

Town of Menomonie

Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at 6:00pm

Frank called the Monthly Meeting to Order at 6:01 pm

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

Minutes

- Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting on September 14th, 2021 were reviewed.
- No corrections were noted, Kent made a motion to approve the minutes, Scott 2nd Carried.

Public

- No public comments

24/7 Fiber Request Update

- We have not heard yet if the ARPA grants requests have been approved. The hope to have an announcement by the end of October. 24/7 Telcom has been sending out letters to underserved in the area continuing to collect data.
- We paid \$5000 towards the County Rd BB project and the Irvington West project. We will owe the last \$5000 upon completion.
- Lori Meyer provided a sample letter that could be sent to Dunn County requesting a County match of ARPA funds that the Township will give. Scott made a motion to approve sending the letter, Kent 2nd Carried
- Charisse will prepare and submit the letter to the County.

Dunn County ATV Organization Road Request

- Eric (Ernie) Schultz and Randy Smeltzer were present requesting permission to extent ATV/UTV trails on 530th Street (Cedar Falls Road) from City limit to Hwy BB – pass Twin Springs Camp Ground. The road is shared with Town of Red Cedar who has already opened up all township roads to ATV/UTV. The organization will put up and maintain the signs.
- Frank stated they will be making an hour's amendment to the township ordinance on hours of operation. We will adopt the hours of 6am to 11pm. It sounds like the county will be leaning that way as well rather than 24 hours, 7 days a week. Frank stated he feels this is a reasonable solution.
- Kent made a motion to amend the ordinance at the next month meeting and grant access to the club trails. Scott 2nd Carried.

Employee/Chairman Report:

- Cody and Jeff were both present, Cody read the timesheet notes of projects they have been working on. They replaced 30 signs throughout the township, ones that were shabby. There was a missing Stop sign at 330th St. and 550th Ave. One needs to be ordered. A stop ahead sign needed to be replaced too. It had looked like it was just pulled up, not sure if it was vandalism. They will keep an eye on it.
- They did some hand patching, finished that up before winter weather. Got some shouldering done, worked with CR Bryan and put rock in, did seal coating and sweeping got done in Woodland Terrece.

- The boom mower was taken in to John Deere. An oil change was done and they are looking at it , it is making a little rattle type noise.
- Cody replaced the wheel bearing on the One Ton, he saved us all hundreds of dollars by doing the work himself, Frank was very appreciative and acknowledged him to the Board with an “Atta Boy!”.
- The Drop Off Site was maintained and Iron was picked up.
- Frank signed a permit for Xcel running a line on 461st Street.
- Frank has met with Al Rose regarding our Disability Insurance. Our current provider is no longer carrying Disability and a new contract will need to be signed by the end of the month.
- 390th Street has been painted
- We have an issue with some seal coating performed by Scott’s Construction in Woodland Terrance from Hwy 25 to Bongey Drive, there are some ridges or ripples in the seal. Frank has met with them and is waiting for a solution. Meanwhile, the bill has been paid minus that section of the contract.

LRIP 5 Year Projects:

- Frank presented a 5 year road project listing:
 410th St - Paradise Road- South End (1.25 miles)
 490th St – North of 370th St (1.43 miles – South ½ mile completed 2021)
 700th Ave – From 430th St and 410th St (.50 mile)
 370th Ave – From State Hwy 25 to Cty Rd Y (.84 miles) 1.78 Mile with Town of Dunn
 370th St – 530th Ave to Cty Rd P (.75 miles completed in 2021)
 330th St – Between Cty Rd K and Cty Rd P (1.11 miles)
 370th Ave – From State Hwy 25 West (.54 mile) 1.08 Mile with Town of Dunn

LRIP (Local Road Improvement Program) has funds available, Frank is hoping for the approval of around \$14,000 to help with the above projects.

- Scott made a motion to approve the above 5 year plan, Kent 2nd Carried

LRIP Road Identified Northline Road

- Scott made a motion to approve LRIP for 700th Ave from 430th St to 410th St,

LRIP-S Program 370th Ave to 410th St

- Frank is working with Forrest Johnson, Town of Dunn for this 90/10 grant. They will use Cedar Corp Engineer to address the project on the west side of Beaver Trail, about ½ mile.
- Kent made a motion to approve the use of Cedar Corp and submit the LRIP-S grant with Dunn County. Scott 2nd Carried

Redistricting the Wards

- With the 2020 Censes completed the Town of Menomonie has a population of 3,415 persons.
- A valid ward population range is 300-1000
- We currently only have 3 wards, with the need of at least 4.
- The Supervisory Districts had already been laid in place, Frank and Charisse met at the County to determine a new Ward plan. We drew up lines for 5 Ward plan, a special meeting will be held on November 1st to approve a Resolution of this plan and submit it to the County.

Operator License Approval

- Grandpa Joe’s Trailside Bar has a new Operator’s request for a Madeline Abramczak. Frank cleared her background check

- Scott made a motion to approve the Operator License. Kent 2nd Carried

Drop off Site Update

- The Board determined that the time the Patrolmen spend with general maintenance (pushing down trash in dumpsters) will be part of their regular duties and not itemized out as additional expense.
- GFL bought out Menomonie Disposal. We're not sure what the new company contract will be, we can roughly gauge a 5% increase.
- Kent shared the expense tracking this year, we are at a projection of \$109.88 per household, with the 2021 start up costs it is \$129.03 per household.

Plan Commission Update

- Robert Qualls was present and will be the newest member of the Plan Commission. He was given a key and showed where his mailbox and communication would be.
- At the next meeting, Matthew Kirkpatrick will be appointed to the Plan Commission.
- The next meeting will be held on Oct 28th at 7pm where a new development will be requested, zoning will be discussed and a special exception for mini warehouse storage units.

Cemetery Update

- Frank has 5 applications out for new plots being sold, he spent several hours trying to determine what might be available. He requested that the Township hires a Sexton to work on the mapping and report to the Board.
- It was determined we will advertise the need in our next Newsletter, perhaps \$50 a month for someone to work on the mapping.

Preparation of the 2022 Budget

- Frank, Nancy and Charisse had met and prepared a line budget for 2022. The tax levy is unknown at this time, estimates were made. The budget was shared with the Board and gone through line by line.
- At the November Meeting we will start with a Budget Hearing to approve the 2022 Town of Menomonie Budget. Notice will put in the DC News as well as on our website with the Agenda for November.

Board Reports

- Nancy asked to raise the Dog fees, she called several other townships and confirmed ours are the lowest, at \$4/spay \$9neutered /\$35 kennel fee. She recommends going to \$5/\$10/\$40.
- Kent made a motion to approve the Dog License Increase, Scott 2nd Carried
- Charisse has a County Training Meeting on the new Voting Equipment on October 20th at 4pm.
- Kent submitted the recycling grant on time, we are waiting to see what funds may be available to us.
- Frank discussed new Building permits that have come in, one was for Brent Bauer for a Lean-to.

Vouchers

- Vouchers were reviewed. Kent made a motion to approve the vouchers #20248-20291, Scott 2nd Carried.

November Agenda

- Our next meeting will be held on November 9th at 6pm starting with the Budget Hearing, regular topics and CSM approval.

Adjourn

- Frank made a motion to adjourn at 9:07pm Scott 2nd Carried.

Charisse Sutliff, Clerk Town of Menomonie