

Board Meeting  
July 13, 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, and see attached list of visitors. Treasurer John McLaughlin not in attendance.

**Flag Salute**

**Comp Plan:**

- A. Eau Claire Coop Oil/Conditional Use Permit Application to amend previous CUP, dated 08/18/2020 and incorporate a 60x125x16 or 7500 sq. ft. truck port/Joe Alf. Joe Alf was present to answer any questions. This is not an enclosed building as LP Truck kept inside. Supervisor Jeff Bechard made a motion to approve the CUP for Eau Claire Coop Oil. Supervisor Mona Mathews seconded the motion. All voted yes, motion carries.
- B. JR Rental Properties/Rezone .72 acres from RH to C3/Real Land Surveying (RLS) Jeremy Skaw. This rezone is for .72 acres to make it a conforming lot. Well and Septic are no longer on the lot. Town of Union Comp Plan reviewed and spoke with Owner and Surveyor. Town did receive a few concerns from residents on problems that could arise. Chair Jennifer Meyer mentioned that at this time the Town is just looking at the re-zone so, the Town is not able to address the concerns. Any concerns that are opposing the re-zoning can be addressed at this time. The main lot is already zoned C3 except for this small area.  
Supervisor Mona Mathews made a motion to approve the rezone of .72 acres from RH to C3. Supervisor Jeff Whyte seconded the motion. All voted yes, motion carries.  
Supervisor Jeff Bechard just wanted clarification that residents who had issues were on Lot 1. Chair Jennifer Meyer said That is correct. All voted yes, motion carries.
- C. JR Rental Properties/Certified Survey Map (CSM) lot configuration /RLS Jeremy Skaw.  
This is just for informational purposes, no motion needed.

**West Wisconsin Telcom-24/7 Broadband “Fiber to the Home Project” American Rescue Plan Act**

(ARPA) grant money request – West Wisconsin Telcom requested to be on the Agenda regarding the ARPA Grant money. Jim Kusielek from 24/7 Telcom was present to explain what West Wisconsin Telcom would be able to do for the Town regarding Broadband. West Wisconsin mentioned that from County E & EE to the Southwest seems to be the area in need of broadband. West Wisconsin would put the broadband in to the resident’s home. Cost for this is approximately \$821K. Town ARPA grant would not cover all this cost but Town only has to use the Grant money.

Supervisor Mona Mathews would like to have more information on how many homes don’t have broadband. Supervisor Jeff Bechard would like more factual information before the Town makes a resolution to give West Wisconsin the ARPA Grant funds. Town Board would like to table till more information is available.

Chair Jennifer Meyer will put back on the agenda for August to get more information on the ARPA Grant and how it can be spent.

**Cedar Corp Presentation/Proposal County Line Rd:** Dennis Mack and Russ Kivinnenri were here from Cedar Corp and handed out a packet explaining who Cedar Corp was. Cedar Corp is helping the

Town with County Line Road. County Line Road should be designed for a Truck Route. Funding for this project would come from Grants. First step is to do some preliminary surveying and planning. Supervisor Mona Mathews made a motion to approve Cedar Corp to start preliminary surveying and concept planning estimate for the Town on cost to start. Supervisor Jeff Whyte seconded the motion.

**Park Commission:**

A. Chair Report/Barb Kleist filling in for Fred Belay: Barb Kleist mentioned that the Park Commission is working on the Pavilion for the Conservancy and waiting on permits from Eau Claire County. Park Commission is having Tru Lock install cameras in the Conservancy due to vandalism. Cost is \$9,264.00 and a deposit of \$5,000.00 is due at this time. In the Fall the Park Commission is planning another invasive & native species event. Park Commission is looking into the Ball Fields.

**Visit Eau Claire:**

A. Executive Director Benny Anderson Report: Benny Anderson was present and reported to the Town Board that room tax for 2021 is only down 9% at 1<sup>st</sup> quarter. Destination Development money for the Town of Union should be around \$15,000 is room tax dollars stay around the same for 2021.

B. Follow up on lighting/nuisance issue on Truax Lane/see letter

**Township Fire Station #3:**

A. Battalion Chief Report: Battalion Chief Dave Kleist in attendance: Township Fire is in need of volunteers. Awards Banquet will be coming up on August 27 at 5pm. Farm Tech Days will be next week.

**Eau Claire County Tax Deed(s) sale for discussion:**

A. Property adjacent to Sherman Creek Park: Chair Jennifer Meyer did bring this up at the Park Commission meeting. This land has been offered to the Town before and was turned down as this parcel is land locked between Sherman Creek Park and Judy Bechard. Supervisor Jeff Bechard mentioned that transients have lived in this area before as the land is not fenced in.

Supervisor Mona Mathews made a motion “Not” to approve the purchase of this land. Chair Jennifer Meyer seconded the motion. Supervisor Jeff Whyte voted yes, Supervisor Paul Travis voted yes, and Supervisor Jeff Bechard abstained. Motion carries.

B. Demoe & Menomonie St: Chair Jennifer Meyer explained to the Board where this parcel is. It is an all-wooded lot. Town would not have any use for this lot.

Supervisor Paul Travis made a motion “Not” to approve the purchase of this parcel. Supervisor Mona Mathews seconded the motion. All voted yes, motion carries.

**Roads:**

A. Eau Claire County Highway Maintenance Agreement: Jon Johnson from Eau Claire County was at the meeting with a proposal. He is proposing to change the Eau Claire County Highway Maintenance Agreement to a fiscal year. Presently the contract runs from July 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup>. Town would have to add 6months to the contract to get to a fiscal year. Town has budgeted already for this year but with no big expenditures expected after this year, should be able to get through till December 31<sup>st</sup>.

Supervisor Mona Mathews made a motion to approve changing agreement to fiscal year. Chair Jennifer Meyer seconded the motion. She asked if there was any further discussion.

Supervisor Jeff Bechard questioned if why the agreement was done July thru June?

Supervisor Paul Travis questioned if it was because of winter plowing to get on one contract.

Jon Johnson feels the reason, certainly be because of plowing, but no real reason why. Chair Jennifer Meyer asked for a vote from the board. All Town Board members voted yes To change the agreement to a fiscal year. Motion carries.

- B. Chayne Dr. follow up: No payment due at this time
- C. Xiong Blvd. pavement replacement/Per Dave at Monarch pulverizer is available Wed/Thurs 7/14 & 7/15/2021 to start project
- D. Losan Improvements: Jon Johnson from Eau Claire County will work with the City of Eau Claire to see what the cost share is. Gravel is all washing out.
- E. County Line Discussion. Discussion only, not motion needed.
- F. CTH T Corridor Public meeting update: This meeting will be tomorrow on Zoom
- G. Any other road business: ATV club to be at August meeting to discuss what road they Would like open to ATV travel. North Town Hall Road needs work.

### **Summer Music Festivals:**

- A. Follow up: The Pines Music Park July 2 & 3/Performer Goose: Event was a success Large Assembly permit was paid. Supervisor Mona Mathews mentioned that she did Receive a call from a Town resident that the music was too loud. Resident said she did call Jim Bischel but that did not help.
- B. Amend Campground Large Assembly permit to include after event DJ in campground Country Jam July 15 – 17, 2021: This discussion started during the The Pine Music Park as residents complained it was too loud. Residents do not want music in the campgrounds late at night as it is too loud. Music in the Campgrounds during Country Jam is a DJ and the music should be able to be turned down but the residents don't have any numbers to call to tell them to turn it down and the Sheriff's department does not do anything with calls. Having the DJ in the campground was not listed on their original large assembly permit and that is the reason for discussion at this time. No one from Country Jam was at the meeting to answer questions. Residents would like music to stop earlier on Wednesday or no music at all on Wednesday.  
Chair Jennifer Meyer made a motion to approve music in the campgrounds during Country Jam with the main change is that music on Wednesday night has to stop at 11pm.  
Supervisor Paul Travis seconded the motion.  
Supervisor Mona Mathews voted Yes, Supervisor Jeff Whyte voted Yes, and Supervisor Jeff Bechard voted No. Motion carries on a majority vote.
- C. Blue OX August 19 – 21, 2021, information only
- D. Rescued and Redeemed – Annual 1 Day event/September 11, 2011, information only

**Building Inspector Report:** Report handed out. Al Balsiger will be retiring at the end of the year. Chair Jennifer Meyer did look to see what other municipalities have their own building inspector. Chair Jennifer Meyer has contacted Eau Claire County to see if they would be able to take this on and what cost would be.

### **Constable Report:**

- A. Constable Russ Johnson was not in attendance and no report handed out.

**Website position discussion/Dave Greip; TFD Dispatch:** Chair Jennifer Meyer handed out a resume from Mr. Greip. Supervisor Mona Mathews made a motion to approve hiring Dave Greip to take care of Town website. Supervisor Paul Travis seconded the motion. All voted yes, motion carries

## Citizen Input & Questions

### Board Reports:

**WTA:** Will be held in October in Wisconsin Dells. Let the Clerk know if you plan on attending.

**Review/Approve June 8, 2021 minutes:** Supervisor Mona Mathews made a motion to approve the minutes as presented to the Town Board. Supervisor Paul Travis seconded the motion. All voted yes, motion carries.

**Review/Approval Bills:** Clerk Beverly Christopherson handed out the Accounts Payable report. Need to add three payables to the report: 1. Jase Meyer Tractor Hours, 2. Sherman Creek Park mowing, 3. County Permit for Conservancy Pavilion. Supervisor Paul Travis made a motion to approve accounts payable as reported to the Town Board along with the three payables that need to be added. Supervisor Mona Mathews seconded the motion. All voted yes, motion carries.

### Treasurer Report:

- A. ARPA Grant: Grant money was received.
- B. Treasurer report was handed out

**Approval Underground Cables – Chairman-** Chair Jennifer Meyer mentioned she had one

### Review/Approve: Licenses: Operators and Liquor:

A. Operators Licenses as presented to the Town Board to Approve: Supervisor Paul Travis made a motion to approve all Operators Licenses except for Jeffrey Root Operator License. Supervisor Mona Mathews seconded the motion. All voted yes, motion carries.

B. Liquor Licenses to Approve as presented to the Board. Holiday Station Store renewal for alcohol license for 2021/2022. Supervisor Jeff Bechard made a motion to approve the alcohol license for Holiday Station Store. Supervisor Paul Travis seconded the motion. All voted yes, motion carries.

Dana's Bar and Grill/Jeffrey Root applied on July 8 to Renew their liquor license for 2021/2022. Supervisor Mona Mathew made a motion not to approve the liquor license for Dana's Bar and Grill/Jeffrey Root at this time. Supervisor Paul Travis seconded the motion. All voted yes, motion carries. The chair will consult the Town Attorney.

### Town Hall Properties:

- A. Transfer Station; Trench in conduit for West WI 24/7 Wi-Fi for Conservancy surveillance
- B. Conservancy Pavilion Electrical work
- C. Message Boards installation.

### Next Town Board meeting: August 10, 2021 @6:30pm

- A. Comp Plan Meeting: Thursday, August 5, 2021 at 6:30pm
- B. Park Commission Meeting: Wednesday, July 7, 2021 at 6:30pm
- C. Open Book: Thursday, July 15, 2021 via phone Bowmar Appraisal
- D. Board of Review: Thursday, July 22, 2021 5pm – 7 pm Union Town Hall

### Motion to Adjourn

**Supervisor Paul Travis made a motion to Adjourn at 10:57pm, Supervisor Mona Mathews seconded the motion.**