

Town of Menomonie
Monthly Meeting
Tuesday, February 14th 2023 6:00pm

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

All Members Present: Frank Bammert, Chairman; Scott Barnhart, Supervisor One; Kent Jackson, Supervisor Two; Charisse Sutliff, Clerk and Nancy Ponto, Treasurer.

Minutes

- Minutes from the Board Meeting on January 10th, 2023 were reviewed. Kent made a motion to approve the minutes, Scott 2nd Carried.

Public

- No Public Comment

Rezone N5729 410th Street Ag to General Commercial

- The property formally known as Fuzzy's has been operating commercially and upon the sale of the property it was discovered it is zoned Agriculture.
- Frank stated that years ago this got missed when they were rezoning the Township and planning areas of future growth. He said this was an error on their part as this property had been a Bar and Grill for years.
- Frank asked the Board if they had any issues with correcting or allowing the rezone. He recognized that general commercial would allow an owner to put in low income housing, but also feels it is unlikely due to the size of the lot and location.
- Frank did want it understood that the current liquor license does not transfer with a sale and a new owner would need to apply and meet all of the application requirements to be considered by the Board.
- Frank had no objection to the rezone.
- Kent made a motion to approve the Rezone of N5729 410th Street from Agriculture to General Commercial. Scott 2nd Carried.

ESW Road Easement Approval

- Dustin LaBlonde with Cedar Corporation presented the Board with Preliminary Survey Map prepared for Clinton and Julie Zack.
- They are requesting approval of an easement to allow a 40' road vs the Town's required 66'. This would be a 40-foot-wide access easement for the benefit of proposed Lot 1. Located in the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter, section 21 Township 28 North, Range 13 West, Town of Menomonie.
- Frank stated that the only time we approve this is when we know the road is not in use for traffic.
- Frank made a motion not to object to the easement of a 40' road. Kent 2nd Carried. Frank signed the survey map to be submitted to the zoning office.

Employee – Chairman Report

- Patrolmen Jeff and Matt were both present. Frank gave Jeff his time sheets to review and he mentioned he had sent them to Woodland Terrace to remove ice.

- Jeff highlighted some things they have been working on: servicing the trucks and grader, scrapping roads, cleaning up the drop off site every Thursday and Monday. The plow was taken to the County shop to have bolts on the blade tightened. They have started patching holes on Rudiger Road by the Bridge. They have had to clean up brush after each hard snow. They hauled in 200 ton of salt/sand at \$19.50/ton. They have done some sign maintenance and cleaned up the Shop. They opened the road to the park; snow was wet and they got stuck down in the cul-de-sac.
- Frank asked them to attend to the water not draining on Paradise Road. Tomorrow they will use the end loader to push off the water, colder temps are coming and he doesn't want it to freeze.

Drop Off/Recycling Update (Tonnage)

- Kent said that the tonnage of recycling is down compared to last year. He said they may need to get more educational material out to the public in regards to what can be recycled.
- Frank noted they are not collecting as much iron either, but that may pick up with Spring coming.

Tandem Truck Discussion

- Frank said that last month we spent \$7952.00 on repairs on the Tandem truck and over \$15,000 in the last two years. He believes it is time to bite the bullet and seek out a new truck. He suggested that they use the specs from the last bid and get the process started. It will take 2 years to get it here. A new truck will have a warranty, and our current repair bills have been pathetic for too long. Frank said he won't be here (his term is up in April) but encouraged Kent and Scott to get the ball moving.
- Jeff agreed it's time to get rid of it. The axle broke closer to the tire, this is the second axel to break. The rear end gave out and that alone was over \$5,000 to fix. Jeff said it needs a bigger Engine to get up the hills in the Township. Scott asked how he approaches the hills; does he slow down and lock in the rear differential? Jeff responded he does, and he can back down a hill if needed. Scott stated its machinery and it will need repairs.
- No decision was made on the purchase but the open discussion to do so was noted.

2022 Tier II Report

- Frank informed the Supervisors he had completed the 2022 Tier II report. The only chemical that needs to be reported is the stock pile of sand/salt mixture. He showed the report to Kent and Scott so next year they will be able to fill it out accordingly.

Clerk Report

- Charisse stated that the Spring Primary was next week. The voting equipment was ready with the PreLat and Public Test completed on Monday Feb 13th.
- 148 Absentee ballots had been sent out so far, with absentee voting in person starting Thursday night by appointment.
- Badger Book Training will take place once the County arranges a certified trainer to come to Dunn County. We don't have the books yet and will continue to use paper poll books.
- All of the Poll workers have been identified and the schedule was put on the grease board.

Board Reports

- Frank shared a statement sent from WESTconsin Credit Union, showing the itemized purchases from the year. This will be filed.

- Board of Review training is available May 1st, Scott and Kent plan to attend online. May 15th is the Town Officials Workshop. The dates are published in the WI Town Magazine and were confirmed.
- Nancy stated she had completed collecting taxes, all records were matched with over 3 million collected. She finds it frustrating that constituents continue to send the taxes to the County even when she clearly has printed material telling them to send it to her address.
- Scott attended the Town City Planning Meeting and met David Schofield, the new City Engineer. He thinks he will do a good job. They talked about road planning, the golf course changing hands, and the County is leaning towards adopting the UTV/ATV ordinance. He also shared the Clean Sweep was a success.
- Kent is getting the Annual Recycling report ready for a grant submission in April.

Vouchers

- Frank reminded the Board to remove his name from the WCU VISA in April. He suggested getting it put in Charisse's name.
- Vouchers were reviewed.
- Scott made a motion to approve vouchers #21071-21151, Frank 2nd Carried.

Closed Session/Employee Reviews

- At 6:52pm the Board dismissed all Public, Employees and Treasurer to go into a closed session to conduct Employee reviews.

Action taken in Closed Session:

- The Board reviewed the Employee Contract and will enforce that Comp time will be maxed banking up to 48 hours. Any time beyond the balance of 48 will need to be paid out as overtime at time of accrual.

Kent made a motion to Open Session at 7:42pm, Frank 2nd Carried.

Next Meeting

- Our next meeting will be on Tuesday March 14th, 2023 at 6pm.

Adjourn:

- Frank made a motion to adjourn at 7:43 pm Kent 2nd Carried.

Charisse Sutliff, Clerk Town of Menomonie