

Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, July 13, 2021
Townsend Town Hall
6:00 p.m.

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

Roll call: Chairperson Carla VanCamp, Supervisor Linda Adamczyk, Supervisor Robert Heyrman, Treasurer Beth Hartman, Clerk Linda Ziegler. 25 citizens

Verification of proper agenda notice: Ziegler posted the agenda on, 2021 at Townsend Post Office, Townsend Town Hall, Laona State Bank, Townsend branch, and www.townsendwisconsin.org. July 6, 2021

Adamczyk made an amendment to the agenda to add the contract for NEA, 2nd by Heyrman, M/A

Motion made by Heyrman to accept the minutes of, June 8, 2021, 2nd by Adamczyk– M/A

Treasure’s report – Hartman gave a P&L budget performance report. The Town of Townsend has received the first portion of the American Rescue Plan grant money of \$51863.27. This will be earmarked for specifics and kept on a separate line to keep track of. Motion by Adamczyk to approve the report and pay all the bills, 2nd by Heyrman– M/A

Ambulance Report – on File

Fire Department report – Chief Herlache stated that the 4th of July party went well. They have the 2022 calendar raffles available. They were called to assist Lakewood and Mountain during the holiday weekend. Herlache asked about the Fire Department building improvements. VanCamp stated there are funds earmarked. Herlache wants to start planning for the new fire truck.

Community Advisory Committee –Dan Martin and Roger Wight presented the final plans from the architect for the new town hall. They took all of the citizens considerations in mind and were successful in implementing. The building will be located at the old school location on School Street and will be 5000 square feet. The Advisory committee is now turning this back to the town board for implementation. More information will be at the August meeting. There is not monetary proposal yet.

Lake Country Library – Jim Adamczyk said the library hours, ect are back to normal. They have 26 children signed up for the summer programs and the advisory committee has given Nicole permission to look for another part-time employee. Next meeting July 23rd @ 8am.

Comprehensive Planning Committee: Report on file – The Comp plan met to discuss the opportunities and advantages of short-term rental regulations. They met with citizens that voiced their concerns about the safety of the community. The next meeting, Tuesday, August 3 @ 5pm, will have discussion with the owners and the public to continue the path forward. Officer Jess Kiplinger stated that any disruptions should still be reported to the Sheriff’s office. Rep. Jeff Mursau commented that Marinette County has a process for short-term rentals, and he will forward information.

Permits/Licenses – Heyrman made the motion to approve the operators license for Gloria Calaway, 2nd by Adamczyk – M/A

Public Comment:

Mary Baumgart, Presbyterian Road, asked that the speed limit on her road be reevaluated due to excessive speeders. There is new development and more people to support the 55mph on roads. Mary is also discussing the ATV signage. Monica Zeller stated that citizens are placing “no parking” signage on Horn Lake Rd. How can that be monitored?

Mark Dodge, Bertram Internet, stated that they had received \$1,445,710.00 in grant money for Phase III of the expansion project through the American Recovery Act and Oconto County Economic Development Committee. This Phase will be for fiber optics out by the Radish Farm to homes and businesses in Lakewood and Townsend, approx. 400 homes. Another grant was given to CCO Holdings, LLC a division of Charter and Spectrum for additional service within Oconto County. Mark is asking for letters of support to present to the County and the U.S Treasury. This grant money is only for fiber optics. The goal is to have 100MG for under \$100 per month. The RDOF (Rural Digital Opportunity Fund) project is a 10-year program to get companies to infiltrate the state and create choices for consumers. There are 1650 households in Townsend. Bertram was given designation for 22.45% which is 139 homes because of the guidelines.

(VanCamp left the meeting, Adamczyk continued)

Business:

- 1) Inland Lakes – John Zeller, County Rep, explained that the P&R district needed to change the town appointed coordinator and nominated John Mitchell to the position. Adamczyk made the motion to approve John Mitchell as the town representative to the P&R District #1, 2nd by Heyrman. – M/A
- 2) Changing internet to CenturyLink – Table to August
- 3) Change of Fuel Account – Table to August
- 4) Red Arrow Snowmobile/ATV – Mike VandeWalle, Red Arrow Vice President, stated that the club has been named the 2021 ACSA National Snowmobile Club of the Year, as well as the 2021 International Snowmobile Club, which mean The Red Arrow is the Best Snowmobile Club in the World!!! Gary and Sandy Wagner will be recognized in Eagle River on September 18 during the International Snowmobile Conference. The Town needs to exploit this great honor and the club would like to put signage at both ends of town. Also, the club has two vinyl banners they would like to hang on the fence on the main trail as soon as possible. Rep. Mursau stated he would help look into the DOT signage issue as well as the town checking the regulations. Mike

will also check with the property owner, Don Diamond on Hwy 32 and Elm about utilizing the sign frame.

- 5) Northeast Asphalt Roadwork – The Town of Lakewood has scheduled Chain Lake Road for resurfacing, so it makes sense for the Town of Townsend to have our section of that road done at the same time. NEA put in a bid to pulverize and asphalt for \$41,570.00. Adamczyk made the motion to accept this bid, 2nd by Heyrman – M/A

Correspondence

Announcements:

Mardi Gras July 17 and 18. Ball tournaments at Townsend 9-2 Saturday, parade Sunday at noon

Pickerel Lake Picnic @ Oughton Park Saturday July 24

Lions Craft Fair Saturday August 7 @ Lakewood Grounds

Adamczyk motioned to adjourn at 7:10, 2nd by Heyrman – M/A

*Minutes approved August 10, 2021
Linda Ziegler, Clerk*

****Prior to the meeting, Rep. Jeff Mursau presented Carla VanCamp with a plaque to commemorate her 40 years of Service on the Community Ambulance. Many of Carla's Family and friends were present for this presentation. ****