 7:53 p.m., the Town Chairman, Bob Cook, adjourned the meeting without objection.*

Cheryl Miller, Clerk

November 18, 2023