

Town of Union – Monthly Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

Union Town Hall

The Town of Union meeting was called to order by Chairman Jon Franke on Wednesday, March 20, 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, and Clerk Fay Urban present. Treasurer Starr Janecek was absent. Others in attendance was Patrolman David Smith, Lonnie Muller, Julie Hotek, Tim Hotek, Mary Bradford, Kurt Anderson, Nathan Toth, Karri Bartlett, Robert Vodak, Earl Wallace, Lucas Winchel, Wayne Jerrett from Fahrner Asphalt, Robin Davis from Milestone Materials, and Kevin Schmitz from Scott Construction.

Proof of Posting – Yes

Open Sealed Road Bids: Chairman Franke opened all bids and read them out loud. The board will look them over and award the bids in the April meeting.

Guest Speaker: Earl Wallace from the Kickapoo School District spoke about the upcoming referendum for the Kickapoo School District and explained why the school was asking for additional funds.

Public Comment – None

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

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported was given by Clerk Urban. The general checking account has a balance of \$4,392.76 and the MMDA has a balance of \$132,029.03 as of Friday, March 19, 2024.

Clerks Report

The board reviewed the monthly bills. Motion by Huber and seconded by Rauls to pay the bills as presented and transfer \$15,000 from the MMDA to the general checking account. All in favor, motion carried.

The mail was presented to the board.

Old Business

South Canyon Lane Update – Supervisor Rauls and Patrolman Smith gave an update on the progress of South Canyon Lane. Smith will be contacting a property owner about fencing.

Timber Lane Survey – Chairman Franke contacted Vernon County Surveyor, Laurence Johns, to complete the survey. The county charges \$45 per hour plus mileage and benefits. Motion made by Rauls and seconded by Huber to hire Vernon County Surveyor, Laurence Johns to survey the center of section two on Timber Lane. All in favor, motion carried.

Vernon County Grant/Well: Supervisor Huber is working with the county to get a grant to help offset the cost of a well for the town shop. It is the community development grant for up to \$10,000. This would be a two-year project. Motion made by Huber and seconded by Rauls to apply for the Community Development Grant for a well. All in favor, motion carried.

New Business

6-20 Bridge/Culvert Inventory: Vernon County can do the inventory. Motion made by Huber and seconded by Rauls to

have Vernon County do the inventory of the town's bridges and culverts. All in favor, motion carried.

Fence Damage/Repair: There was fence damage done this winter on Timber Lane from plowing the road. The town will take care of this damage.

Shop Supplies: Smith presented the board of a list of supplies needed at the shop. Motion by Ruals and seconded by Huber to spend up to \$1000.00 on supplies and fencing at Nelson's Agri Center in Viroqua. Franke abstained from the vote. Motion Carried.

Annual Meeting Date/Agenda: The annual meeting is set for Tuesday, April 16, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. per state statutes.

Road Inspection 2024 is set for Saturday, April 27th at 8 am. The board and patrolmen will meet at the town hall.

Patrolman's Report –

Road Report: The patrolman has been working on road repairs after the winter plowing and trimming trees. The road bans have been lifted except for Champion Ln.

Equipment – No major equipment issues.

Supervisor's Report – Supervisor Huber has not gotten together with Sheriff Torgerson. Ruals gave an update from the Yuba Fire Department meeting.

Chairman's Report – Chairman Franke gave an update on the shared revenue the town receives. There were 2 construction forms submitted. He submitted two letters to help the La Farge Fire Department to get a grant to purchase a new fire truck. David and Jon will be attending the road school at WI Dells on April 29th, April 30th and May 1st for a cost of \$199 per person.

Set Date for Next Monthly Meeting: Tuesday, April 16, 2024, following the Annual Meeting at the Town Hall.

The Open Book and Board of Review dates are not available.

Adjournment – Motion made by Huber and seconded by Rauls to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Fay Urban, Town Clerk