

Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday March 12, 2024
Townsend Town Hall
6:00 p.m.

Chairperson Monica Zeller called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

Roll call: Chairperson Monica Zeller, Supervisor Chuck DeMoulin, Supervisor Willie Evans, Treasurer Beth Hartman, Clerk Linda Ziegler. 47 citizens

Verification of proper agenda notice: Ziegler posted the agenda on March 5, 2024 at Townsend Post Office, Townsend Town Hall, Laona State Bank, Townsend Branch, and www.townsendwisconsin.org.

Zeller made a motion to change the agenda, eliminated business #4, 2nd by DeMoulin – M/A

Motion made by DeMoulin to accept the minutes of the February 13, 2024 Meeting, 2nd by Evans – M/A

Treasures report – Hartman gave a P&L budget performance report. Motion by Evans to approve the report and pay all the bills, DeMoulin 2nd – M/A

Ambulance Report – Report on file

Fire Department report – Report on file. Chief Herlache said that Bruce VanOss and herself have been attending State Drivers Operators License training the past few weeks and have passed. Three AED's have been ordered and will arrive soon. Two for fire trucks and one for the town hall. A grant from the Pamperin Foundation paid \$2025, and the Friends of Townsend Fire paid the remaining \$385.00. Thank you to Chuck DeMoulin for spearheading.

Lakes Country Library – Jim Adamczyk said the library is planning their summer activities. The expansion is ahead of schedule due to the good weather. The annual fund raiser dinner will be April 27 at McCauslin Brook Country Club. The next meeting is March 21 @ 8am. There will be a meeting with the town boards on Monday, March 18 at 5pm to follow-up on the Oconto County Library Committee Proceedings.

Nocco – report on file

Planning & Zoning: n/a

Permits/Licenses – Zeller made the motion to approve the operators license, 2nd by Evans – M/A. Zeller made the motion to approve the short-term rental application, 2nd by Evans – M/A

Business:

1. Ambulance Addition – Steve Harkema explained the plans for a 36x36 addition to the existing Ambulance building. The additional 1152sq ft will be added to the northwest side to create offices and meeting rooms. The existing building will be upgraded. Approximate cost is \$170,000.00. The Ambulance service has raised \$120,000 in grants, donations, ect. According to the lease agreement, the town of Lakewood and Townsend need to approve the plans. Zeller made the motion to approve construction of the addition as presented, 2nd by DeMoulin – M/A
2. Town Hall Project – Ken Schwebke has provided the final plans for the 30x50 addition and renovation. The 1st informational meeting will be held Saturday, March 23, 2024 at 9:30am.
3. Wake Boat Ordinance – DeMoulin said there are 19 lakes in Townsend and depending on the public opinion to limit operation of wake boats per water depth and acreage, they may only have two lakes to choose from. An information meeting will be Saturday, March 16, 2024 at 9:00am.
4. Culvert Project – The State is mandating all towns to identify and measure 6-20 foot “small bridge” culverts. The forest service has identified and measured the culverts in Townsend. The board and Bob Habeck have to go through the information and submit to the state.
5. Horn Lake boat landing parking – it was suggested at the last meeting to have parking at Warbler and Horn Lake...however, that is private property. Bob Habeck met with Bill Lester, Oc. County Zoning Admin who said the town can build and widen the shoulder on Horn Lake Rd 200 ft with rip-rap, fabric and gravel fill. This will at least widen the drive area on Horn Lake rd. The highway department will begin working on this soon.
6. Future items: Library committee town representative, Townsend flowage additional buoys.

Public Comment:

Chief Herlache reminded everyone of the very high fire danger. All burning permits are suspended. Mike Schilz asked if anyone from the board will be attending the Lakes & Rivers meeting in Stevens Point this month. There will be a presentation regarding the wake boat situation. DeMoulin said Inland Lakes and Townsend Flowage has representatives attending. Missy Amador said the Festival Committee met with the Events Committee. They agreed to work with each other, but keep their separate committees. Wanda Laste, president of FOTF said the Leap Year raffle netted \$17,000.00. There will be an 80th Birthday ATV/UTV ride for Smokey the Bear June 15th. StarLink is being hooked up this week for the Fire Department, highway and town hall. This will have battery backup in case of emergency. This will give the town an opportunity to look at additional technological opportunities.

Zeller said the McCaslin Lions Club is looking for an enclosed trailer for a project to collect the boat plastic wrap from Powers and have it recycled into furniture, as well as contributing to Wisconsin Lions Camp. Missy Amador offered a 40 ft semi-trailer for the project. Ziegler will follow up with her.

Correspondence: Marinette/Oconto Counties Clean Sweep is May 10th & 11th

Announcements:

Wake Boat Info Meeting March 16 @ 9am

Town Hall renovation Information presentation March 23 @ 9:30am

Spring Election & Presidential Preference April 2 7am – 8pm

Evans made the motion to adjourn at 6:41pm, Zeller 2nd – M/A

*Minutes approved April 9, 2024
Linda Ziegler, Clerk*