

Regular Town Board Meeting

February 14, 2024 Kildare Town Hall

Present: Chairman Dennis Franek, Supervisors Ken Rogge, Brian D. Hawkins, Clerk Jennifer Masch and Treasurer Michelle Senzig. Residents/property owners: Karen Miller and Tim Koscal, Guest: Roger Lipski

The Regular Town Board Meeting was called to order by Chairman Dennis Franek at 7:01 p.m.

Written Minutes of the January 2024 Town Board Meetings were provided. Motion by D. Franek to approve the minutes; second by K. Rogge; carried by a voice vote of 3 ayes.

Treasurer's Report was given by M. Senzig: End of January 2024 checking account balance was \$382,020.18,742.44. Balance as of February 14, 2024, was \$656,199.04. Bank of Mauston CD balance was \$100,000.00. A Motion by D. Franek to enter the treasurer's report into the official minutes; second by B.D. Hawkins; carried by a voice vote of 3 ayes.

Clerk's Report. J. Masch Reported that the someone has been dumping trash at one of the properties on 26th Ave, I talked to someone that was at the property and they said that there should be no garbage. We will need to keep an eye on this and get the trash picked up that is scattered along the ditch.

Next election will be on April 2, 2024, with the systems test on April 1, 2024, at 1:00pm at the Kildare Town Hall.

Ambulance Report B.D. Hawkins reported that this was the first meeting after the holidays. The Call numbers for November were 175 total with 12 in Kildare and 21 transfers, for December there were 241 total calls with 11 in Kildare and 29 transfers. The balance at the end of December was \$180,659.96. They are down two full time positions and are in the process of interviewing. All shifts are covered in both locations. The annual report was pretty good, but they would like to get the government to increase the cost they cover for services. In 2023 the total reductions in cost covered by the government were around \$900,000.00 with 75% of all calls being patience with Medicaid, Medicare, or other Government Issued Insurances. If they do increase what is covered that would help us with our yearly dues.

Supervisor's Report. D. Franek reported that Anderson will be working on brushing this week or next. Jim Hall hasn't started working on the low hanging trees on 55th St D. Franek will give him a call. Road patching will start when it's nice. Juneau County has some patching materials but it's harder to work with. Blackstone has materials that are easier to work with, so we continue to use that.

Public Comments Brian D Hawkins wanted to share some information he learned about the new Juneau Solar Park that will be installed in our neighboring area. This will hook into the existing transition lines. Properties will be leased for \$90 million to landowners. This has been in the planning process and some people had no clue it was being installed.

Tim Koscal asked if the town could buy and maintain their own snowplow for all of our roads instead of contracting Juneau County. With the payment, insurance, labor, and storage the cost would not be in the towns price range.

Tim also asked if there was a limit on the number of dogs allowed per property. Juneau County takes care of dog regulations, and you must contact them if you have over 3 dogs. The Town has an Ordinance for dogs as well.

Karen Miller asked about the Pine Valley properties and asked if they have any issues with their residents outside of the homes that would affect the residents around them to be notified. There was an incident a week or so ago that fully suited officials were on the property across the roadway from one of the homes and the neighbors were not notified to stay safe in their home or that anything was going on. They had to call the Sheriff's department as they were scared. She has a lot of abended building by her that someone could hide in and that scares her. The town will contact Jeremy Bonikowske from the Juneau County Emergency Management Department.

Business

- A. Motion to submit the annual Petition for County Aid for Highway Road Construction and pay our \$500 matching share by D. Franek; second by K. Rogge; carried by a voice vote of 3 ayes. Signed petition and check to be sent to Juneau County Public Works Department.
- B. Talked about the playground revitalization project for the Village of Lyndon Station for their playground revitalization project. The Village of Lyndon sent an update (can be found on the town website) about the project and where they are at with donations. They are looking at getting the new equipment in early this Spring. The town is going to stay updated on their progress and if funds are still needed toward the end, we can look at donating more. If no funds are needed, we can look at helping with future maintenance.
- C. Culvert Inventory and Assessment. This is for us to document any bridges or large culverts in our township that qualify for county aid. Delmore was selected by the county to help with this process if we would need them. We would get \$100 per qualifying bridge or culvert that would get paid to who documents the information for us. A Motion by D. Franek to sign the contract with Delmore Consulting to provide this service; seconded by B.D. Hawkins; carried by a voice vote of 3 ayes. Signed contract to be sent to Delmore Consulting.

D. Camper Permit Review

1. W2492 54th St –D. Franek was not able to talk to anyone but will try stopping again.
2. N2417 JIMMYS RD - There are two campers that are set up at this fire number that need permits. A letter has been sent and we are waiting for response.
3. W2870 54th St – Has 3 campers on the property, one will need to be removed. A letter has been sent and we are waiting for response.

Building Permits/Land Use: Nieman Roofing Jill Biederman W3136 Nieman Rd - Fire Number | Vera Carroll W3515 Cty Rd HH - 2 - Fire Number (N3515 & N3503) Motion by D. Franek to approve all applications; second by K. Rogge; carried by voice vote of 3 ayes.

Payables. Motion by D. Franek to pay bills; second by B.D. Hawkins; carried by voice vote of 3 ayes.

Future Meeting Agenda/ Items: Holding Tank Review, Set date for Financial Audit

Motion by D. Franek to adjourn; second by B.D. Hawkins; carried by voice vote of 3 ayes. Meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Masch, Clerk