

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

All Present: Kent Jackson, Brian Johnson, Scott Barnhart, Charisse Sutliff and Nancy Ponto.

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

Minutes

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

Public

- Randy Hathaway asked if the Township had a noise ordinance. He said his neighbor has been building and starts very early in the morning. Kent said there isn't one, but the County might have one. He offered to call and look into it.
- Nancy Ponto asked about a tree that's hanging down on 440th Road by Brian Hillstadt's home. The limbs are falling in the right of way. Jeff said he would take it down, he may need to get Xcel's boom truck.

Employee, Chairman Report

- Jeff stated he has been mowing ditches, has completed 3 passes in the township.
- The boom mower has a flat tire, he thinks it's the valve stem. He is having Churchill fix it.
- Jeff has gotten a quote of approx. \$6k for the ten tires that are needed for equipment this season. Kent told him to go ahead and order them.
- Matt's been patching a lot of holes and cleaning up trees.
- South side of guardrails by Devil's Punch Bowl, the property owner has been tapping trees. He wants to add some gravel on the turn so larger equipment can use the shoulder of the road. He asked if he could add it himself. Matt had let him know, no problem.
- Matt would like a lightbar added to the new truck coming, Chad says it's about \$1500 to add it.

Emergency Lighting Replacement Shop.

- The Board reviewed the proposal from JA Electric for upgraded/new emergency lighting.
- Scott made a motion to approve the proposal for \$450.00, Brian 2nd Carried.

Junk Ordinance

- N5978 County Road K. Ann Burton had responded and let us know that she has given her renters notice that they have 30 days to clean it up or they will be evicted from the property. Brian will follow up on the complaint.

Command Central

- Command Central is a company that provides maintenance and compliance with our Election Tabulator equipment. They sent us a renewal contract for 2024. The Board reviewed it, and Brian made a motion to approve the contract. Scott 2nd Carried.

Weber Inspections

- Fred Weber sent us a renewal contract as he provides the township's building inspections and permits. The Board reviewed his contract, Scott made a motion to approve the contract, Brian 2nd Carried.

Humane Society

- The Dunn County Humane Society provides animal control services to our Township. They provided us with a new contract for 2024 in the total of \$7138.00. Scott made a motion to approve the renewal contract. Brian 2nd Carried.

Budget Preparation

- Kent, Nancy, and Charisse have met and prepared the proposed budget for 2024. The budget hearing notice will be posted and run in the Tribune for two weeks prior to the hearing set prior to the December Board meeting.

Drop Off Site Report

- Fees have increased 8% from GFL. Kent proposed raising our collection fee from \$105.00 to \$120.00 per household. This will cover the increase in wages, collection and maintenance needed for the site. Brian made a motion to approve the increase to \$120, Scott 2nd Carried.
- This new fee will be reflected on the tax bill going out next month.
- A snow blower has been requested by Brian and Clair at the Site to help keep snow removed around the dumpsters. Jeff offered to bring his in for use immediately. The Board would like to consider options, perhaps an electric one before purchasing. This has been tabled for follow up at the next meeting.

Clerk Report

- Charisse attended Badger Book training by the Wisconsin Elections Committee on Nov 6th with both Chief Inspectors, Diane Rust, Lisa Hoff. Ten of our Poll Workers attended the training by the County. We will hold additional training in the new year on site.

Board Reports

- Scott attended the City/Town meeting at the DC Hwy Shop. It was attended by 191 people and went well. They acknowledged Frank Bammert's contribution of over 20 years. There were discussions on groundwater and more to come this year. ATV routes are in place and going smoothly. Dustin discussed safety and accident vs incident reports. Trail accidents had not increased.
- Brian attended the Fire Meeting; he will be on a committee to address the justification for fee increases in the new year.
- Kent had a renewal contract for the WI Towns Advocacy Council for \$853.00 membership fee. Scott made a motion to approve the membership, Brian 2nd Carried.
- Kent discussed the LRIP grant for 410th (Paradise Valley Road). He said this project is projected for 2025. Applications for the LRIP were completed for a TRI D which would be 70% aid or a TRI S which would give 50% aid. This is a million-dollar road project.

- Kent invited Jeff Delmore to attend the December meeting to give a Roads/ PASER road report to the Board.

Vouchers Reviewed and Approve

- Vouchers were reviewed. Brian made a motion to approve check#21547-21597, Scott 2nd Carried.

Newsletter

- Kent provided a proof of the drafted Newsletter. It was reviewed with a few edits noted. Kent made a motion to approve the newsletter, Brian 2nd Carried. It will be sent out with the tax bills next month.

Adjourn

- Scott made a motion to adjourn at 8:36 pm, Brian 2nd Carried.

Charisse Sutliff, Clerk Town of Menomonie