

TOWN OF PORT EDWARDS MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: October 10th, 2022

Call to Order: Chairman Randy Moody called the Town Board Meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. in the Town Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited to begin the meeting.

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 to notify the public of date, place, time, and agenda.

SPECIAL NOTE: Prior to the start of the regular monthly Town board meeting, the board had a chance to meet with representatives from the Enbridge pipeline. Mike Pahnke and Cal Anderson were at the Town Hall to deliver a patrol truck that had been recently taken out of service for Enbridge. Enbridge donates their retired vehicles to businesses and municipalities that have the pipeline running within their boundaries. The Town of Port Edwards considers themselves extremely lucky to have been granted this opportunity as Enbridge has decided to transition from purchasing their patrol trucks to leasing them in the future. Supervisor Tim Schmidt made contact with Enbridge via email a couple of years ago to get the Town in line should an opportunity like this present itself. It sure was well worth the wait as the truck they so graciously donated to the Town is a 2015 Chevrolet extended cab pickup truck that is in great shape and already equipped with a plow. The Town board would like to give a heart felt thank-you to Mike, Cal and Enbridge. The savings this gift will create for the Town is immeasurable. We would also like to thank Supervisor Tim Schmidt for taking the initiative and pursuing opportunities that we may have otherwise overlooked. Your efforts and contributions to the Town do not go unnoticed.

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

Approval of minutes from September 12th, 2022, Town Board Meeting: Clerk presented the minutes from the September 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
- Set date for the Public Hearing on the 2023 Budget
- Review correspondence
- Highway Superintendent report
- New business:
 1. Approve application for an additional operator license for Ho-Chunk Gaming Nekoosa

Old business:
Public input
Adjourn

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

Bills: O'Donnell made a motion to approve payment of the town bills listed by the Clerk. Motion was seconded by Schmidt and the motion carried. Total disbursements for the month of September were \$60,376.54 with total revenues being \$237.18.

Treasurer and Clerk Financial Reports: The Treasurer and Clerk reports were reviewed by the Board. All reports balance. Total Town money as of September 30th, 2022, is \$274,751.48. O'Donnell made a motion to accept the reports as delivered. Schmidt seconded said motion. Motion carried.

Correspondence: WE Energies submitted an application for a permit to do work in the right of way at 2765 Swiggum Lane. A. Bertotto has made contact with the Chairman about her plans at this residence. Everything was in order so O'Donnell made a motion to approve the permit and Schmidt seconded. Motion carried.

Wood County mailed their annual agreement for winter services and purchase of winter road maintenance supplies. While the Town of Port Edwards does not use Wood County for plowing services, we do like to sign and return the agreement letting them know we would like to purchase salt from them. The Chairman will sign and return.

The Ho-Chunk Nation made contact with Supervisor O'Donnell. They are looking to review the minutes from a meeting held on June 18th, 1959. The Nation is hoping the minutes contain more information on a transaction that was made around that time.

Highway Superintendent Report: The Town recently contracted with Wood County Emergency Management to replace all of the fire numbers within the Town that aren't blue and in the flag style. There were some fire number signs that were missed. Brian has a list. Brian was also able to locate and purchase a new pressure washer. Service was needed on both trucks over this past month and the International is back at the County shop for fuel sensor issues. The John Deere tractor just had its scheduled 1500-hour service job completed.

New Business:

Operator Licenses: Ho-Chunk Gaming Nekoosa made application for one new bartender. M. Styka provided the proper application and completion of training certificate and the casino paid ten dollars cash to cover the license fee. Schmidt made a motion to approve the operator license application. O'Donnell seconded the motion and the license was approved with the motion being carried.

Old Business:

The Chairman will be working to compile an updated 5–10-year road plan. The guard rails on South Section Road by the culvert are not at all stable and need to be addressed in the future.

Public input: A question was asked if the budget prep meeting is something the public should plan on attending? It's not necessary because the board has notes from recent board meetings

regarding the wishes of the public and what they would like to see improved upon within the Town.

A request from a resident living on Batterman Road was made to have the load limit signs put up early. He would also like to see a sign on each end with an additional limit sign at Deer Lane.

Next Scheduled Board Meeting: The next regularly scheduled Town Board Meeting is set for Monday, November 14th, 2022. The meeting will take place immediately following the conclusion of the special meeting of the electors who will be accepting the Town's allowable levy limit. The meetings will be conducted at the Port Edwards Town Hall. Also scheduled at tonight's meeting was the public hearing for the 2023 Town budget and that was set for Monday, November 14th, 2022, and will begin at 6p.m. In summary, the board will be reviewing and answering questions on the budget during the Public Hearing that will commence at 6p.m. Then a special meeting of the Town electors will convene to approve the levy. The regularly scheduled monthly board meeting will then commence immediately following the conclusion of the special meeting.

Adjourn: Being no other business to conduct, O'Donnell made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:06p.m. and Schmidt seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Sorenson, Clerk