

Town of Menomonie

Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, May 9th 2023 6:00pm

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

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

Minutes

- Minutes from the Board Meeting on April 11th, 2023 were reviewed. Brian made a motion to approve the minutes, Scott 2nd. Carried.
- Minutes from the Spring Road Survey on April 27th were reviewed. Brian made a motion to approve, Kent 2nd. Carried.

Public

- No Public Comment

Employee – Chairman Report

- Jeff and Matt discussed with they have been busy with this last month: Patching holes throughout the township and back again. Hauling gravel to 490th for ditch work. A lot of machinery repairs needed. The Sterling had been making noise, possible seal leak. It is going to be looked at. The Grader is in need of some repairs, CAT is coming out to the Hall to look at it. Kenworth received needed maintenance. They have fixed and put-up new signs. Jeff said he needs to do an inventory and get some signs ordered. The city called and is planning to do sweeping this Thursday. Jeff discussed the quote to fix the 6410 Tractor came in around 10k. More to discuss coming up on agenda. Kent had a follow up with ESW regarding the last two payments. He questioned Xcel equipment behind the Skate Ranch and the County is looking into the permit. Two Cemetery lots were sold. There is a Public Hearing on May 25th, 2023 for the Cty Rd D project to resurface from Cty Rd K to Irvington. Kent plans to attend the Town Official Workshop by WTA in Eau Claire. Fiber Optic is being laid on 490th Ave, no permits are needed. Dunn County sent a letter for a garage built without a permit. That is being looked into.

Driveway Permits

We received two driveway permit requests which were reviewed.

- 710th Ave for Samuel and Kayleigh Brzezinski. Scott made a motion to approve the driveway permit. Brian 2nd. Carried
- 516th Street for Travis Lee. Scott made a motion to approve the driveway permit. Brian 2nd Carried.

2023 Joint Clean Sweep

- Copies of the agreement were reviewed. There will be some expense to each Town.
- Brian made a motion to approve the 2023 joint clean sweep with the Town of Red Cedar and the City of Menomonie. Scott 2nd Carried.

Drop off Site Report

- Kent submitted the Collection Site Annual Report. The status shows valid and received.

Raises for Collection Site Employees

- Our Collection Site employees: Brian Buerkle and Clair Kistner requested a pay increase as they had received a raise last April. Kent did verify that increases were given last year. Brian B also asked for paid Holidays. Kent does not feel that part time employees should be granted such but did agree with increased wages and recommended \$1/hour for each. This would bring Brian to \$18/hour and Clair to \$16/hour. Scott agreed to attract and retain good employees this was reasonable and asked if the Board thought that was enough. They did.
- Brian Johnson made a motion to approve the wage increase, Scott 2nd Carried.

Discussion on the John Deere Tractor

- Jeff had received a quote to fix the 6410 in the ballpark of \$10k. The third gear synchronizer is labor intensive to repair. Jeff does not recommend putting that much money into it, and is concerned on how long it will last. It has 68,000 miles and is due for an overhaul.
- Brian asked if it's big enough for the work he does. Jeff said it does the job but a size up would be preferred.
- The Auger is out of date and Jeff can not find parts for it. It needs a drill point at the bottom. Scott is going to investigate a fab fit.
- The year on the 6410 is 1999. Brian thought we could trade it in as is and should look at doing so. The tractors now are built differently with the boom mowers and he feels we should check on getting quotes at the three dealers here in town. Scott and Brian are going to help with what specifications are needed.
- They asked Jeff what specs he would require, he said and a good seat, 3pt mount in front, front plumbing, turf tires and one that will start!

Discussion on repairing wing on Single Axel Truck

- Jeff requested the Board look at the wing. It will need to be repaired. Currently we have a trade value of 25k offered by Mid-State. We may lose some money if the repair is not done. Jeff will get an estimate from Irvington Garage for the repair. He felt Gator could fix it.

Discussion on replacing Twin Axel Truck

- Kent asked with the delay in our new truck coming do we fix the Twin Axel? He asked that a list get put together of what repairs are needed.

Discussion on changing work schedule for a Patrolman

- Matt Finder requested to work four, ten-hour shifts: Monday through Thursday 6am to 4pm like the County does. He would like to work that year-round if possible.
- Jeff said he is ok with it if he wants to, but he plans on staying on an eight hour a day schedule.
- Kent said he is ok with it, but when weather is going to be bad in the winter, he would like to have him adjust it as needed to avoid the additional overtime.
- Scott asked him what Matt plans to do with the extra time in the morning before Jeff gets in? He said he would set up the day, fuel up the trucks.
- Brain asked Jeff if he would have enough to do alone on Fridays and Jeff said yes, he would.
- Kent said we would prepare a contract with the new hours, and it would be added to June's calendar for approval.

Road Work

- Kent met with Craig from Scott Construction and Issac from the County to get bids. Issac hasn't gotten back with a quote yet for 490th to finish the project. So far, he has been roughly quoted 80k for approximately 2/3 of a mile.
- 419th Street is in rough shape and it's going to erode. Brent Miller will look at it. It's been ripping up when plows go over it. It needs 200 feet of over lay then spray patching and some ditch work to get the water moving correctly.
- Craig from Scott's gave quotes on chip sealing. Jeff and Scott discussed the quality of work and how long patching lasts with Scott's Construction vs. Dunn Co. Highway Dept. Jeff said he believes it's 3 years vs. 5 years. Scott's does a good job sweeping the road and hand patching and then sealing.
- Scott said they needed to look at 450th (Woodhaven Road). They believe Frank had arranged overlay with Dustin due to water. They would investigate it further.
- Kent shared a spread sheet with all the repairs and quotes he had from the Spring Road Report. He estimates approximately \$281,076.00 needed for road construction.

Plan Commission Report

- There will be a meeting this month on May 25th. A CSM request was received from Steve Kochavier. Lisa Pelnar wants to discuss a possible minor subdivision and a possible rezone request that she is exploring.
- Steve Fredrick will be new on the committee; Kent will remain as chairman wearing two hats at this time.

Clerk Reports

- Charisse stated that Liquor License renewals had gone out to all locations and asked that it gets put on next months agenda as they all expire on June 30th.
- The Board of Review dates had been set and notices would be published.

Board Reports

- Nancy said that she would be amending the road construction budget to reflect the carryover of last year. She has also sent out 160 notices to constituents that have not paid their solid waste.
- Scott said that he had received a call from Dan Nelson at the County Highway shop, and if we were going to send anyone over for a culvert in the future, the Chairman needs to call Dan and give him a heads up. Scott is the chairman of the City Town Council and said they were pleased with the progress the new owners of Tanglewood Golf and are moving forward; they expect to fully open the course next year. Dustin had made comments about the Railroads and the need for trees cleaned up along County Rd B. A Town Festivals schedule was being worked on and Bob Cook started exploratory conversations for recycling efforts and what an incinerator could do.

Vouchers

- Vouchers were reviewed and Scott made a motion to approve vouchers #21246-#21300 Brian 2nd carried.

Miscellaneous Correspondence

- Due to schedule conflicts, the June and July meetings will be on the third Tuesday of the Month.

Next Meeting

- Our next meeting will be on Tuesday June 20th, 2023 at 6pm.

Adjourn:

- Scott made a motion to adjourn at 8:32 pm Brian 2nd Carried.

Charisse Sutliff, Clerk Town of Menomonie