

Board Meeting
October 12, 2021

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

Flag Salute

Comp Plan:

A. Beckstrom Rezone 3053 Silvermine Dr./rezone 1 acre in A1 to RH:

Supervisor Jeff Bechard made a motion to approve the rezone for 1 Acre from A1 to RH for Backstrom. Supervisor Mona Mathews seconded the motion.
All voted yes, motion carried.

ATV Route discussion /property owner letter follow up:

A. Chair Jennifer Meyer mentioned to the Board that she had sent out letters to residents regarding the two different routes that the ATV/UTV Club is asking to have opened. Most residents on Gregerson Drive were opposed to having the ATV/UTV route. Worried mostly about safety. Brian Spilde from Eau Claire County was also in attendance to answer any questions the Board or ATV/UTV Club may have. ATV/UTV Club is looking to have connecting routes to Dunn and Chippewa County.

Chair Jennifer Meyer made a motion to not approve the routes as submitted to the Board due to safety reasons.

Chair Jennifer Meyer withdrew her motion.

Supervisor Mona Mathews made a motion to approve the Elk Creek Route only if the ATV/UTV Club is able to get connectors from Eau Claire County or landowners approved. This ATV/UTV route is approved for 1 year, after the first year it will be reevaluated. Supervisor Jeff Bechard seconded the motion. Board vote was 4 in favor and 1 nay.

Removal of Building Inspector Code/Repeal Title 2, Division 1, Chapter 4, Article 1, of the Town of Union Code of Ordinances, effective January 1, 2022:

Supervisor Paul Travis made a motion to repeal Title 2, Division 1, Chapter 4, Article 1, of the Town of Union Code of Ordinances. Supervisor Mona Mathews seconded the motion.
All voted yes, motion carried.

Town of Union Ward Boundaries/adopt Ordinance 2101-10-06: (Municipal Code: 1-6-2010 Repealed at a Special Meeting on 10/06/2021):

Special meeting was held to repeal ordinance of 4 wards and now need to adopt new ordinance of 5 wards.

Supervisor Mona Mathews made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2101-10-06 with 5 wards.

Supervisor Paul Travis seconded the motion. All voted yes, motion carried.

Cedar Corp:

A. County Line Rd. Project Monthly Update: Dennis Mack from Cedar Corp was at the meeting and had planned to bring drawings but not ready yet. Cedar Corp would like to submit County Line Rd Project for LRIP. This has to be submitted by November 1st. Town Board Approved Cedar Corp submitting for LRIP.

Park Commission

A. Chair Report: Chair Fred Belay not in attendance, Chair Jennifer Meyer reported. Park Commission held the native/invasive species event at the conservancy and about 20 to 25 people attended. They did cut some buckthorn. Pavilion is still under construction. Scout Project at Sherman Creek will be worked on in 2022. Park Commission will have a meeting on October 20th to work on their budget.

Visit Eau Claire:

A. Executive Director Report/Benny Anderson: Benny Anderson was in attendance and informed the Board that everything is looking good and that all room tax numbers being reported are better than expected.

Township Fire Station #3 Report

A. Battalion Chief Report: Battalion Chief Dave Kleist not present. Supervisor Paul Travis mentioned that they will have a training session for the ROV.

Roads

A. Chayne Dr. Update/Stout Construction: Supervisor Jeff Whyte has drove down Chayne and found a few things that Stout Construction still has to fix.

B. CTH T Corridor Mapping updates: Group will meet regarding Wheaton side.

C. Any other Road business: Jon Johnson from Eau Claire County mentioned that Union Pacific Railroad will be closing roads when working on railroad. No houses on Stretch of road, so no need to notify residents.

Constable Report: Eau Claire County Humane Assoc Contract Update: Will sending new contract to Sign. Eau Claire County Humane Assoc will be able to come and pick up animals if needed. Contract will be the same for next year.

Building Inspector's Report: No report to hand out.

Citizen Input & Questions

Janet Christenson from Elk Creek Lake Rehab was at meeting to talk to the Board. Elk Creek Lake Rehab is asking all those that committed to donating to the project if they could raise their commitment. Bid came back \$20,000 higher. Town of Union approved donating \$6,000 to the project and they are asking the Board to raise that donation to \$11,000.00. Town of Board will put this on November meeting for discussion and approval.

Review/Approve September 14, 2021, minutes: Supervisor Mona Mathews made a motion to approve minutes as presented to Board. Supervisor Paul Travis seconded the motion. All voted yes, motion carried.

Review/Approval Bills: Supervisor Paul Travis made a motion to approve payables as Presented to the Board. Supervisor Mona Mathews seconded the motion. All voted yes Motion carries.

Treasurer Report – Handed out to Board.

A. ARPA grant update: No updates.

Treasurer John McLaughlin reported to the Board that he has the account set up for The Park Commission Donations. He has also went to Bremer and RCU to check on interest rates.

Underground Cables:

A. Gas permit at 1311 St. Thomas Dr:

Review/Approve: Licenses:

A. Operator's: None to approve

B. Liquor updates: David Hellman asked the Board about getting a liquor License for the barn on the land to turn into an event center.

Mr. Hellman would like approval for liquor license before going to Eau Claire County for rezoning.

Supervisor Mona Mathews approved a liquor license for David Hellman if they are able to be rezoned. Chair Jennifer Meyer seconded the motion. All voted yes, motion carried.

Town Hall Properties:

A. Conservancy Pavilion Electric: Supervisor Paul Travis working on

B. West Wisconsin Telcom Conduit between buildings for phone line: Supervisor Paul Travis working on.

C. West Wisconsin Telcom Wi-Fi Router install at Transfer Station for Conservancy Security: Park Commission working on.

November Town of Union Meetings:

Board Meeting: Tuesday, November 9, 2021, at 6:30pm

Town of Union Board Budget Meeting: Tuesday, November 16, 2021, at 6:30pm

Comp Plan Meeting: Thursday, November 4, 2021, at 6:30pm

Park Commission Meeting: Wednesday, November 3, 2021, at 6:30pm

This Board meeting was adjourned at 9:35pm. Supervisor Paul Travis made motion to adjourn, and Chair Jennifer Meyer seconded the motion.