

TOWN BOARD MEETING, March 05, 2024 – 6:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Town Chair Dick Green, Supervisors Eric Olson, Faith Schuck, Melanie Miller, Larry Schuller, and Clerk/Treasurer Maria Hougan.

ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT:

Herchel & Holly Porter, 1602 Drotning Rd., Linda Hudson, 1965 Rinden Rd., Pamala & Shaun Goecks, 1967 Rinden Rd., Mike Bailey & Stella, 2106 Yahara Dr.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Green called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENT: The Board listens to residents speak on any issue (three-minute time limit)

Herchel Porter, 1602 Drotning Rd., spoke regarding recent tree trimming that was done near his property. He feels the trees were trimmed improperly along his property line. He is requesting them to be taken care of prior to the 4/15 deadline of trimming oak trees. Chair Green explained public works employees cannot go on private property, and that is the reason they were trimmed the way they were. They would need to give the public works employees permission to go on their property. Further discussion followed.

Linda Hudson, 1965 Rinden Rd., spoke in opposition regarding the recent letter she received dated 2/11/2024 stating Pelletteri will no longer be picking up garbage on her road. She explained last year due to the weather Pelletteri missed picking up their garbage due to safety issues, and they had scheduled a smaller truck to come and pick up the garbage/recyclables. There have been only a few instances in the last few years where the garbage and recycling could not be picked up. She stated in 1981 they dedicated 1.07 acres to the town to build a turnaround, and she has been paying taxes on that land all along. She feels the letter she received is in retaliation. She provided a copy of the letter along with some documents showing a map of the area for the turn around. She also stated her partner will no longer be maintaining the ROW as he previously had.

Stella Guara, 2106 Yahara Dr., was in attendance to discuss the sales tax permit for their AirBNB, as Dane County and the State no longer require the permit.

Any item listed on the agenda is subject for action.

CONSENT AGENDA: *Items listed under consent agenda will be approved in one motion without*

discussion unless any Board member requests that an item(s) be removed for individual discussion. That item then can be considered at an appropriate time during the Board's regular order of business.

1. Approval of minutes of the February 20, 2024 Special and Regular Town Board meeting, and Special Meeting minutes of February 13, 22, & 27, 2024.
2. Approval of the check register dated March 05, 2024.
3. Approval of Operators License Applications for: (Background checks completed)
 - Joseph William Naborowski, Road Ranger
 - Elizabeth M Small, Road Ranger
 - Stephanie L. Cunningham, Pleasant Springs Travel Plaza

Motion by Supervisor Olson, second by Sup. Schuller, to approve the consent agenda items for March 5, 2024 as listed. Motion carried 5-0.

BUSINESS.

Discussion and possible action regarding a request from Mike Bailey, to remove the requirement of obtaining a sellers permit from the Short-Term Rental / Air BNB applications/ordinance. Mike Bailey was in attendance. He has checked with Dane County Planning and Zoning and stated they are under the impression that a seller's permit is not required. Supervisors Olson and Miller reported there was a subcommittee that met several times and worked on the short-term permit application and ordinance. Melanie checked the website and state law indicates a seller's permit is needed for anything over \$2000.00. Sup. Schuck thought the Town's Attorney could look at this. A discussion followed. Mike said he would send the email he received from Dane County stated a seller's permit was not needed. Mike will forward the email to the clerk's office. No action taken.

Discussion and possible action regarding amending Ordinance Chapter 148 pertaining to noise. First reading.

The Board reviewed the draft first reading of the ordinance. They determined no changes were needed and to bring back for the second reading to the next town board meeting.

Motion by Supervisor Schuller, second by Sup. Schuck, to accept the Chapter 148 amendment to the noise ordinance as a first reading of the ordinance. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and possible action regarding the revision to the Public Works Crewman position description to add no time off during winter months of December 1 through April 1.

The Board reviewed the revised Public Works Crewman position description. A discussion followed.

Motion by Supervisor Olson, second by Sup. Schuller, to strike the word "generally" and "vacation" and revise section 15 of the position description under requirements to state

“Time off will not be allowed during the winter snow plow months of Dec. 1 through April 1, unless approved by the Board. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion of Public Works projects and duties.

Chair Green reported the Public Works employees have been doing tree trimming along several roads in the town, they hired UpNet to dig a trench to enable electricity for installation of the automatic gates at the yard waste site, and the gates/fencing will be finished on Thursday. They received the revised sign for the yard waste site. Public Works have been out restoring sod in areas around the town where there was some damage from the plows. They will be renting equipment to sweep certain town roads where there is some loose granite. This equipment will sweep and collect loose gravel.

Clerks report of projects and duties.

Clerk/Treasurer Hougan reported out. Danielle started last week and she is doing fabulous. She is catching on very quickly. She has started her WisVote Training. They are preparing for the upcoming April 2 Election, along with the other day to day duties and responsibilities of the Clerk/Treasurer’s office. She reported on the 2% Fire Dues changes to reporting and expenditures of the 2% Fire Dues.

Discussion on items to be placed on the next and / or future agenda:

- 2nd reading of Chapter 148 pertaining to noise
- Fee Schedule
- Resolution for Vacation of Linden Dr.
- Review of Dep. Clerk / Treasurer office description pertaining to time off.
- Future item as needed: Update/direction from Board to Plan Comm on Comp Plan

PLAN COMMISSION REPORT (Reports will generally only be reported upon after the Plan Commission has met between Town Board meetings; unless there is additional information to report).

Supervisor Miller reported out the Comp. Plan Sub-committee met, they are doing some review and fact finding.

REPORTS

The Board reviewed the reports included in the packet.

Sup. Schuller reported out on the Deer-Grove EMS meeting he attended.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board reviewed the correspondence included in the packet.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Supervisor Schuller, second by Sup. Miller, to adjourn at 7:39 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectively Submitted,
Maria "Pili" Hougan
Clerk/Treasurer

Note: These minutes are not considered official until acted upon at a future meeting, and, therefore, are subject to revision.