



MINUTES OF THE TOWN BOARD MEETING
January 11, 2024

1. **Call meeting to order, Pledge of Allegiance, and announcement of meeting notice.** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Hartwig. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Clerk Eichner confirmed the meeting notification.
2. **Roll call.** Town Chairman Robert Hartwig, Supervisors Dave Behringer, Steve Fischer, Marcy Bishop, and Joe Kufahl (7:35) were present. Also present was, Attorney Tim Andringa, Treasurer Monica Diaz, and Clerk Bob Eichner.
3. **Approval of the agenda.** Motion by Fischer, seconded by Bishop, to approve the agenda. Motion carried 4-0.
4. **Approval of the minutes.** Motion by Bishop, seconded by Fischer, to approve the minutes for the December 5, December 14, and December 19, 2023 Town Board Meeting. Motion carried 4-0.
5. **Resident comment on any agenda item.** Michael Dueno, 1448 Fiesta Court spoke in support of Item 10, speed limit on Center Road. Mr. Dueno believes a slower limit than the unposted 55mph, is warranted. There are 3 blind curves on this road, as well as hills. A minimum of 4 farmers use Center Road to move equipment and crops and travel well below 55 mph. Speeding is also a constant concern at this road is a less traveled route from Western Avenue to STH 60. Mr. Dueno thinks a 45mph speed limit is needed. Mr. Dueno also requested a stop sign be erected at the intersection of Fiesta Court and El Camino Drive.
6. **Washington County Sheriff Liaison report** – No report; Deputy Wright was not present.
7. **Jackson Fire Department Report** – Clerk Eichner presented Chief Swaney's December Call report for the Town. There were 22 calls, including 4 car accidents, 1 fire alarm, and 2 structure fires.
8. **Discussion and possible action – Jackson Elementary School future planning concerns.** – Ms. Heather Nothem, 4158 Jackson Drive, presented a report on her efforts regarding the rumored closing of Jackson Elementary School. After speaking with the West Bend Schools Superintendent, Ms. Nothem stated that JES is not slated to be closed and that the School Board is having studies on the upgrades for the school. Ms. Nothem believes that this won't be enough; that a K-8 grade facility needs to be considered. When asked, the individual Board members supported this cause, the Town Board has no authority over the school boards in the Town. The Board and the Town Attorney did offer advice on gathering information and ways of rallying Jackson families' support for her cause. They also concurred that periodic progress updates would be welcome. No formal action was taken on this item.
9. **Discussion and possible action- Consideration of Resolution J-2024-001, A Resolution to Petition for Washington County Bridge/Culvert Repair Funding for the Culvert Replacement on Sherman Road.** Motion by Kufahl, seconded by Bishop, to approve Resolution J-2024-001, requesting \$7,689.37 in reimbursement for the culvert replacement. Motion carried 5-0.
10. **Discussion and possible action – Consideration of speed limit on Center Road between Western Ave and STH 60.** After discussion, Motion by Bishop, second by Behringer, to lower and post the speed limit on Center Road from Western Avenue, to STH 60. Motion carried. The request for a stop sign at Fiesta Ct. and El Camino Dr will be considered at the February 8, Town Board meeting. No other action was taken.

- 11. Update, discussion, and possible action – Review of notice for RFP for new Town Attorney selection.** Clerk Eichner presented the Notice for Requests for Proposals for the new attorney. The notice will be on our website, at our posting locations, published on the Wisconsin Towns Association website, and in the West Bend Daily News and the Cedarburg News Graphic until the end of January. No other action was taken.
- 12. Discussion, and possible action – Town Hall Barroom remodel update, rental fee, and liquor license holder.** – This item is tabled until the February 8 Town Board meeting.
- 13. Discussion and possible action – Consideration of next Truck replacement timeline.** Motion by Bishop, seconded by Behringer to accept the proposal for the next truck replacement presented by Lakeside International, and to be placed in the queue. Motion carried 5-0.
- 14. Update, discussion, and possible action – Consideration of Tractor Loader/Backhoe.** No action on this item; still seeking pricing and availability.
- 15. Update, discussion, and possible action – Consideration of Skid Loader.** No action on this item, still need pricing. Consensus of the Board is that the priority for replacement is for the Tractor Backhoe.
- 16. Washington County Board Report.** Seven county employees were recognized for years of service. Hartwig got clarification on why certain intersections on CTH M are getting turn lanes and some are not. Those intersections that have a 4-way stop, or where the stop sign is on CTH M do not require turn lanes. Linda Mutschler of the Cedar Lakes Conservation Foundation presented a report on farming in Washington County. In 1972, 72% of the land in the County was dedicated to farming. In 2023 that number has dropped to 43%. The relocation order, (right-of-way acquisition), for CTHM is being revised.
- 17. Treasurer’s report.** The Treasurer’s report and facility rental report were presented. \$3.6 million in taxes has been collected. 276 dog tags and 651 transfer station placards were issued. Last year we sold 946 placards. Checks for the January settlement were issued, totaling \$2.6 million. 2023 fund transfers were completed.
- 18. Ground’s report.** Removed snow and salted for storms several times. Did maintenance on the snowblower. Took Dog waste to the Transfer station.
- 19. Noxious Weeds report.** No report
- 20. Building’s report.** Installed cardboard in old ventilation holes in the north wall of the bar. Re-caulked the flat roof. Replaced the bulbs in the exit lights in the barn. Took contractor waste and one of the old coolers from the bar to the Transfer Station. Cleared the Jackson Room for the new carpet. Behringer will be contacting the roofing company for the Transfer station roof repairs.
- 21. Transfer Station report.** So far, the new service seems to be going well. Bishop plans on putting the board up reminding users that the new placards need to be purchased by February 3rd. and she will be at the Transfer Station in February.
- 22. Equipment Manager report –** one of the mirrors was broken on one of the plow trucks. There is a concern that Al Guhl is gone this weekend with a snowstorm forecast. The Board asked Clerk Eichner to check the policies for time off requests during winter months.
- 23. Highway/Chairman’s report.** Brush pile was burned. Hauled 5 loads of recyclables. Broke down metal and aluminum. Safety Kleen picked up 500gallons of used oil. GFL started the new contract. Equipment was serviced and the wing and salter was put on Truck 16. Plowing and salting for 4 storms using 100 ton of salt. Took care of 4 downed trees from wet snow and wind. Repaired a mailbox on Pleasant Valley damaged by plow. Truck 16 was involved in a minor accident at Church & Pioneer plowing during the last storm. Replaced Road signs. Put up snow markers.
- 24. Zoning Administrators Report.** One Energy Solar Farm has been sold to WE Energies and will be coming to the January 31st Park & Planning meeting to amend the CUP. There is an issue with the new decommissioning letter of credit that Jim and Attorney Andringa are working on. The farm installation is complete and is waiting for a hook up from WE Energies.

25. Clerk's report The County has changed Their comprehensive plan for land divisions from 5 acres minimum to 1.5 acre minimum. There were 5 land sales in December including the Solar Farm. On January 17, Eichner will be attending a webinar on the new State requirement for a culvert, 6 feet to 20 feet wide, and bridge inventory. Virtual BOR webinars are March 19. At least one member must be trained each year. We did receive insurance settlement for the bridge rail damage on Pleasant Valley Road.

26. Communications and announcements. None

27. Review of bills and authorization of payment. Motion by Bishop, seconded by Fischer to approve the vouchers as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

28. Adjournment. Motion by Fischer, seconded by Kufahl, to adjourn at 9:27 pm. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert M Eichner

Robert M. Eichner, Clerk
Approved: February 8, 2024

Robert H Hartwig

Robert Hartwig, Chairman