

Board Meeting
February 9, 2021

The meeting was called to order by Chair Jennifer Meyer. People in attendance were: Supervisors – Jeff Whyte, Mona Mathews, Jeff Bechard, Paul Travis, Clerk Beverly Christopherson, Treasurer John McLaughlin and see attached list of visitors. Chair Jennifer Meyer present VIA Zoom.

Flag Salute

Plan Commission:

A. No applications for February 2021

B. Review Eau Claire County Zoning Code Violations for Town of Union: Town Clerk received 4 violations and gave copies to Town Board.

Visit Eau Claire: Benny Anderson from Visit Eau Claire was present at the meeting. Mr. Anderson mentioned that some events will be happening in Eau Claire. Ski Jump will be virtual, Eau Claire Marathon will be in September, and local music festivals also working on holding their events. Town of Union website has had lots of traffic, especially the Conservancy. More people looking to do things outside. Visit Eau Claire is working on getting all trails connected to other counties. Visit Eau Claire is excited to be working with the Town and Park Commission.

Park Commission:

A. Chair Report: Park Commission Chair Fred Belay not in attendance. Chair Jennifer Meyer mentioned that the next Park Commission meeting will be in March. Marie Vornholt who sits on the Park Commission has passed away.

Roads:

A. 01/19/2021 Quarterly meeting with EC CTY Highway Dept: Jon Johnson from Eau Claire County and Jennifer Meyer met and went over highway and brushing.

B. Plowing, brush cutting updates: Some of the areas are done.

C. Xiong Blvd. County involvement for low area upgrades: Grant money has been set for this project. Culvert on Xiong Blvd. was replaced and is relatively new. Eau Claire County will go out in the Spring and double check the culvert. Might need to ditch the area to have water run off in different direction or bring the road up so water is not running over. Will need to put some fabric down and build the road up. Eau Claire County will go out and assess the water drainage to see if there is an issue. Eau Claire County will let the Town know if water drainage changed would be an issue for any other property owners. Jon Johnson mentioned that if a ditch has to be dug, it will end up to be a deep ditch and that probably won't work. Chair Jennifer Meyer did mention that Out lot 1 is not a buildable lot and the land owners are aware of that. Jon Johnson also questioned if at the end of the Cul De Sac if they want it left gravel or paved? Jon Johnson recommends paving as it will be better for plowing. Supervisor Jeff Whyte agrees, it should be paved. Bids to be opened on March 4th and Awarded on March 9th.

Supervisor Jeff Whyte made a motion to approve the bid for Xiong Blvd as Eau Claire County has prepared. Work to begin End of May beginning of June. Eau Claire County will not be able to start work till end of June. Supervisor Jeff Bechard seconded the motion. All voted yes, motion carries.

D. Chayne Dr. recondition project Leader Telegram Bid Advertisements: 02/09/2021 & 02/16/2021, bid opening 02/2/2021 @2:00pm. Bid Awards 03/09/2021

E. Any other road business: Hwy. T corridor project, first part will be mapping and drafting. Will be looking at turning it to 4 lanes. This is just for future planning.

Township Fire Station #3:

A. Battalion Chief Report: Battalion Chief Dave Kleist was not present. Supervisor Paul Travis mentioned that new tender is here, looks very nice and they have sold the old tender for \$70K.

ATV/UTV Town Route Cont'd Monthly Discussion: Chair Jennifer Meyer will meet with Jeff Gibson.

Constable Report: No report to hand out.

A. **Relief Position:** Nothing new to report

Building Inspector Report: Report handed out to Board.

Citizen Input & Questions

Board Reports:

MPO: Supervisor Jeff Bechard was not able to attend.

Visit Eau Claire: Next meeting is February 17, 2021

TFD Board of Directors 02/22/2021: Chair Jennifer Meyer will attend

Elk Creek Lake Rehab 03/10/2021:

Election: Nothing new, election to be held on 02/16/2021

Review/Approve Jan. 12, 2021 minutes: Supervisor Mona Mathews approved the minutes. Supervisor Jeff Whyte seconded the motion. All voted yes, motion carries.

Review/Approval Bills: Clerk Beverly Christopherson handed out the Accounts Payable report. Supervisor Mona Mathews made a motion to approve payables as presented to Board. Supervisor Paul Travis seconded the motion. All voted yes, motion carries.

Treasurers Report:

A. Report: Treasurer John McLaughlin reported that tax collection has gone very well this year and so far, \$4.2 million has been collected and this time last year 3.9 million was collected. So far 199 dog licenses have been applied for and last year 62, so for 2021 62 more dog licenses have been taken. Mr. McLaughlin did mention to the Board that he has 5 dog applications that were sent in without rabies vaccination. How would the Board like him to handle? Supervisor Mona Mathews mentioned sending them a letter and explaining need to have rabies. Supervisor Jeff Bechard mention that send the check back also and let them know when they will be delinquent if they don't mail everything in. Mr. McLaughlin also is working on 2 checks that were returned NSF for property tax.

Approval Underground Cables – Chairman- Chair Jennifer Meyer mentioned none requested for the month.

Review/Approve: Licenses: Operators and Liquor:

A. Operators Licenses to Approve: Supervisor Paul Travis made a motion to approve Operators Licenses as reported to Board. Supervisor Jeff Bechard seconded the motion. All voted yes, motion carries.

B. Liquor Licenses; Clerk's update on Dana's Bar & Grill

Town Hall Properties:

A. Transfer Station

1. Spring 2021 Trench in conduit for West WI Telcom 24/7:

B. Town Hall & Station #3 Message Boards – were delivered, install spring 2021

C. Town Hall Rental monthly discussion – Town Board agreed to not rent Town Hall. Will address again March meeting. Might be able to rent in June and July.

Chair Jennifer Meyer wanted to mention to Supervisors that The Pines Music, Blue Ox and campground, has website and listed to watch for coming events.

Set next Town Board meeting: March 9, 2021 @6:30pm

A. Comp Plan Meeting: March 4, 2021 at 6:30pm

B. Park Commission: March 4, 2021 at 9:00am

Motion to Adjourn

Chair Jennifer Meyer made a motion to Adjourn at 8:20pm, Supervisor Mona Mathews seconded the motion.