

Board Meeting
April 21, 2020

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jennifer Meyer. People in attendance were: Supervisors – Jeff Whyte, Mona Mathews, Clerk Beverly Christopherson, and Treasurer John McLaughlin. Supervisors Paul Travis and Jeff Bechard attended via Zoom teleconference/video conference. Meeting was set up so that Town residents could also attend the meeting via Zoom.

Flag Salute

Official Oath; Swear in elected Supervisors Paul Travis & Mona Mathews: Paul Travis and Mona Mathews were both sworn in separately by Clerk Beverly Christopherson.

Voice of the Chair: Chairman Jennifer Meyer wanted to take a moment to recognize and thank the Towns elections workers. Election workers had a lot to deal with at April's election and a lot of work was done by all to make sure all election workers and voters felt safe at the Town Hall.

Annual Meeting: Chairman Jennifer Meyer called for recess from regular Town meeting for the Town's Annual meeting at 6:35pm. Chairman Jennifer Meyer wanted to have a discussion regarding rescheduling the Annual Town Meeting to Tuesday, May 26th with the regular Town Board meeting to start at 6pm. With COVID 19 it would be in the Towns best interest to reschedule.

All Board members agreed that in the Town's best interest the Annual Town Meeting be rescheduled for Tuesday, May 26th.

Chairman Jennifer Meyer adjourned the Annual Town Meeting at 6:37pm and opened the regular monthly Town meeting.

Comp Plan:

A. Request from Jim Scheffler Surveying, CSM 2020-09, Lynda Gehler property at 2338 Rambil Ct. for the reconfiguration of lot 1. Action required: Linda Gehler property has 2 existing parcels; this was requested by her lender RCU. They are resurveying the properties and moving the property line to go around the barn. Eau Claire County has already approved this CSM
Supervisor Jeff Bechard made a motion to approve Gehler CSM. Supervisor Mona Mathews seconded the motion. All voted yes, motion carries.

B. Conditional Use Permit request from John Menard Jr., agent Steen Construction of Osseo, for an accessory structure over allowed 1200 sq. ft. at 2828 West Menomonie St. Recommendation required: Matt Steen from Steen Construction was present via Zoom. This is an accessory structure in excess of 1200 sq. ft. Supervisor Jeff Bechard questioned if this was the only building on the property? Matt Steen mentioned that there is a house and barn already on property and this is an additional garage. This new building is a detached garage One other building is already in excess of 1200 sq. ft. and this would be the second. Chairman Jennifer Meyer wanted to mention that this property is 40 acres. Supervisor Jeff Bechard mentioned that by allowing them to have more than one building in excess of 1200 sq. ft. it will be hard to not allow others. Chairman Jennifer Meyer does not have an issue with approving this CUP because of acreage and Eau Claire County will have to approve. Supervisor Mona Mathews made a motion to approve the CUP with the stipulation that any concerns Eau Claire County has with zoning be addressed. Supervisor Paul Travis seconded the motion. All voted yes, motion carries.

Park Commission

A. Chairman Report: Chairman Fred Belay was on Zoom to give his report. Eau Claire County will do the work at the parks this year but the only difference is that the County is not hiring any students for the summer, so the regular full-time employees will be doing the work and that will be at a higher rate. County will be clearing brush at the Conservancy and Sherman Creek Park. Fred Belay also mentioned that they will be working on getting the Veterans Trail all cleared next week. Chairman Jennifer Meyer mentioned that in the contract it mentions to have the park mowed twice a month. Park Commission has not been able to meet since February. At this time, they are working on the signage for Parks and getting the grills for Sherman Creek Park. Fred Belay did mention that they have put up a new sign for the Conservancy at corner of Buena Vista and Crescent.

Roads: Supervisor Jeff Whyte mentioned that sweeping on Cul De Sac is done.

A. Chayne Road. Reconstruct: Spring 2020 Action: Waiting on Grant information.

B. Road Tour: Chairman Jennifer Meyer and Supervisor Jeff Whyte will get a date set.

C. Grants: No news at this time

D. Road Weight Restrictions: Road bans were lifted on April 13th. Two roads that have continual restrictions are County Line and Xiong.

Fire Station #3 Report

A. Battalion Chief Report. Dave Kleist was not able to attend the meeting. Supervisor Paul Travis reported that they Fire Dept. has been really busy with calls. Their was a grass fire by the Days Inn, will be issuing fines as their was a ban on for burning and they did not have a permit. Joe Alf is going to propose that if they pay for the Fire Department costs they will waive the fines and Township Fire costs are around \$1,200.00.

B. Crescent Ave. trimming and brush cutting. Township Fire will be doing the ditch mowing.

Building Inspector Report:

A. Report: Report was distributed.

Visit Eau Claire:

A. Benny Anderson from Visit Eau Claire not present but did send the dashboard for all Board members to see what has been happening at Visit Eau Claire.

Board Reports:

MPO: Supervisor Jeff Bechard mentioned nothing new at this time.

Tourism: No meetings

WTA: Meeting has been postponed

TFD (03/23/2020) Chairman Jennifer Meyer did attend by phone and will keep Board updated with any new information.

Elections: Going forward to November election might have to look and see if it can be held at the Fire Station as more room might be needed.

Town issued computer laptops for Board Supervisors/upgrade communication discussion:

Chairman Jennifer Meyer would like to have a discussion on this as with everything going on with COVID, zoom meeting might be the way meetings are held more often. Supervisor Mona Mathews helped to set up tonight's meeting on zoom. Ms. Mathews mentioned that if the Town continues with Zoom meetings having an external camera and speakers would be best. If the Town gets Supervisors their own laptops it would also be best to have Town e-mails set up for all Board members. Chairman Jennifer Meyer did contact West Wisconsin Telcom on cost. They quoted a cost of \$550 to \$600 for an entry level computer. Supervisor Paul Travis and Mona Mathews agreed that this is probably the best for the Town. Supervisor Jeff Bechard questioned what the cost for tablets would be instead of laptops? Chairman Jennifer Meyer will look into costs of tablets to compare to laptops.

Citizen Input & Questions

Review/Approve previous meetings minutes: Supervisor Jeff Bechard made a motion to approve minutes from Mach 18th meeting. Supervisor Jeff Whyte seconded the motion. All voted yes, motion carries.

Supervisor Mona Mathews made a motion to approve March 10th minutes with a couple spelling corrections. Supervisor Jeff Whyte seconded the motion. All voted yes, motion carries.

Approval Underground Cables – Chairman Jennifer Meyer only had one on Kucera Dr.

Treasurers Report:

A. Report: Treasurer John McLaughlin handed out his report. John McLaughlin reported that the CT-Form is completed and filed. A couple delinquent property taxes are still not paid and he is working on. Mr. McLaughlin also has one NSF check for real estate tax to get finalized.

Review/Approval Bills: Clerk presented list of Accounts Payables. Chairman Jennifer Meyer would like to keep an eye on Advanced bills for the Transfer Station to see what that cost is yearly. Clerk Beverly Christopherson mentioned that the payment to Cedar Corp is for Outdoor Recreation Plan for Park Commission. Supervisor Mona Mathews made a motion to approve all payables as presented to the Board. Supervisor Jeff Whyte seconded the motion. All voted yes, motion carries.

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Review/Approve: Licenses:

A: Operators – Supervisor Jeff Bechard made a motion to approve all Operators licenses as presented to the Board. Supervisor Mona Mathews seconded the motion. All voted yes, motion carries.

B. Large Assembly – Blue Ox date change. Blue Ox has changed their festival dates to August 27 – 29. This has been approved through Eau Claire County and should not be an issue for the Town. Supervisor Paul Travis made a motion to approve the date change for Blue Ox music festival. Supervisor Jeff Whyte seconded it. All voted yes, motion carries.

Extreme Thunder has cancelled their event for this year.

Constables Report: No report to distribute.

Town Hall Properties:

A. Transfer Station; Relief attendant, wage and hour discussion. Chairman Jennifer Meyer mentioned that Brett Huber, transfer station attendant, was out sick for a couple weeks. Chairman Jennifer Meyer worked on Wednesday, Jeff Bechard, Mona Mathews, and Robert Mathews all worked on Saturday, they split the shift. Robert Mathews worked the remaining shifts that Brett was not able to make. Board discussion is on what the relief should be paid? Supervisor Jeff Bechard made a motion to pay and relief attendant the same as Brett Huber. Supervisor Jeff Whyte seconded the motion. All voted yes, motion carries.

Chairman Jennifer Meyer brought up the discussion for the Board members that worked shifts. Should Board members also be paid for any shifts they worked? Supervisor Mona Mathews made a motion that all Supervisors should be paid for any shifts they work as long as it is ok with all State Statutes. Supervisor Jeff Whyte seconded the motion. All voted yes, motion carries.

B. Parking Lot Light: Paul Travis has is on his work list.

C. Exterior Window Update; Need another quote

D. Message Boards; Supervisor Jeff Bechard has sent a link to the Clerk but with the election it was rather busy. Will get to as soon as it calms down in office.

E: Installation of defibrillator: Defibrillator and cabinet for Town Hall have been delivered and need to be installed. Supervisor Paul Travis will work on.

Chairman Jennifer Meyer also mentioned that she is planning on doing a Town Crier before the Annual Meeting and have information regarding the meeting in the Crier.

Supervisor Jeff Bechard wanted to mention to all Board members that him and his wife took a walk in the Conservancy and during their walk they came up on turkey hunters sitting in a blind. Jeff Bechard and his wife were startled and they startled the hunters, they did not know it was turkey season and that people would be in blinds hunting in the conservancy. Supervisor Jeff Bechard would like to see some sort of signage that lets people walking in the Conservancy know that hunters might be in the woods. Chairman Jennifer Meyer mentioned that this has been a discussion the Park Commission has had and would like some recommendations on what the Board and residents would like to see at the Conservancy as this is public hunting land.

Set next meeting dates and agendas: Comp Plan May 7th, Board Meeting and Annual Meeting May 26th.

Supervisor Mona Mathews made a motion to Adjourn at 8:34pm, Supervisor Jeff Whyte seconded the motion.