

FEBRUARY 24, 2025 MEETING MINUTES

1. Call meeting to order at 7:01 pm. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. Approval of minutes from January meeting. Motion made by Kopf/Jahn, carried 2-0.
3. Public Comments - (Please note this is the Town Board's monthly business meeting, not a public hearing. People wishing to speak on any item not on the agenda should present their comments now under this "Public Comments" agenda item. In addition, although the Board can receive comments on matters not included on this agenda, it cannot discuss or take action on these matters.) (Each commenter will be limited to a total of 3 minutes.).
 - a. Joe Simon from the Eldorado picnic committee inquired about building a permanent stage at the end of the pavilion. Looking for about 24'x12'x30" high.
 - b. Jeff White inquired about Olden Rd updates, which there were none at this time.
4. Reports:
 - a. Chairman Dave Jahns – Jahns has had a call regarding garbage missed on a couple of roads and would be picked up on Monday. Attended a seminar at Retlaw by Envision FDL, met with developers regarding future development. The County is growing, but there's a housing shortage. Talked to Ken at Cedar Corp who does planning. He's planning to attend next month's meeting to discuss our comprehensive plan. Discussed with Terry at the County on how we can continue to grow. Dave also had a discussion with James with the DNR regarding Dike Rd grant received by Lamartine. The town has 0.7 miles from the town line to parking lot driveway. He sent Dave a form to apply for a grant to redo our portion of the road. He will keep in touch. We received a letter last month from the County regarding the failed septic at the ballpark. We need to get it replaced in the Spring. Will probably go with a holding tank rather than a mound. Mark Issac had inquired about the blighted properties on Blewett and it looks like things are getting cleaned up. The State has now adopted new plumbing codes, so we will need to update ordinances with that and the recently updated electrical codes. Dave will also check the county ordinance on ditches.
 - b. Supervisor Joe Kopf – Kopf will be checking up on a few property clean-ups. He made a few calls on used snowplows, but they didn't have wings and/or salters. He talked with Jim Simon about the ballpark sign and Jim is planning to attend a meeting in the Spring.
 - c. Supervisor Aaron Rickert – No report.
 - d. Clerk Kristy Weinke – Spring Primary was held last Tuesday with a very low turnout and preparations will start next week for Spring Election on April 1st. Otherwise, have been busy with community center rentals and building permit inquiries.
 - e. Treasurer Vickie Michels – GC \$34,952.10; ARPA \$29,156.76; SF \$1,004.69; MM \$317,535.38; TC \$742,839.76; NE \$278,552.65; OR \$80,000
 - f. Plan Commission – Jeff White reported that the recent CSMs have been completed. The substation residents reported some issues and concerns at the last meeting. EPC will follow up with Alliant to address those. The EPC will be reviewing the landscape plan as well. No plans have recently been submitted.
 - g. Town Highway – Mike Pionke is back at work. Salter had to be fixed. International truck does not want to start but runs fine with a little ether. He had to replace the alternator in tanker truck. Replaced valve stems and rebalanced tires on Ford truck. Next will be cutting and trimming trees once things are a bit drier.

- h. Fire Department – Jim Pionke reported ten calls last month, one accident, one crash detection (nothing), four grass fires, and two fire calls-one in Brandon and one in Van Dyne that was called off enroute.
 - a. Discussion and possible action on hiring a fire inspector for town inspections – Mike and Jerry met with Lance Thomas, fire inspector with Waupun. He would charge \$25 for two inspections, which would include two re-inspections, if needed. There are 28 inspectable properties in town. Lance wanted to be employed through the town, so that he would be covered by our liability insurance. Motion by Jahns/Kopf to hire Lance Thomas as Fire Inspector at a rate of \$25/inspection, carried 2-0.
- i. First Responders – Lisa Leichtfuss reported one accident call, five medical calls, and one phone crash detection, which was nothing. April is the Easter egg hunt at the fire station.
- 5. Discussion and possible action on unlawful tax claim by Spectrasite Communications property located at W8548 Korth Road –
Town was served papers disputing property tax payment made for 2024 in the amount of \$557.35. Motion by Kopf/Jahns to disallow the tax claim, carried 2-0.
- 6. Discussion of failing septic system at Simon Field - no action at this time, discussion only – Jahns discussed with County as letter stated that it needed to be replaced within 30 days but was given the okay to wait until Spring. He will contact Ziegelbauer to find out the size of the community center tank, so we can determine the recommended size of the holding tank.
- 7. Questions or Comments on Agenda items - Individuals wishing to speak on any agenda item discussed above should present their comments now under this “Public Comments” agenda item. Each commenter will be limited to a total of three consecutive minutes under this agenda item.
 - a. Jim Pionke inquired about opening bids for the mowing. Will add to next month’s agenda.
 - b. Joe Simon asked for more details on the Simon Field sign.
- 8. Items intended for next monthly meeting – permanent stage in the pavilion and open bids on mowing.
- 9. Approve and pay monthly bills
- 10. The Town Board intends to convene into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(g) for the purpose of conferring with legal counsel for the Town who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the Town with respect to litigation in which the Town is or is likely to become involved and pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(e) for the purpose of deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. During the closed session, the Board will discuss matters related to nuisance property complaints. (Roll Call Vote Required), motion carried 2-0.
- 11. Adjourn meeting to closed session at 8:03 p.m. Motion made by Kopf/Jahns, carried 2-0.

Kristy Weinke, Town Clerk