

Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, July 12, 2022
Townsend Town Hall
6:00pm

Chairperson Carla VanCamp called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

Roll Call: Chairperson Carla VanCamp, Supervisor Linda Adamczyk, Supervisor Joe Heyrman, Treasurer Beth Hartman, Clerk Linda Ziegler. 36 Citizens

Verification of proper agenda notice: Ziegler posted the agenda on July 5, 2022, at the Townsend Post Office, Townsend Town Hall, Laona State Bank, Townsend branch, and www.townsendwisconsin.org

Adamczyk made the motion to approve the agenda with switching the 1st and 2nd business items, 2nd by Heyrman – M/A

Motion made by Heyrman to accept the minutes of June 14, 2022, 2nd by Adamczyk – M/A

Treasurer's Report – Hartman gave a P&L budget performance report. The Town received the 2nd portion of ARPA funds, and all the liquor licenses were paid. Motion by Adamczyk to approve the report and pay all the bills, 2nd by Heyrman – M/A

Ambulance Report –report on File. Janet O’Piela stated that the 1st annual Fun Day was successful and well organized. The Ambulance has applied for a Flex grant and looking for more opportunities.

Fire Department – Chief Dawn Herlache said the 4th of July Festivities went very well despite the afternoon rain. She questioned the cost of Randy’s Septic to pump out the porta-potties. (6 FD and 2 festival)

Community Advisory – Adamczyk said the committee met June 27th. They will sponsor a fall chili cookoff on October 1 along with pumpkin coloring for the kids. Prizes will include gift cards from local businesses. The committee is considering a snow carving event in the winter and taking over the watermelon eating contest next year. They relooked at the opportunity for “movie night” and will consider these events in 2023. The next meeting is Tuesday, July 19 @ 6pm

Lake Country Library – report on file. Jim Adamczyk said a new Library Director has been selected. Katie Esserman will take over next week. Building fund raising is going well. Kathleen Marsh stated that the library has met the criteria to be considered for a \$300,000.00 grant from Oconto County. They will be notified soon with confirmation. The next meeting is July 22nd @ 8am

Comp Plan Committee – N/A

Permits/Licenses – 1 Picnic and 2 operators License. Heyrman made the motion to approve all the licenses, 2nd by Adamczyk – M/A

Business:

1. Republic Services – Jim Whittinghill, Republic Municipal Manager, said Townsend’s business was going smoothly and thanked the board and the residents for their business. Kathleen Marsh asked if all the recycled material is really being recycled. Jim stated that Republic is the largest recycle center in the north part of Wisconsin. Located in Eagle River, their facility includes an auto optic sorter, metal magnet, glass separators and cardboard self-sealer. They process 150Tons of product per day. Plastic #1,2 & 5 are acceptable. NO plastic bags!! Small appliances can be recycled, also
2. Bertram Wireless – Sara Lawrence & Jim Bertram presented their vision to bring fiber optics to the Townsend area. Buried fiber optic cables, down 36-40 inches underground, will provide stability and high speed. Bertram will be laying fiber optics in Mountain and Riverview areas soon. While the implementation of this opportunity is expensive, by utilizing government grant opportunities, school grants, loans, and business investments, in the long run, it will be worthwhile to have affordable, fast, and dependable internet connections. Federal grant money is available but will be extinct by 2025.
3. Roadwork – Sawyer Lake Rd is finished, and the town has submitted their grant paperwork to the Forest Service for \$50,000.00. NEA will be laying geo-grid on a 140ft section of Burnt Dam Rd the end of July. If this is successful, more patches may occur.
4. August Board Meeting – The Primary Election is Tuesday, August 9, so the regular August Board meeting will be held Wednesday, August 10, 2022 @ 6pm
5. Road Name Change – Heyrman made the motion to change the name of Squaw Ln to Sumac Lane, 2nd by Adamczyk – M/A.

Public Comment:

Sandy Wagner asked the board if the Red Arrow ATV club could put up a tent on the trail near Grove Street Saturday, September 3. Club members would be there to distribute safety information to fellow ATV riders. This is in conjunction with the Red Arrow Picnic at the Old Town Hall. VanCamp gave permission.

VanCamp said there was some vandalism at the ballpark bathrooms. Two young brothers confessed to this mischief and wrote letters of apology. As retribution, VanCamp is having the boys do 2 hours of community service each at the ballpark during the Mardi Gras ball games.

Randy Buske, who lives on Timber Edge & Pickerel Lake Rd, asked the board if there is any way to reduce the speed limit on Pickerel Lake Rd. He said trucks and ATVS are speeding through this area and he’s afraid someone will get hurt. VanCamp explained that the state regulates these roads to 45 MPH but will discuss the problem with the NOCCO officer. Can more signage be put up? The Town will check on the legality.

When will Red Maple Ln be repaired? NEA will be there the end of July.

Correspondence:

Mike Wolfe, a Surprise Lake resident, is requesting the town grade the Log Cabin boat landing even to the waterline to allow lake water to follow the natural spillway, therefore reducing the highwater levels that have evolved over the past 60 years. The Board will investigate the options.

Announcements:

Mardi Gras in Lakewood July 15-17

7-Towns Meeting July 20 @ 6:30pm Mountain

PCLA Annual Picnic at Oughton Park July 23rd

Lakewood 125th Celebration July 23rd

Partisan Primary Tuesday, August 9 1am – 8pm

Adamczyk made the motion to adjourn at 7:45, 2nd by Heyrman– M/A

Minutes approved August 10, 2022

Linda Ziegler, Clerk