

Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, August 13, 2019
Townsend Town Hall
6:00 p.m.

Chairperson Carla Van Camp called the meeting to order at 6:02pm

Roll call: Chairperson Carla Van Camp; Supervisor Claude Bowman; Supervisor Linda Adamczyk; Treasurer Beth Hartman; Clerk Linda Ziegler. 22 citizens

Verification of proper agenda notice: Ziegler posted the agenda on August 7, 2019 at Townsend Post Office, Townsend Town Hall, Karla's Country Kitchen and www.townsendwisconsin.org.

VanCamp amended the agenda to add an operator's application. Motion was made to accept the amended agenda by Bowman, 2nd by Adamczyk- M/A

Motion made by Adamczyk to accept the minutes of the July 9, 2019 meeting, 2nd by Bowman – M/A

Treasures report gave a year to date vs. last year to date. Hartman created an emergency Management account to be able to separate all bills related to the July 19 storm. Money was moved from the Oughton Park depreciation fund to the parks line to take care of the cement work at the Brookside park. Motion by Adamczyk to approve the report and pay the vouchers, Bowman 2nd – M/A

Ambulance Report – report on file

Fire Department Report – report on file

NOCCO Report – no meeting

Library Task Force- during meeting

Comprehensive Planning Committee: no meeting

Permits/Licenses: Picnic license; Pickerel Chain Lake, had to cancel July 20th party, and rescheduled for Sept 1 and Terry Rank Memorial. Adamczyk made the motion to approve the two-picnic license, 2nd by Bowman – M/A. Operator's License; Arlen Pierce, Linda Hatfield; Shannon Ducey. Adamczyk made the motion to approve the three operator's license, 2nd by Bowman – M/A

Business:

1) Municipal Disaster Proclamation - VanCamp stated that a Municipal Disaster Proclamation was signed by the Board on August 1, 2019 as Resolution #2019-11. Adamczyk made the motion to approve the Resolution, 2nd by Bowman – M/A

2) Loan Agreement – Oconto County offered a three-year, interest free loan of up to \$50,000. The Board decided on \$25,000.00 with the option to obtain the additional \$25,000.00. Oconto County also gave each township a \$10,000 grant. The DNR gave Townsend \$4000.00 grant for chipping the brush. The loan was agreed upon at a special meeting on August 1, 2019. The DNR has given Townsend

permission to a municipal burn at the brush site at the 1st snowfall. They are also opening up a spot for Townsend and Lakewood highway department to bring their debris.

Adamczyk made the motion to approve the minutes from the August 1 Special Meeting with the change of \$4000.00, 2nd by Bowman – M/A

3) Board of Review – Assessor was here, no appointments, all went well

4) Ambulance – Greg Weyers stated that a new subsidiary board to help with Ambulance matters. The board is comprised of three members of the Ambulance service: Bob Brown, Colleen DeCoster, Roger Geiger; 2 Townsend residence; Kim Derrickson and Debbi Ronk and 2 Lakewood residence; Greg Weyers and Rick Bartels. The goal is to improve the communication between the Ambulance and the Town Boards. Members will be attending town meetings at least once per quarter. Bob Brown had a report on YTD activity which is on file. Steve from Northwoods Fire Protection said they will do their service from here on out.

5) Library Agreement – Kathleen Marsh had in her hand the signed and finished Library Agreement. Townsend will have to pay Oconto County for one year only, \$45,585.00, per state statute. Mountain and Breed were invited by the task force to join this agreement, but they declined. Bowman made the motion that we accept the Exemption from County Library Tax Resolution #2019-15, 2nd by Adamczyk – M/A. VanCamp thanked Kathy Marsh for the endless work and hours she put into this project.

This agreement will save Townsends residence many dollars through the years.

The Town now needs two Library Trustees to be on the new board. One meeting per month, unpaid for three-year commitment. Kathleen agreed to continue on the board. The chair will appoint the 2nd trustee from the application process.

6) Bids for Cemetery clean-up- Dave's Tree Service and Dailey Tree Care. Bowman made the motion to accept the bid from Dave's Tree Service for \$2500.00, 2nd by Adamczyk – M/A. The Clerk will send a thank you to Dailey for his quote.

7) Mountain to join recycle grant – Townsend, Lakewood and Breed have been partners for the recycling grants. Mountain has asked to join the recycling grant process. Townsend has no objection to Mountain joining the Recycling program. Resolution 2019-12, Recycling Grant Authorized Representative; Resolution 2019-13, Resolution to Adopt Compliance Assurance Plan; Ordinance 2019-14, Amendment 1 Responsible Unit Recycling Ordinance. Adamczyk made the motion to accept Mountain into the Recycling Grant Agreements, Resolution 2019-12, 2019-13, 2019-14, 2nd by Bowman, - M/A

Public Comment

VanCamp started out by giving a heartfelt THANK YOU to the Fire Department, our highway department, board members, volunteers and the public for coming together during the disastrous storm of July 19. We all showed pride in our community for going out and pitching in with the utmost care, nobody got hurt while working. It was an amazing thing to see how many people showed up, asking what they can do and bringing donations to the fire department. Now, when you bring brush to the brush site, you can reload with free mulch!! The brush site attendants did a great job dealing with tense citizens. There have been multiple meetings with the official personnel with more to come. Last Friday, we applied for FEMA funds. There probably will be nothing from them, but this will open up opportunity to get funds from the State.

Dan Benoit asked if there is a location to dump debris larger than 6-inches. Mountain Stone & Boulder will take debris including contractors. They need to be notified. Townsend brush site is regulated by

the DNR. Dawn Herlache asked about the debris in the right of ways. The highway workers have been pushing debris off the side of the road right of way. They are continually working on downed trees on roads. They are also waiting to see what the land owners have planned. It will take time to see what else the town workers need to go back to. The Oconto County ATV trails are still closed. The DNR had to send letters to land owners who have trails running through their land before they can do clean up. Nicolet state trail clean-up will resume after the 21st. The Forestry inspected the Red Arrow trails and are allowing the club to begin clean up. It is important to be patient and be safe. Check the websites for updates.

Kathleen Marsh is considering this storm a catastrophe! Nothing in the past 100 years compared to the destruction to our forests and land. Power was out for 7-10 days. John Nichols, a very involved citizen was killed in an accident trying to help others on July 19, 2019

Steve from Northwoods Fire Protection said there is rumor that his business was bought out. This is not true and hopes the business will be here for the long haul.

John Marsh asked if there is damage to the cemetery stones. The town will not know the extent of the damage until these trees are removed. VanCamp will check on the damage and let John know if there are any military stones damaged. Town insurance would only cover stone damage as the result of our negligence. Townsend is better off because of our dedicated highway department and great volunteers. Other townships don't have employees and the County had to help more. The County charge is \$127.00/per man per hour along with other incidentals.

Correspondence – N/A

Announcement:

Red Arrow Corn Roast @ Old Town Hall Saturday August 31
Pickerel Lake Assoc Picnic @ Oughton Park Sunday September 1
Muscle Maniacs Picnic @ Oughton Park September 8
WTA Fall Town workshop @ Potawatomi Casino Sept 9 8-3pm

VanCamp made the motion to adjourn at 7:03pm – 2nd by Bowman – M/A