

TOWN OF PORT EDWARDS MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: February 14th, 2022

Call to Order: Chairman Randy Moody called the Town Board Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Community Center. The Pledge of Allegiance was not delivered at the start of the meeting due to there being no flag.

Meeting Certification: This meeting has been properly posted (on the Town's three posting boards, and on the Town Hall door) as well as published on our website and in the Daily Tribune, to notify the public of date, place, time, and agenda.

Attendance: Chairman Randy Moody, Supervisors Tim Schmidt and Jeff O'Donnell, Treasurer Kathy Reese, Clerk Michelle Sorenson, and Road Superintendent Al Goodness. There were also ten people present from the public.

Approval of minutes from January 13th, 2022, Town Board Meeting: Clerk presented the minutes from the January meeting. The minutes looked accurate and acceptable. Motion was made by Schmidt and seconded by O'Donnell to accept the minutes as printed. Motion carried.

Agenda:

- Approve the agenda
- Approve previous meetings' minutes
- Approve payment of bills
- Treasurer and Clerk's monthly reports
- Set date for next month's board meeting
- Review correspondence
- New business: Comprehensive plan estimate,
- Old business: Kellnhofer update; determine pricing schedule and review changes for an updated dog ordinance along with discussion on general ordinance enforcement, ARPA funds discussion,
- Public input
- Adjourn

Motion was made by O'Donnell and seconded by Schmidt to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Bills: Schmidt made a motion to approve payment of the town bills listed by the Clerk. Motion was seconded by O'Donnell and the motion carried. Total disbursements for the month of January were \$703,731.69 with total revenues being \$783,776.81.

Treasurer and Clerk Financial Reports: The Treasurer and Clerk reports were reviewed by the Board. All reports balance. Total Town money as of January 31st, 2022, is \$197,698.56. O'Donnell made a motion to accept the reports. Schmidt seconded said motion. Motion carried.

Correspondence: Nekoosa Fire Chief Mike Hartje was present at the meeting and presented on some fire department changes and services. Questions were asked and answered. We will probably continue to see changes in coming months as things get sorted out with the dissolution of the Nekoosa Ambulance Service.

Clerk received a note from Al Goodness that officially stated his retirement date.

The Clerk had an email conversation with the Port Edwards Village Fire Chief Jason Worden. He requested a letter he had prepared be shared with the Town Board. Supervisor Schmidt read the letter aloud. It cleared up the reason behind why he attended the last month's Town meeting. It was just for information gathering purposes and not to seek a change in any coverage the Village provides for the Town.

New Business: Comprehensive Plan; The estimate that was received from the North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission was reviewed. Total cost for updating our Town's Comprehensive Plan was \$6,000. The Board thinks this is rather high. Additional quotes will try to be obtained by next month's meeting.

Old Business: Kellnhofer; He talked with the Chairman today. Kellnhofer continues to say he is working on the situation and that he is taking in a car tomorrow.

Ordinance changes and enforcement; The dog ordinance and Citation ordinance will be brought to next month's meeting to be reviewed and changes commented on.

ARPA Funds; Different projects were discussed. It was decided that each Board member will make a list of priority projects and bring it with them to next month's meeting.

Public input; Dan Goodness was present at the meeting and made a request of \$5,000 from the Town's ARPA funds be donated to the Town of Port Edwards First Responders.

The question was raised as to who closes the gate to the fenced in storage area across the street from the Town Hall. The Town is the owner of that property and decides when to have the gates opened or closed. The Town closes them when we feel the need to protect or secure property that could be stolen. The Town is in talks with Wood County to determine if there is a written agreement of some kind with regards to using that storage area as a drop off/pick up point for snowmobiles.

A majority of Batterman Road residents were present at the meeting as well, and voiced concerns over the Town no longer having a grader. They wanted to know what the plan was for maintenance of the road. ATV's and UTV's are tearing up the road and there seem to be a lack of regular patrolling. The Town can contract with the Town of Remington or possibly some local cranberry marsh(es) for grading services. The road residents didn't really like this idea as that would put them at the mercy of those contracted to provide the grading service. Al will post the road for both reduced weight and speed. The Town Board will secure more gravel and research being able to contract for grading services.

Next Scheduled Board Meeting; The next regularly scheduled Town Board Meeting is set for Monday, March 14th, 2022, at 6 p.m. The meeting will be conducted at the Port Edwards Town Hall.

Adjourn; Schmidt made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 p.m. and O'Donnell seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Sorenson, Clerk