

Town of Menomonie

Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, January 11, 2022 at 6:00pm

Frank called the Regular Board Meeting to Order at 6:00 pm

Members present: Frank, Scott, Charisse and Nancy. Kent was out due to illness, but called in and was on speaker phone.

Minutes

- Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting on December 7th, 2021 were reviewed.
- No corrections were noted, Scott made a motion to approve. Frank 2nd Carried.

Public

- No comments made.

Plan Commission Update

- Kent gave an update, stating that the preliminary plans for the Idella Ridge subdivision was approved by the commission pending the storm water engineer plan and a Developers Agreement to be presented by Bob to the Board.

Idella Ridge Subdivision Plan

- Bob Rosenthal showed the Preliminary Plat that had been reviewed by the Plan Commission. The only change from the conceptual to the plat was the division of lots 26, 27 and 28. It was one area that was 7.6 acres and is now 3 lots approx. 2.23 acres each served by a private driveway. The lots are currently zoned commercial. His development plan is to build mini and max storage units. Max storage is generally used for RV and boat storage. Frank asked what would stop him from building duplexes there? Bob reminded him that is zoned commercial and there isn't anything that would could stop him from doing so if he choose to, but his plans are not to put duplex homes next to single family. He has seen that done before and it hurts the overall sales of the homes, they don't mix. He stated that although he could build them, he does not have plans to do so, he clarified that his current plan is to put up mini and max storage.
- Cody asked about the size of the cul-de-sac in regards to plowing and moving snow. Bob showed him the plan is per the Town's specification and the grouping of mailboxes will make snow removal easy.
- Bob presented the draft of the Developer's agreement. Frank had already gone over edits and was satisfied with the current draft.
- Bob said he will not need to attend the next Plan Commission meeting on the 27th. Currently, the Plat is being reviewed at County level and by the DOA. The County can take up to 90 days for it to work though their departments. He hopes to back in February to the Plan Commission and then final approval possible by the March Board meeting.
- Scott made a motion to approve the Preliminary Developer's Agreement and the Preliminary Plat of Idella Ridge Development. Kent 2nd (over the phone) Carried.

24/7 Telcom Update

- Lori Meyers was present to discuss the expansion plans for Fiber Optics in the township. There are currently 4 pocket areas of land that they are working on contracts to provide service by Spring of 2025. The goal of 24/7 is to provide service first to the areas without it. (Without Spectrum or another provider already available). There are 4 Polygons left that they are applying for grants to wire. They are asking the Town of Menomonie to commit to the remaining funds from the ARPA grants. The amount of \$20538.00.
- Frank made a motion to approve the remaining ARPA funds of \$20538.00 Scott 2nd Carried.

- Lori stated that the residents of the Town of Menomonie have done a really good job returning the surveys that were sent out. She is looking forward to holding a Town Hall Meeting in the near future. She will work around the Spring Election time period and book a Town Meeting this Spring for any residents to attend that have questions on the timeline and expansion of Fiber Optics in their area.

Employee/Chairman Report

- Both Jeff and Cody were present to go over their time sheets and projects they have been working on.
- They have been doing a lot of snow plowing and sanding.
- The Kenworth is still having issues.
- The Grader’s snow wing stopped working. It was taken to CAT to have the piston looked at. They were told it could be sent to Green Bay for a re-chrome (\$3-\$4 thousand) or they could put a seal kit on it and see if it works (\$2,400) Scott asked how deep the score was in it? If it is deeply scored, a seal kit will not fix it. Cody will talk to the mechanic to determine what the score looks like. They agreed, it proceed according depending on what he finds.
- They have been doing tree cutting by Larry Schlough’s property.
- They changed the air dryer cartridges on both trucks and have parts for the Kenworth.
- They have plowed the drop off site as needed.
- Frank has received complaints on 461st Ave, 525th St. and 450th Ave. They discussed snow removal and sanding needed.
- The corner of Paradise Road (410th St) is a concern. Frank discussed with the Board the need to add 2 ft of gravel shoulder and slope it differently. He would like to increase the signage and try to make it safer. They have walkers and kids on that street and residents have called to complain. This work will need to be done this Spring.

Drop off Site Update

- Kent shared (via the phone conference) that year end household expenses came in at \$94/household and \$109 with the start up expenses included. He is please with our estimate of \$105 per household this new year as it allows us room for growth. We do not know what future GFL rate increases look like
- April is the due date for the Collection Site/Recycling grant that Kent will be applying for.
- We were closed two Saturdays due to Christmas and New Year’s. Clair has had to come in earlier to assist with the extra trash making up for the closed days. With that impact we were overfull and had to put trash in the roll off. This will be a little more expensive and will see the difference on next month’s bill.

Town Equipment Costs Update

- Frank with Cody and Jeff had reviewed the Town charges. These prices had not been updated since 3/12/19 and needed to be updated to reflect operation and current fuel expenses.
- Scott made a motion to approve the updated changes, Frank 2nd Carried
- The updates are as follows:

**TOWN SERVICE CHARGES
EFFECTIVE 01-11-22**

MACHINERY CHARGES

TRACTOR/MOWER -----	\$125.00 PER HOUR
GRADER -----	\$110.00 PER HOUR
END LOADER -----	\$80.00 PER HOUR
TRUCK –TANDEM -----	\$75.00 PER HOUR

TRUCK – SINGLE ----- \$70.00 PER HOUR

TRUCK – ONE TON -----\$40.00 PER HOUR
(The Machinery above includes labor of the employee)

BRUSH CHIPPER -----\$45.00 PER HOUR
(Plus labor)

MATERIAL CHARGES

SNOW REMOVAL -----\$50.00 (PER 15 MINUTES)

SANDING DRIVEWAY ----- \$40.00 MINIMUM CHARGE (UP TO ONE YARD)
Plus snow removal \$50.00 per 15 minutes

SALTED SAND -----\$21.00 PER YD (PLUS HAULING CHARGE)

CRUSHED ROCK ----- \$14.00 PER YARD \$12.00 PER TON
(PLUS HAULING CHARGE)

SHALE ----- \$6.00 PER YARD
(PLUS HAULING CHARGE)

SCREENINGS ----- \$12.00 PER YARD \$9.00 PER TON
(PLUS HAULING CHARGE)

BLACKTOP ----- \$80.00 PER YARD \$65.00 PER TON
(PLUS HAULING CHARGE) (SUBJECT TO PRICE)

HAULING CHARGES - Tandem Trucks----- \$40.00 PER LOAD
One Ton ----- \$25.00 PER LOAD

NOTE: NO HAULING OF MATERIAL DURING THE MONTHS OF MAY – AUGUST FOR PRIVATE USE.

MISCELLANEOUS

PART TIME - LABOR -----\$14.00 PER HOUR
SNOW PLOWING – TRUCK/GRADER \$20.00 PER HOUR

ELECTION WORKERS ----- \$10.00 PER H.
OUR
CHIEF INSPECTOR -----\$14.00 PER HOUR

ADD 5% TOWN ADMINISTRATION FEE NOT TO EXCEED \$50.00

Town Insurance Review

- Epic no longer covers our LTD, we now use The Johnson Group, prices are very close (.07 cheaper)
- We reviewed our Rural Mutual Coverage and have made updates to the coverage our adding our new voting machine, upping our GM truck coverage as we had added the box to it. And adding the 1999 John Deere 6410.
- We have asked Al Rose to give us a medical comparison to consider for the Patrolman’s health coverage. Current coverage has a limited network to Mayo Clinic only and this has been frustrating for them to manage. We will look at a new plan in comparison before it renews on Feb 1.

Review Truck Specializations

- Nick Berands with Norden Road Repair was present to help analyze the purchase and specs of a new truck. Nick also serves as a supervisor on the Town of Red Cedar’s board. They recently purchased a new truck and his expertise was welcomed.

- Frank and Scott spent much time with him going through the City of Menomonie Truck Specs requirements line by line, determining what our needs would be. They plan to tune up this spec sheet and get it to truck dealers in the next month to start getting bids together.

Employee 2022 Contract

- Discussions were made in regards to the cost of living. Frank proposed an hourly increase to of \$1.50 (going from \$21 to 22.50/hr)
- Compensation time was adjusted to a limit of banking 80 hours vs 48. Also, the allowance of selling back compensation time to your IRA, keeping a 40 hour balance.
- It was noted that Cody's 8 year anniversary is this March and his vacation time allotment will change from 96 hours to 144 effective Jan 1st of this new year.
- A verbiage change was made to clarify the \$1 for \$1 match up to \$300 per year placed by the employee to their IRA. (The annual contribution of \$4185.00 did not change).

Clerk Report

- Charisse (with some helpful family) cleaned out the storage closet at the Hall yielding much trash. It is now very organized with room to grow.
- Absentee Ballots for the Non-Partisan Office Election will go out on Jan 26th. The election will be held on Feb 15th. She will organize the Poll Workers and hold training on the new equipment on Jan 31st.

Board Reports

- No comments

Vouchers

- Vouchers were reviewed. We had two sets, one was up to the end of December #20394-20416 and then the new year #20417-20449 Scott made a motion to approve the vouchers, Frank 2nd Carried .

February Agenda

- Our next meeting will be held on Feb 8th.

Adjourn

- Frank made a motion to adjourn at 9:30 pm Scott 2nd Carried.

Charisse Sutliff, Clerk Town of Menomonie