

Board Meeting
April 20, 2021

The meeting was called to order by Chair Jennifer Meyer. People in attendance were: Supervisors – Jeff Whyte, Mona Mathews, Paul Travis, Clerk Beverly Christopherson, Treasurer John McLaughlin, Constable Russ Johnson and see attached list of visitors. Supervisor Jeff Bechard not in attendance

Flag Salute

Official Oath; Swear in elected Chair Jennifer Meyer, Supervisors Jeff Whyte and Jeff Bechard, and Constable Russ Johnson. Supervisor Jeff Bechard was sworn in n 04/13/2021 as he would not be at April meeting. Chair Jennifer Meyer, Supervisor Jeff Bechard and Constable Russ Johnson all sworn in at April 20, 2021 meeting.

Comp Plan:

A. CSM John Anderson/4 lot division on Morningcrest Rd./Supervisor Jason Hiess: Attorney Brian Nodolff was present to address any questions. This is a commercial building that Baxter Engine rented in the past and now would like to purchase. There is also 3 out lots left. These 3 lots will remain as out lots until someone purchase them as adjoining and the Town puts in a road. Supervisor Mona Mathews made a motion to approve the CSM for John Anderson. Supervisor Paul Travis seconded the motion. All voted yes, motion carries.

B. 6:30pm CUP Jack Raven/After the Fact Auto & Trucking/welding fabrication application: Jack Raven was present to answer any questions by Town Board or Residents. Jack Raven does have one tow truck at his residence which is the accident recovery truck. He does welding and fabrication on his own equipment and does not do any business from his residence. Jack Raven does rent a building to run his trucking business out of. One resident was present that also sent letters to the Town regarding his issues with this CUP. Jack Raven has done everything that Eau Claire County has asked of him to comply with CUP. Town Comp Plan committee does not have any issues with CUP. Supervisor Mona Mathews made a motion to approve the CUP for Jack Raven. Supervisor Jeff Whyte seconded the motion. All voted yes, motion carries.

Roads:

A. Xiong Blvd: Brent Wachsmuth was present at the meeting Brent Wachsmuth has a quote to do the work on the soft part of Xiong Blvd. before Monarch starts their work. Cost for the work on the soft area would be \$6,650.00. This cost will not be part of the grant for Xiong Blvd. Supervisor Paul Travis made a motion to Approve Brent Wachsmuth quote for work on Xiong Blvd. and work to be completed before Monarch. Supervisor Mona Mathews seconded. All voted yes, motion carries.

B. Chayne Dr. Reconstruction/Stout Construction start date 04/12/2021. Dennis Mack from Cedar Corp. Gave an update on Chayne Rd. and handed out a letter with updates.

C. County Line Rd. updates. Cedar Corp gave the Town a letter showing timeline.

D. Fairmont Rd. – Pavement overlay; start date May 1st. Eau Claire County Highway bid the work to be done after May 1st at a cost of \$9,000.00. Supervisor Jeff Whyte is waiting on quotes from Senn Blacktop and Brent Wachsmuth.

Supervisor Mona Mathews made a motion to approve the work done on Fairmont Rd., and cost not to exceed \$9,000.00. Supervisor Jeff Whyte seconded the motion. All voted yes, motion carries.

E. Cty. Hwy. T Corridor Project updates/public date meeting – Cty. Hwy. T corridor project is moving along. This project will go all the way to Highway 29 and will be 4 lanes. Project looks to be done in next 5 years.

F. Brushing Schedule - lots of brushing to do

G. Any other road business

Summer Music Events

A. Country Jam July 15 – 17, 2021 – Kathy Wright from Jam was present via zoom. Country Jam is moving forward for July 15 – 17, 2021. Not much changing from 2019.

B. The Pines Music Park July 2 & 3

C. Blue Ox Festival August 19 – 21, 2021 – Jim Bischel from Blue Ox and Pines Music Park was present and is moving forward to have events in 2021. Blue Ox was moved to August this year. Blue Ox will move back to June in 2022.

Visit Eau Claire:

A. Executive Director Benny Anderson: Benny Anderson was in attendance. Benny Anderson that everything is going really good and so far, this year everything looks to be turning around. Town of Union website continues to grow and the Day Trips section is still having high traffic. Visit Eau Claire is still working on the trails mapping and working on getting all trails connected.

Park Commission:

A. Chair Report: Park Commission Chair Fred Belay introduced new member for approval Sarah Tietera. Supervisor Mona Mathews made a motion to approve Sarah Tietera as new Park Commission member. Supervisor Paul Travis seconded it. All voted yes, motion carries. May 4th will be next Park Commission meeting. Park Commission did stump grinding at Park Conservancy. April 21st Park Commission will be putting in fire pit. Three Geo Caching boxes have been installed in the Conservancy and the Park Commission has received many nice complements on the boxes. The boxes have lip balm and flag pins in them for those that find them.

B. Invasive Species Field Day Wednesday, May 5th, 2021 3pm–6pm Town of Union Conservancy

Township Fire Station #3:

A. Battalion Chief Report: Battalion Chief Dave Kleist already spoke during annual meeting.

Building Inspector Report: Report handed out

Constable Report:

A. Constable Russ Johnson was in attendance and handed out his log.

ATV Route Cont'd Discussion: Nothing new to discuss

Citizen Input & Questions

Board Reports:

MPO: Nothing to report – Supervisor Jeff Bechard not present

Visit Eau Claire: Benny Anderson from Visit Eau Claire already here and spoke

WTA: Chair Jennifer Meyer and Supervisor Mona Mathews attended. Meeting was on COVID update and Broadband.

Review/Approve March 9, 2021 minutes: Supervisor Mona Mathews approved the minutes. Supervisor Paul Travis seconded the motion. All voted yes, motion carries.

Review/Approval Bills: Clerk Beverly Christopherson handed out the Accounts Payable report. Supervisor Jeff Whyte asked what the bill paid to A-1 Rental was for? Clerk Beverly Christopherson explained that the Park Commission rented a stump grinder. Chair Jennifer Meyer has a bill for Minute Man to print some mailings for the Park Commission and would like it approved to be paid. Chair Jennifer Meyer made a motion to approve accounts payables with the addition of Minute Man bill for Park Commission fliers. Supervisor Paul Travis seconded the motion. All voted yes, motion carries.

Treasurer Report:

A. Report: Treasurer John Mclaughlin handed out treasurer's report. Everything is deposited and up to date.

Approval Underground Cables – Chairman- Chair Jennifer Meyer mentioned she had two requests this month, one from Eau Claire Energy and one for Timber cutting.

Review/Approve: Licenses: Operators and Liquor:

A. Operators Licenses to Approve: Supervisor Paul Travis made a motion to approve all operators licenses as reported to Town Board. Supervisor Mona Mathews seconded the motion. All voted yes, motion carries.

B. Firework Permit: Supervisor Paul Travis made a motion to approve firework permit for. Quentin Nelson. Supervisor Mona Mathews seconded the motion. All voted yes, motion carries.

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 – Supervisor Jeff Bechard will look at to install

C. Town Hall Rental monthly discussion – Need to update contract for COVID cleaning

Set next Town Board meeting: May 11, 2021 @6:30pm

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

B. Park Commission Meeting: May 4, 2021 at 6:30pm

C. Open Book: Thursday, July 15, 2021 via phone

D. Board of Review: Thursday, July 22, 2021 5-7pm Union Town Hall

Motion to Adjourn

Supervisor Mona Mathews made a motion to Adjourn at 10:02pm, Supervisor Paul Travis seconded the motion.