

Town of Union – Monthly Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 18, 2024

Union Town Hall

The Town of Union meeting was called to order by Chairman Jon Franke on Wednesday, September 18, 2024, at 7:00 pm. All stood for the pledge of allegiance.

Roll call was taken with Chairman Jon Franke, Supervisor Paige Huber, Supervisor Dennis Rauls, Treasurer Starr Janecek, and Clerk Fay Urban present. Others in attendance was Patrolman David Smith, and Mary Bradford

Proof of Posting – Yes

Public Comment – Dennis Rauls commented he had a phone call from Bob Vodak regarding Timber Ln. The board discussed the concern.

Review and Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting – Motion made by Rauls and seconded by Huber to approve the minutes from the August monthly meeting and the special meeting held on August 30, 2024 regarding Vernon County sending the wrong amount for the August settlement of property taxes. All in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report - The general checking account has a balance of \$10,510.30 and the MMDA has a balance of \$88,116.27 as of Wednesday, September 18, 2024.

Clerks Report

The board reviewed the monthly bills. Motion by Huber and seconded by Rauls to pay the bills as presented and transfer \$22,000 from the MMDA to the general checking account. All in favor, motion carried.

The mail was presented to the board. This included an email from a concerned resident regarding speeding on their road, the 2024 & 2025 Shared Revenue totals, and Yuba's Fire Association fees for 2025.

Old Business

Grader Update – The grader needs additional work done to it. Motion made by Rauls and seconded by Huber to except the bid from Fabick Cat to replace the gasket and reseal engine oil pan for the amount of \$2,468.33. All in favor, motion carried.

Dump Lights, Sign – Two quotes were submitted for sign at the dump. Lange's quote was \$44.60 per sign and Decker's was \$33.50 per sign. Motion by Rauls and seconded by Huber to purchase four signs from Deckers. All in favor, motion carried. There were two options presented for lighting at the dump. The first option was from Wiremen's to hard wire lighting at the dump site for \$1,700. The second option was to purchase cordless lights that are moveable. Motion by Huber and seconded by Rauls to purchase the cordless lights. All in favor, motion carried.

Road Gravel, Areas and Volumes – Patrolman Smith presented the board with a list of the roads that needed gravel and ranked them. The board discussed the gravel needs. Motion made by Rauls and seconded by Huber to purchase 40 loads of gravel for the roads that were ranked #1 and 12 loads of gravel for surplus to be stored by the town shop from Bill Krueger and Green Tech. All in favor, motion carried.

Veteran's Grave Paperwork – Treasurer Janecek has created a spreadsheet for the Vernon County Clerk with the veteran's graves listed in the Town of Union.

2023 County Grant – The town was granted an extension to December 15th to complete the grant and have all of the paperwork turned in. The 2024 grant is for a new well from Flaherty & Sons. Chairman Franke will contact them to have the town put on there waiting list.

New Business

Salt Supply – Vernon County is allowing the local municipalities pick up salt on September 23rd and 24th. Motion made by Huber and seconded by Rauls to purchase 100 tons of salt from Vernon County and we will haul it ourselves. All in favor, motion carried.

Dog License 2024 – The 2024 dog license report is complete. Discussion was held on what to pay Treasurer Janecek for collecting the dog licenses. Motion made by Rauls and seconded by Huber to pay Janecek \$1.25 per dog license collected. All in favor, motion carried.

Patrolman's Report –

Road Report – The fire/address signs have all been installed. They have been sealcoat patching the roads and mowing the road sides. There was a discussion on replacing a culvert.

Equipment update: The grader is being repaired. The backhoe has a cylinder issue. The glass broke on the door and needs to be replaced. The mowing tractor's PTO went out today.

Supervisor's Report – Supervisor Huber gave the Amish information on "Recycling – It's the Law!" to publish in their paper. She painted the outside display box and trim to match the door. There was a discussion on the trees that need to cut along the highway coming from the west. The state is planning on cutting back the trees from Pine Ave to County Hwy A along State Highway 82 starting October 10th.

Supervisor Rauls is working with the county on replacing culverts. The website needs to be updated with the new dump hours starting October 1st. The old antifreeze needs to be disposed of. Vernon County can take it. October 19th is Fall Cleanup Day. There is also gray water draining into the ditch from Timber Ln. The county will be contacting the homeowner.

Chairman's Report – Two construction reports have been turned in. An additional fire/address sign is needed at Trail Ridge Ministry. A home owner on Sunset Ln wants his house repined. Vernon County is showing that Spring Ln is owned by the Town of Union. This is incorrect and Jon will be working with the county to get this issue resolved.

Set Date for Next Monthly Meeting – Wednesday, October 16, 2024, at 7:00 pm. The 2025 budget information meeting is set for Wednesday, October 9, 2023 at 7:00 pm. (This meeting has been rescheduled for Thursday, October 17, 2024)

Adjournment – Motion made by Huber and seconded by Franke to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Fay Urban, Town Clerk