

Board Meeting
March 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

Roads:

A. Chayne Rd. Project Bid Awards/Cedar Corp: Cedar Corp was present at the meeting and mentioned that bids were opened on February 24, 2021. 8 Bids were received and the lowest was \$230K to \$340K. Low bid was from Stout in Chetek. Cedar Corp left a bid spec sheet with all bids listed. Cedar Corp has worked with Stout before and feel very confident with their level of work. Cedar Corp recommends having Stout do the Chayne Rd project. Town of Union will also receive the \$147k in grant money to help pay for this project.

Supervisor Mona Mathews made a motion to approve Stout bid at \$237,821.30 for Chayne Rd. Project. Supervisor Jeff Whyte seconded the motion. All voted yes, motion carries.

B. Xiong Blvd. pavement replacement BID Awards: Chair Jennifer Meyer, Supervisor Jeff Whyte, and Jon Johnson from Eau Claire County met on March 4th to open bids. 2 Bids were received, one from Senn Blacktop and the other from Monarch. Monarch was the lowest bid at \$76,945.00 and Jon Johnson from Eau Claire County recommends the Town award the bid to Monarch.

There is a low area on Xiong that has to be bid separately to fix the soft spot first. Brent Wachsmuth did give an estimate of \$6,650.00 to fix.

Supervisor Jeff Bechard made a motion to approve Monarch for work on Xiong Blvd. Supervisor Mona Mathews seconded the motion. All voted yes, motion carries.

C. Road Bans/weight limit begins 03/08/2021

D. Road Tour – Chair Jennifer Meyer and Supervisor Jeff Whyte will be done after frost is out of ground.

E. Any other road business: Silvermine will need some trenching done.

Comp Plan:

A. No applications for March 2021

Visit Eau Claire:

A. Executive Director Benny Anderson: Benny Anderson handed out quarterly reports on room tax. Towns can report money lost from room tax due to Covid, Benny Anderson will keep the Town advised on how to apply. Room tax dollars have gone up as more people are traveling. Conservancy page on the website has seen a lot of traffic in the past months. Visit Eau Claire is still working on getting the trails map on a phone app. Also, will be working on looking at connecting all trails.

Park Commission:

A. Chair Report: Park Chair Fred Belay mentioned the Park Commissioner Marie Vornholt has passed away. Park Commission will be posting a Park Commission opening. Park Commission is working on getting brochures made that they can hand out and they are also looking at having a memorial area in the Conservancy. Park Commission has approved paying for maintaining the Park at \$15.00/hr. and also paying Fred Belay for Supervising \$200/month. Park Commission is working on

specs for Pavilion. Sherman Creek Park will be maintained the same as past years. Park Commission will have their finance report at the annual meeting.

Township Fire Station #3:

- A. Battalion Chief Report: Dave Kleist was not present at meeting. Supervisor Paul Travis mentioned that the old tender is sold and gone. Everything is going well and they have had a few calls.
- B. April 1, 2021 Burning Permits move to online applications ONLY: No phone calls only online. Might be an issue with older residents. Will have to help them.
- C. Virtual WI Town's Assoc. workshop for Fire & EMT, Topics: Service requirements and funding options and volunteer recruitment & retention. Live or recorded March 12. Chair Jennifer Meyer mentioned to the Board that the Town of Union registered 3 people at a cost of \$30/each.

ATV/UTV Town Route Cont'd Monthly Discussion: Need to have the ATV Club attend a meeting and let the Town know which roads they would like open.

Constable Report: No report to hand out.

A. Discuss Options/April Election: Chair Jennifer Meyer has checked with other towns and they do not have a constable. Town of Seymour sends letters to their residents that the Humane Association will take animals. Eau Claire County Humane Society can pick up stray animals if needed when constable is not available. Supervisor Mona Mathews made a motion to approve having Eau Claire Humane Society to assume constable duties when needed. Supervisor Jeff Bechard seconded the motion. All voted yes, motion carries.

Building Inspector Report: No report to hand out.

Citizen Input & Questions

Board Reports:

MPO: No meeting

Visit Eau Claire: Next meeting is 03/24 Zoom

Elk Creek Lake Rehab 03/10/2021 @ Spring Brooke Town Hall 7:30pm

WI Towns Assoc 03/30 Town of Seymour 7:00pm

Review/Approve February 9, 2021 minutes: Supervisor Mona Mathews approved the minutes. Chair Jennifer Meyer seconded the motion. All voted yes, motion carries.

Review/Approval Bills: Clerk Beverly Christopherson handed out the Accounts Payable report. Their will be a bill for fire station repair as someone broke the sign. Mona Mathews made a motion to approve accounts payables. Supervisor Paul Travis seconded. All voted yes, motion carries.

Treasurers Report:

A. Report: Treasurer John Mclaughlin reported that \$1.7million was collected in taxes at this time and last year at this time \$1.5million was collected. At this time 2 personal property tax bills have not been collected and Treasurer John Mclaughlin will file to get those monies reimbursed to town. CT form is almost done and filed

Open Book and Board of Review Dates/Bowmar Appraisal: Open Book will be July 15 over the phone only. Board of Review will be July 22 from 5pm to 7pm at the Town Hall.

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 Jeff Bechard made a motion to approve Operators Licenses as reported to Board. 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. Supervisor Jeff Whyte received a call regarding garbage dumped in ditch. Jeff Whyte made sure garbage was picked up. Chair Jennifer Smith also picked up garbage from ditch and a TV.

B. Town Hall & Station #3 Message Boards – Supervisor Jeff Bechard will look at to install

C. Town Hall Rental monthly discussion – Town Board agreed to not rent Town Hall. Will address again April meeting. Might be able to start renting in June. Might need to add an additional cleaning fee due to Covid.

D. Town Newsletter April 2021 – Burning Permits will have to be done online only and will be mentioned in newsletter.

Set next Town Board meeting: April 20, 2021 @6:00pm and Annual Town Meeting @7:00pm

A. Comp Plan Meeting: April 1, 2021 at 6:30pm

B. Park Commission: April 8, 2021 at 9:00am

Motion to Adjourn

Supervisor Mona Mathews made a motion to Adjourn at 9:30pm, Supervisor Jeff Whyte seconded the motion.