**APPROVED**

Regular Board Meeting

Tuesday January 10th 2023

7pm

1. Chairman Jochimsen called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. Roll Call:

**Present**

Chairman Kurt Jochimsen

Supervisor Paul Drexler

Supervisor Leonard Austin

Clerk Alexandra Skaya

Treasurer Julaine Aschenbrenner

Roads Supervisor Luke Serwe

Sanitation Employee George Schneider

Fire Commissioner Gary Heil

1. **Public Comment** – None.
2. **Special Guest** – Marathon County Conservation, Planning and Zoning committee. The zoning committee provided a powerpoint presentation on how different zoning opportunities through the county could be implemented in the township. They were asked to return for the annual meeting to provide more information to the residents.
3. **Minutes** – Motion (Austin/Drexler) to approve the town board meeting minutes from the December 13th 2022 meeting. Motion carried.
4. **Voucher Approval** - Motion (Austin/Drexler) to approve year end vouchers 17648 - 17656 plus auto withdrawals totaling $5205.16. Motion carried. Motion (Austin/Drexler) to approve vouchers 17657 – 17679 plus auto withdrawals totaling $17922.51. Motion carried.
5. **REPORTS:**
   1. **Road Report** – Luke Serwe provided the road report. Lots of snow and ice removal. Will we be needing more sand/salt mix from the county, which Luke will arrange. Lots of trees had come down due to ice and snow storms that needed to be removed. Serviced bobs lane several times throughout the month of December. Also fixed a drain in the shop that needed a new cover.
   2. **Fire Commission** – The update to the garage area and also the kitchen/meeting area has been approved. They will be removing some old tiles, and also adding new non-skid carpet squares where needed. EMT coordinator has requested to keep the current ambulance as a second ambulance once the new one is received. Concern was expressed over this due to current need and also the reimbursement money that was going to be used to help offset the cost of the new ambulance. More discussion will be taking place on this topic at the next fire commissioner meeting.
   3. **Treasurer’s Report** – Julaine Aschenbrenner provided the Treasurer’s report including the cash balances. Motion (Austin/Drexler) to approve the Treasurer’s report. Motion carried. The treasurer requested ability to work with clerk to process January settlement checks once the settlement paperwork is completed. Motion (Austin/Drexler) to approve processing of January settlement checks. Motion Carried. Motion (Austin/Drexler) to approve transferring of $811,301.51 from tax account to checking account to cover invoices. Motion Carried.
   4. **Clerk Report** – Alexandra Skaya provided the Clerk Report. Regulatory and Annual filings have been completed. Clerk is finishing up W2/W3/1099 submissions. Statement of Taxes was filed. The 2022 budget to actual was finalized and will be available on the website. There will be a spring primary election on Tuesday, February 21st 2023. No update regarding the Wisconsin Elections Commission grant.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. **ARPA Funds** – Plans for the town garage project are beginning. Luke worked with Donnie Mengel to put some preliminary drawings together. There are some possible things that would need to take place prior to building such as fixing current runoff and sanitary permits.
2. **Liquor License –**  Clerk has reached out to potential new owners of Hotchkiss bar. January 16th was originally scheduled for date of sale, but no word on if this is still plan. Once confirmed, clerk will move forward with discontinuation of current liquor license and issue new license under new owners.
3. **Road Loan Update –** The total amount used for roads from the 2022 road loan of $200,000 is $152,489.56. The remaining $47,510.44 will be carried over to the 2023 road projects.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Garbage** – Paul Drexler had reached out to Harters garbage company to check rates of service. Harters put together a proposal for the township although, it came in higher than our current contract with GFL Green For Life.
2. **Correspondence** – The Western Towns Association will have their quarterly meeting on Thursday January 26th.
3. **Closed Session** – Motion (Austin/Drexler) to move into closed session to discuss employee evaluations and compensation. Motion carried. Motion (Austin/Drexler) to give roads employee Luke Serwe a 10% raise equally $41,910/year salary. Motion carried. Motion (Austin/Drexler) to raise roads employees John Deiler and Connor Serwe to a rate of $19.50/hour on June 1st 2023. Motion Carried. Motion (Austin/Drexler) to raise sanitation employee George Schneider to a rate of $17/hour. Motion Carried.
4. Motion (Austin/Drexler) to adjourn at 9:03pm. Motion Carried.

Submitted by: Alexandra Skaya, Clerk on January 21st 2023

Next Regular Board Meeting Tuesday February 14th 2023