

Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, July 9, 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. 29 citizens

Verification of proper agenda notice: Ziegler posted the agenda on June 28 at Townsend Post Office, Townsend Town Hall, Laona State Bank, Townsend Branch, and www.townsendwisconsin.org.

DeMoulin made the motion to approve the agenda with an addition of one short term rental permit, 2nd by Evans – M/A

Motion made by Evans to accept the minutes of the June 11, 2024 meeting

Treasures report – Hartman gave a P&L budget performance report. Income consisted of Liquor License, Park donation and boat landing grant. Motion by Zeller to approve the report and pay all the bills, DeMoulin 2nd – M/A

Ambulance Report – Chief Steve Harkema said June was slow with just 16 calls. There is a new raffle for the building fund. New overhead doors were installed at the building.

Fire Department report – Report on file. Chief Dawn Herlache said the 4th of July fund raiser was fantastic. The ladder truck was sold to Eric Branch for \$6500.00. Deer Track Ln will have the Wildfire Assessment July 31.

Friends of Townsend Fire – N/A

Lakes Country Library – Kathleen Marsh said everything is complete with the remodel/addition and the dedication is July 27. She continues to meet with the county regarding the library consolidation

Nocco – report on file

Permits/Licenses: DeMoulin made the motion to approve two operators license, 2nd by Evans – M/A. DeMoulin made the motion to approve the short-term rental permit for Ashbaugh, 2nd by Evans – M/A

Planning & Zoning: 2 cases discussed in Business.

Business:

1. Conditional use App Michael Busch – 042-333306224D6.
Tim McGuire stated the Busch's own the property at 17092 E. Burnt Dam RD and would like to move an existing cabin onto the property. The cabin is

currently situated on McCaslin Rd. The cabin was stick built in 1947. They will be putting it on a basement with egress window and adding a mound system to the property. There are adequate public facilities to serve the proposed land use. The burdens on the local government for provided serviced for this proposal are reasonable. The proposal does agree with the Town Vision Statement as found in the Town Comprehensive Plan. The proposal does agree with the town goals, objectives and development strategies as found in the Town Comprehensive Plan. Planning & Zoning Committee is recommending approval. DeMoulin made the motion to approve the conditional use, 2nd by Evans – M/A

2. Rezone app Calmes & Rohm Const. – 042-232308922D. Tim McGuire stated that this is the Golden Eagle property on Hwy 32. Calmes & Rohm Construction purchased and plan to divide into two parcels for residential homes. The property has an odd shape, and the division will give a small portion to the south landowner, and straighten out the property line for the two properties. The properties will be over one acre with both having 100’ of lake frontage. The need for the proposed use is to raise the tax base and the surrounding parcels are zoned R-1. There are adequate public facilities to serve the proposed land use. The burdens on the local government for provided service for this proposal are reasonable. The proposal does not agree with the Town Vision Statement as found in the Town Comprehensive Plan. The proposal does not agree with the town goals, objectives and development strategies as found in the Town Comprehensive Plan. As per Chapter 3, this parcel is surrounded by R1 residential. The commercial parcel is small and detached from the concentrated area of the towns commercial area. It is our understanding that these two parcels will be used as single-family residences. Planning & Zoning is recommending approval of this rezone. DeMoulin made the motion to approve, Zeller 2nd, Evans nay. DeMoulin rescinded his motion and Zeller moved to table the decision to August, 2nd by Evans – M/A
**** the board met Tuesday, July 16 at 9am do view and discuss the rezone. Zeller motioned to not approve the rezone, 2nd by Evans – M/A****
3. BCPL Loan Resolution 01-2024 – DeMoulin recapped the Town of Townsend Resolution 01-2024. The town is making an application for a 15-year loan at 6% interest for \$900,000.00 from the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands. Copies of the resolution were made available to the public at this meeting and was published on the town website. DeMoulin made the motion to approve the application and the borrowing Resolution 01-2024, 2nd by Evans – M/A. (3 ayes)
4. Town Hall construction – the flooring will be removed Wednesday; Consolidated Construction has been chosen as the general contractor. The auction was not well attended.
5. August meeting date change – because of the Partisan Primary on Tuesday, August 13, the August board meeting will be Monday, August 12 @ 6pm

Public Comment

Linda Adamczyk said the watermelon eating contest had 47 children.

Michelle Zelle asked what happening at the parks. Zeller said the town received a country grant to repair the scoreboard, replace the garage door and get new bases and many donations are helping to replace the playground equipment. A veteran's memorial is being considered at Grove Street property.

How did the variance turn out? Oconto County approved the 2 ft variance to build closer to the highway. Don Solberg said there will be a brat fry at the archery range and asked about obtaining a picnic license. Zeller stated that Oconto County has a new zoning coordinator that is being very active in our area. The town has the Final Board of Review, new construction is up 1.6%, 5.2Million. Reassessment is probably going to be in 2027.

Correspondence: OCAWLA and Townsend Flowage District has donated money to repair the Red Maple Boat Landing. Joe and Terry Heyrman donated \$710.00 to the parks fund from the brat fry held a few weeks ago

Announcements:

Pickerel Lake Picnic @ Oughton Park July 20
Meeting July 22 with Festival, Fire Dept, Town and Sheriff regarding July 4th
Lakes Country Public Library Dedication July 27 @ 11am
AED Training after the meeting

Evans motioned to adjourn at 6:57pm, DeMoulin 2nd – M/A