

**Town of Menomonie**  
**Monthly Meeting**  
**Tuesday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 6:00pm**

Frank called the Board of Review to order at 6pm. Kent made a motion to post pone the meeting to June 23<sup>rd</sup> from 6 to 8 pm. Scott 2<sup>nd</sup> Carried. Kent made a motion to Adjourn. 2<sup>nd</sup> by all, carried.

Frank called the Monthly Meeting to Order at 6:02pm

All members present: Frank Bammert, Scott Barnhart, Kent Jackson, Nancy Ponto and Charisse Sutliff

**Minutes**

- Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting on May 11<sup>th</sup> were reviewed.
- Scott made a motion to approve the minutes, Kent 2<sup>nd</sup> Carried.

**Public** None

**CSM**

- Stephen Kochaver presented the Board with a special exception request from the full subdivision ordinance review, referring to line 182 from the Town of Menomonie Subdivision Ordinance dated 11-27-11. Property owners Brian and Lora Benrud at N4427 County Rd Y request a parcel divide. The purpose is to separate the house from other lands for conveyance to a family member.
- The Plan Commission was presented with this request on May 27<sup>th</sup>. It was recommended for Board approval.
- No objections were made. Kent made a motion to approve the CSM Special Exception. Scott 2<sup>nd</sup> Carried.
- Frank and Charisse signed the approval.

**New Town Attorney Presentation**

- John Robert Behling from Weld Riley, SC along with Samuel D Bach-Hanson were introduced and addressed the Board. They submitted a proposal for attorney services for general municipal legal services. He introduced his Intern Megan LaCoon. He stated he works full time out of the Eau Claire office but has an office in Menomonie. He gave cell numbers for his team and said someone is always available weekend and evenings when issues arise, he or his team is here to answer the phone.
- He would like the opportunity to assist with any legal needs. Frank asked what his charges are, he said legal services are billed at \$180/hour. He works with several townships and many times has the information at hand as far as ordinance reviews or public record request responses.
- Frank stated that with Christine Meyer, our current attorney becoming County Judge, we need someone available should we need legal advice. Kent made a motion to approve Weld Riley SC for representation for the Town of Menomonie. Scott 2<sup>nd</sup> Carried.

**Sanctuary Firearms Presentation**

- Dana Leipnitz had presented the Board a Constitutional Rights Protection Resolution and was requesting signatures. She introduced herself, she lives in the Township. She stated her background in regards to

firearms as having taken hunter's safety, she is a hunter, target practices and has a permit to carry. She supports the Constitution and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment.

- So far 17 counties in Wisconsin have adopted the resolution and she would like the Town of Menomonie to support it as well. She quoted the 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment rights: "A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed."
- She invited us all to look at the website: [www.sanctuarycounties.com](http://www.sanctuarycounties.com) where there is a movement to maintain the rights we have.
- Frank asked who put the resolution together and she stated it was pulled from the sample on the named website. She said we are not adding to or promoting our rights, just protecting the rights we already have.
- Should the Federal government come in and want to seize our guns this resolution will help protect the rights we have under the Constitution of the United States. It states our rights shall not be infringed. The Dunn County Sheriff would support and protect these rights.
- Frank asked for input from the John Behling, the attorney present. He suggested that we put it into further review. He would like to look at it and draft a suggestion to the Board.
- Dana thanked all present for their time and consideration of the Resolution.

### **24/7 Telcom Fiber Contract**

- Lori Meyers, the Menomonie office manager, presented the Board with a ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) Broadband Access Grant Application: Public/Private partnership agreement WI State Statute 196.504
- The project area includes a fiber optic network serving the entire unserved/underserved areas extending from the intersection of Brickyard Rd and Hwy 29, West along Hwy 29 to the Town boarder. This project will extend approximately 1.5 miles to 2 miles North and South of Hwy 29 along the route.
- The Town was asked to enter into this Agreement to work with Telcom to secure funding through the application to public grant and loan programs intending to construct broadband Infrastructure or through alignment of other appropriate external funding sources for economic development to support the Project.
- Frank asked, should the ARPA grant not be approved, is the Township in responsible to pay any of the project plan. Lori was very clear as the contract states that Telcom shall have sole liability for the Project.
- Frank made a motion to approve the Grant Application, Kent 2<sup>nd</sup>. Carried
- The agreement was signed and given to Lori Meyers.
- The clerk will have to request the ARPA funding by June 16<sup>th</sup>. File Form SL-330 with the DOR.

### **Driveway Permits**

- No new permits to review at this time

### **Employee/Chairman Report**

- Jeff was present and reviewed projects they had been working on. Jeff has been very busy with grader patching. He figures they have spent about 10,000 so far. Frank complimented his work and said it really looks good and is very smooth this year.
- Jeff stated that Fabik has done needed repairs to the grader. It needed transmission work and a part on the clutch. Scott asked how often the machine is greased, as 3000 hours seems very soon for the work at hand. Frank said there is a daily checklist. They figure the work will cost between \$2-\$4,000.

- CR Bryan bull dosed a patch from 50<sup>th</sup> Ave to drop off site so Dunn Electric can provide power to the site. A pole was put up for a light.
- Summer Road Project update: they have been working on 490<sup>th</sup> Road. Lime rock will be brought in where needed. They don't use TP anymore; they use Dawn dish soap on crack sealing.
- Frank will attempt to get trucks for the lime rock for it has to be done by the 21<sup>st</sup>.

### **Junk Complaint**

- A new complaint was called in on an address on Stewart Road past Suchow's. Kent will be looking into it and taking pictures to address the situation.
- Cook's Driveway has been corrected.
- Greiten- still hasn't gotten permits. However, they marked where the driveway would be needed today.

### **Resolution 2021-01 Emergency Contacts**

- Frank presented the Board with a draft of the Resolution identifying the Line of succession for proclaiming an emergency or disaster in the Town of Menomonie. It stated that if the full Town Board cannot meet with promptness, the following individuals can act in succession on behalf of the Chairperson and Town Board until such time as the Chairperson and the Town Board can meet in regular session and in order. Line of Succession: Frank Bammert, Town Chairperson, Kent Jackson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Supervisor, Scott Barnhart 1<sup>st</sup> Supervisor.
- Kent made a motion to approve the Emergency Operations Plan. Scott 2<sup>nd</sup>, Carried.
- Frank and Charisse signed the Resolution 2021-01.

### **Town Cemetery Update**

- Frank sold three Cemetery Lots to a Michael and Linda Beldon and a Karen Scheel. The lots are sold for \$300 each (200 for the lot and 100 for perpetual care). Deeds were signed and copies were sent.

### **Drop Off Site Update**

- We will **need** a new quote for the blacktop as the driveway has been expanded.
- We did receive our first check for the Iron \$452.03 and we were awarded the Recycling grant we applied for last year in the sum of \$5833.83.
- YTD expenses are at \$53,372.21. Frank commended Kent on his tracking of the expenses and thanked him for the bookkeeping he is doing this first year of business.

### **Plan Commission Update**

- We will be looking for two new members to the committee. Marty and Mike have both resigned. Frank will be identifying candidates to apply.
- At this time, no meeting is scheduled in June. Kent will update us should he get a new request.

### **Clerk Reports/Liquor License Renewals**

- Alcohol License Renewals "Class B"
  - Wilar Enterprises
  - VisionQuest
  - Grandpa Joe's Trailside
  - Twin Springs Resort and Campground

- Pinewood Golf Club and Resturant
- Cigarette License
  - Grandpa Joe's Trailside
- Operator License Renewals/New Licenses
  - Renewals: Lisa Hoff, Daniel Rockwood, Bailey M Ewing, Cierra L Hurlbert
  - New: Alex Dunleavy, Owen Jelinek, Kathryn S Buelow, Sheleen N Swartz

Frank made a motion to approve the above renewals and operator licenses, Kent 2<sup>nd</sup> Carried. Funds were given to the treasure. New Licenses would be drafted and mailed.

### **Miscellaneous**

- None

### **Board Reports**

- Scott has been checking out other solid waste sites. He was in Monroe County and took some pictures of their trash compactor. It had an elevated plat form and allowed waste to be thrown in from both sides. He has also researched a continuous trash compactor with a screw mechanism. Cons- you can't throw in any metal, and an attendant needs to be on hand to reverse as needed. Overall, it was not appealing. He was just getting started with the research and will continue to look into it and share findings.
- Scott is not available to attend the Board of Review. Nancy will be there in his place on June 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- Frank thanked Nancy for her follow up with constituents that have not paid their Solid Waste Fee.

### **Vouchers**

- Vouchers were reviewed. Scott made a motion to approve the vouchers #20092-20132 Kent 2<sup>nd</sup> Carried.

### **Adjourn**

- Scott made a motion to adjourn at 9:15 pm Kent 2<sup>nd</sup> Carried.

Charisse Sutliff, Clerk Town of Menomonie