

Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, February 13, 2018
Townsend Town Hall
6:00 p.m.

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

Roll call: Chairperson Carla Van Camp; Supervisor Dan Martin; Supervisor Linda Adamczyk; Treasurer Julie Schroeder; Clerk Linda Ziegler. 10 Citizens.

Verification of proper agenda notice: Ziegler posted the agenda on Tuesday, February 6 at Townsend Post Office, Townsend Town Hall, and www.townsendwisconsin.org.

Motion made by Martin to accept the minutes of the January 9, 2018 meeting, 2nd by Adamczyk– M/A

Treasures report gave a year to date vs. last year to date. Motion by Adamczyk to approve the report and pay the vouchers, Martin 2nd – M/A

Ambulance Report – report on file

Fire Department report – report on file

Comprehensive Planning Committee: No report

Permits/Licenses: Application for Operator’s License by Tammie Lynn McGlin. Van Camp motioned to accept the application, 2nd by Adamczyk – M/A

Business:

- 1) Nicole Lowery – Lakes Country Public Library

The library is a Municipal library, funded by the Town of Lakewood and Oconto County and contributions from miscellaneous sources.

Ms. Lowery appeared before the board at the request of Kathleen Marsh to discuss the possibility to create a joint library with the Town of Lakewood. The advantage of this joint library would increase the potential funding from the county and make the Town of Townsend exempt from the county tax and the Brown County and Langlade County library fees. And eliminate the possibility of Marinette County library fees.

There are State Statues (43.53) as to creating a joint library. (*info on file*)

There has to be an agreement between the towns involved (Lakewood, Townsend, Riverview and possibly Doty and Mountain). Then the process would go to the DPI (Dept. of Public Instruction) and then to Oconto County for approval.

Tax payments for the library will go to the county, which would then go directly to Lakes Country Library.

Marsh presented a Proposal to Form a Library Task Force. The Steering committee would be chaired by the library board president (Linda McKenna) along w/ town board members, citizens and county supervisors. The Action Committee would do the work and be structured similarly. She wants a commitment for the Town of Townsend to continue with this project.

Lowery said the State Legislature has no interest in changing the current statute regarding the fee structure. This project will circumvent the legislature and let the towns take control of the funding. The Library would have a Board of Directors and some oversight by the County.

In 2017 the Lakes Country Library had the 2nd highest circulation in the County.

Van Camp, Adamczyk and Martin gave their support to move forward with this project.

Marsh will be attending the 7-Towns meeting on February 26, at the Doty Town Hall, to discuss the continuation of the project.

2) Gerald Giese Beaver Removal Contract

This contract is for March thru November 2018 in the amount of \$1150.00. Martin made the motion to accept the contract for Gerald Giese for Beaver and Muskrat Control. Adamczyk 2nd – M/A

3) Bids for 1986 Chevy Truck

Three bids were opened. Martin made the motion to accept Tim Anderson's bid of \$420.00 for the 1986 Chevy Truck. 2nd by Adamczyk – M/A

4) CWPP – Martin said the Town received the \$5000.00 Brush Grant. One of the contingencies for the grant is to designate a person to be trained in doing home inspections if requested. Mike VandeWalle is working with Richard Leach from Firewise for this instruction. The DNR requested a mailing list to send out a publication "the Burning News" to our homeowners.

5) NOCCO

Adamczyk attended the 7-Town meeting January 23rd and was introduced to the hired officer, Ben Schindel. A Board of Directors has been formed to oversee this position.

The board discussed what to do with any donations that may come in. Grant money will cover larger cost items. Van Camp said the Town of Townsend has a radar gun that this officer would be able to use. Adamczyk will bring this along to the meeting on February 15. The NOCCO logo will be magnetized to use on different vehicles.

He is a Wisconsin State Certified Law enforcement officer who can enforce any local or county ordinance in place. 60% of his salary comes from the DNR. The officer can do Recreational and regular officer duties.

The Board is working to getting the towns ordinances to match. Snowmobile is almost done, then working on traffic and ATV ordinances.

The officer will begin April 1, 2018.

The Town of Gillett said there is no problem having the towns join the town municipal court system. The Board will work on fixed citation amounts, also.

6) Broadband

Ziegler attended a Wisconsin Towns Assc. presentation February 3 in Carter. Ms. Angie Dickinson from the WI Broadband Office discussed the grant opportunities from the state of

Wisconsin. Another grant of \$7 Million will be available in June, 2018. During a phone conversation on Tuesday with Ziegler, Ms. Dickinson said Bertram Wireless, from Random Lake, has requested \$600,000.00 and received matched funds of \$630,000 from Bertram and \$19,500.00 from local Townships, businesses and citizens.

The Town of Townsend had not participated in this, since we felt there was not sufficient preliminary information. With the material obtained from Ms. Dickinson on Tuesday, the board agreed that this is will be a valuable project to invest in. There are seven new towers proposed and coverage will be from Townsend to Suamico.

Martin made a motion that with the \$420.00 sale of the Chevy Truck and \$580.00 taken from Hall & Grounds depreciation fund, the town will contribute \$1000.00 to the broadband grant request. 2nd by Adamczyk – M/A

7) Five Stare Fireworks Contract

Van Camp made the motion to approve the fireworks contract for \$11,000.00 for July 2018. 2nd by Adamczyk – M/A

8) Town Hall Furnace Bids

Three bids were obtained for heating and air conditioning units. The bids must have included the ability to be moved into a new building in the future.

Martin made the motion to accept the bid from Lisowe Heating and Cooling, of Gillett, for \$13,020.00, but the board reserves the right to reject. 2nd by Adamczyk – M/A

9) Grants for Memorial Park

Wisconsin Towns Assoc. is providing grants for new parks and maintaining parks. The park is sponsored by Tom Berghuis with the committee of Claude Bowman, Jim Adamczyk and Dan Martin.

Van Camp will check on the grants available.

10) Tax exempt status for Memorial Park

Tom Berghuis wants to be able to write off his expense for the park structures.

Town property is already tax exempt. Van Camp talked with WTA who said it was up to the Federal Government if he can claim a charitable deduction.

11) Shop Lights

The Town received a grant from Focus on Energy to put T-8 LED lights in the garage. The cost of the lights was \$1080.00. The grant rebate will be \$240.00.

12) WI Asphalt Pavement Conference

Claude Bowman, Rick Opelia and Dan Martin will be attending the conference on March 8, 2018 in Kimberly.

13) Roadwork Bids

The Board will meet with Bowman on March 14 at 1pm to discuss roadwork.

14) Garage Windows

Three bids were obtained for 7 windows. Martin made a motion to accept Kidd Campshure's bid of \$3525.00 to replace and install 7 windows. 2nd by Adamczyk – M/A. These will be Weathershield brand casement windows. Martin will check with Focus on Energy for a grant prior to installation.

Public Comment:

Mike VandeWalle said the County is setting up an active shooter program which will include training of fire department members. They are also implementing a "Stop the Bleed" program, beginning with law enforcement, fire departments and EMT training, and then go to the schools and lay people. Oconto County is taking the lead throughout the nation. Advertising will begin in the Spring.

Wabeno Career Day will include CPR training. Forest Cnty, Oconto Cnty, Ambulance, Fire Dept, nurses, DNR, Forest Service and NWTC will be represented.

Correspondence:

Oconto County Economic Development is requested \$500.00. – rejected.

Letter from Jim Lamers of Pickerel Lake Assoc. regarding oxygen levels in the lake

Letter from Forestry – Meeting February 27 about Timber Projects.

Project on Diamond Roof road will be start this year with proceeds from cutting going to the schools.

Announcements:

Red Arrow Fishery Saturday February 17

Blood Mobile Monday February 19

Primary Election Tuesday February 20

7 Town Meeting February 16 @ 6:30 Town of Doty

Fire Department Career Day Tuesday February 27

Townsend Flowage Meeting Saturday March 10

Northern planning Meeting March 5 at Lakewood

Martin made motion to adjourn at 7:30pm, 2nd by Adamczyk – M/A

Minutes Approved March 13, 2018