

Town of Menomonie
Monthly Meeting
Tuesday, April 11th 2023 6:00pm

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

Frank Bammert, Chairman is absent due to health. Scott Barnhart, Supervisor One; Kent Jackson, Supervisor Two; Charisse Sutliff, Clerk and Nancy Ponto, Treasurer were Present.

Scott made a motion to appoint Kent as temp chairman for this meeting, Kent 2nd, carried.

Minutes

- Minutes from the Board Meeting on March 14th, 2023 were reviewed. A spelling correction was noted and Kent made a motion to approve the minutes, Scott 2nd carried.

Public

- No Public Comment

Twin Home Discussion -Robert Rosenthal

- Robert (Bob) had participated in a housing study with Dunn County. He is recommending that the Twin Home Ordinance gets amended. Currently, R2 zoning allows a duplex to exist with one well and one septic. However, when a Twin home is built the ordinance requires two acres of land with two wells and two septic. This isn't cost effective for the builders and passing on an additional \$70k to the buyers. To create affordable housing in the Township, and promote growth he strongly recommends this amendment. The Town of Sherman is already planning to take action.
- Scott asked what is the hang up or the downfall of approving this? What are the County's concerns? Bob did not know. He's interested in affordable housing and noted new businesses are not opening the Industrial Park. The Twin Home is the new single family starter home.
- Mike Kneer asked 1 acre minimum for 1 residence, would 1 acre house two residents? Bob answered yes it would, the current policies contradict affordable housing. For example, his new Idella Ridge development allows 26 lots, with 26 residents, it could be 52 residents. He isn't interested in that for Idella Ridge as it's already been established but does think this needs to be amended to encourage growth and the greater good of Menomonie.
- Kent invited Bob to the next Plan Commission meeting and thought the committee would be interested in hearing this.
- Secondly, Bob asked if the road in Idella Ridge could now be adopted by the Township. He is done putting the driveways in.

Employee – Chairman Report

- Jeff Sand with Matt Finder discussed what they have been busy with in the last two weeks:
On April 1st the hub on the single axel came off and now there is a flat tire. Jeff said they need to put some money into the wing on the boom mower. The Little John Deere was brought to Tractor Central to have the gears worked on. The City does not think it will get to sweeping for 2-3 more weeks. New signs need to be ordered. They did some brush mowing.
On Friday, they plan to attend the John Deere Open House.
They plan to get 700 to 800 tons of salt/sand brought in.

Matt Finder was off his probation period of 90 days on March 17th. He received a \$2 pay increase as discussed upon hiring. Matt asked if the Board would consider allowing a 4 day/week schedule in the summer. Kent said they will put that on next month's agenda for discussion.

- Kent mentioned there is Town Officials training workshop on May 15th that he'd like to attend in Eau Claire and the Board of Review Annual training with Scott and Brian is via Zoom on May 1st.

Land Annexation by City

- Cedarbrook Church is currently in the Town of Menomonie and they are in the process of being annexed by the City of Menomonie. We assume for access to city water/sewer is the interest. The Town has no protest.

Land Gift

- Tabled, unsure on this without Frank present.

PASER Contract

- The County is looking for approval of the pacer contract. Scott made a motion to approve the County PASER Contract, Kent 2nd – carried.

Meadowlark Mowing Contract

- Lisa Pelnar with Meadowlark Landscaping does the mowing of the cemetery in Irvington. She has provided us with a contract for 10 services paid up front and then all additional services are billed at the end of the year. Scott made a motion to approve the contract, Kent 2nd – carried.

GFL Contract

- When GFL bought out Menomonie Disposal they had not yet provided us with a new contract. They had been honoring the price set by Menomonie Disposal. They sent us a contract with them for 12 months. The Town negotiated a 24-month contract, it has about a 7% cost increase. Scott made a motion to approve the contract, Kent' 2nd – carried.

Town Assessment Updates

- On May 9th the Board will meet and postpone the Board of Review. The Board of Review will be held on Jun 21st at 6:00 pm and the Open Book will be on June 9th. Kevin Irwin confirmed these dates.

Clerk Report

- Charisse reviewed the turnout from the Spring Primary Election. We had 1041 votes cast, 212 of which were Absentee.
- The Lottery Tax and School distributions were done. Nancy and Charisse finished and submitted the Form CT.

Board Reports

- Nancy amended the Budget with the Lottery Tax. Kent will need to be approved to sign checks as the Chairman next month. Kent, Nancy and Charisse need to stop at Peoples State Bank to sign
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- the paperwork.

- Kent said there is an Open House on May 10th for Universal Trucks in Galesville, WI He plans to attend with the patrolmen.

Vouchers

- Vouchers were reviewed.
- Scott made a motion to approve vouchers #21213-#21245 Kent 2nd - carried.

Miscellaneous Correspondence

- Kent mentioned we have a request for a driveway permit that has been sent out. He will put it on the future agenda once received.
- Annual Meeting is next week, Tuesday April 18th at 6pm.

Next Meeting

- Our next meeting will be on Tuesday May 9th, 2023 at 6pm.

Adjourn:

- Kent made a motion to adjourn at 7:28 pm Scott 2nd Carried.

Charisse Sutliff, Clerk Town of Menomonie