

Town of Union – Monthly Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 20, 2024

Union Town Hall

The Town of Union meeting was called to order by Chairman Jon Franke on Wednesday, November 20, 2024, at 6:37 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, Donald Subera, Marti Graham, Nathan Toth, and Lonnie Mueller.

Proof of Posting – Yes

Public Comment – Lonnie Mueller informed the board that County Highway H in the Town of Union is scheduled to be repaired in 2025. There was a discussion on the grant for the bridge on Sunset Lane. It is scheduled to be done in 2026 or 2027. The cost to the town should be no more than \$1,000.00. The residences will be notified when the work will start.

Review and Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting – Motion made by Huber and seconded by Rauls to approve the minutes from the October monthly meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report - The general checking account has a balance of \$14,794.01 and the MMDA has a balance of \$97,220.41 as of Wednesday, November 20, 2024. Janecek also reported that the 2023 Vernon Grant has been submitted. The town will be receiving \$9,182.14 from the county. Motion by Rauls and seconded by Huber to purchase \$496.00 in stamps to mail out the property taxes and dog licenses. All in favor, motion carried.

Clerks Report - The board reviewed the monthly bills. The board would like an itemized bill from Krueger's Excavation. Motion by Franke and seconded by Huber to pay the bills as presented except Krueger's bill and transfer \$29,000.00 from the MMDA to the general checking account. All in favor, motion carried. Mail received included the town's 2nd notice of non-compliance from the State of Wisconsin regarding property value. The town will be reassessed in 2025. There were 3 properties that have applied for managed forest land. The town was randomly selected for an audit on our voting machine. Janecek will be assisting Urban in the audit. Also, the Town of Union received a certificate of achievement for the recycling excellence award from Vernon County. The certificate was presented to Rauls for doing an outstanding job as our recycling attendant.

Old Business

Well Update – Flaherty & Son did a well site visit on 11/15/24. They could begin as soon as next week. The cost of the well is \$24,175.00

Timber Lane and South Canyon Update – Franke has marked the trees on Timber Lane. Smith is working with Lucas Winchel on the overburden. It may need a bigger culvert. The tree cutting will start in January. On South Canyon there is 4 brush piles that will need to be burned. The shaping and stumps will be done in 2025.

New Business

Approve 2025 Budget – Motion by Franke and seconded by Huber to approve the 2025 budget and 2024 tax levy. All in favor, motion carried.

Revisit Personal Vehicle Use for Checking Roads – A discussion was held on the patrolman using their personal vehicles to check the road instead of the town trucks. The board is okay with the patrolman using their personal vehicles to check the roads.

Request for Class B Liquor License – Blue Highway would like to get a class B liquor license. The board will look into the process to obtain the license.

Patrolman's Report –

Road Report – The gravel has all been hauled in. The stump on Pine Hill Road is done. 300 yards of screening is mixed with the salt. Some ditching was done on Twin Ash. They are still mowing the roadsides.

Equipment update: They are waiting for the windows to be delivered for the backhoe. A-1 glass will install them. The culvert on Melody Lane will be done when County H is done.

Supervisor's Report – Supervisor Huber would like the winter meetings moved to Saturday mornings. The board agreed to move the December, January, and February meetings to Saturday at 8:00 am. Supervisor Rauls discussed the fire association meetings he had attended. It was reported in the paper that Whitestown received a donation from the Amish for road work. There was a discussion on the county receiving the money and not the townships.

Chairman's Report – Franke reported that the town does own the land under Spring Lane. It was deeded to the town in 1944 for \$1.00. No new construction forms have been submitted.

Set Date for Next Monthly Meeting – Saturday, December 21, 2024 at 8:00 am.

Adjournment – Motion made by Rauls and seconded by Huber to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Fay Urban, Town Clerk