APPROVED

Town Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, September 7, 2021

Time: 5:00 p.m.

Location: 2800 Ward Ave, La Crosse, WI 54601

Town Officials Present: Chairman Tim Candahl, Supervisors Renee Knutson, Marlene Heal, Tim Padesky, Tim Ehler, Administrator Christina Peterson, Clerk Fortune Weaver, Treasurer Sara Jarr, Public Works

Director Terry Wright, and Fire Chief Tony Holinka.

Town Officials Excused: N/A

Attendance List: N/A

- 1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Candahl at 5:00 p.m.
- 2. <u>Minutes from 8/24/2021 and 8/30/2021</u>. Motion by Knutson to approve minutes from 8/24/2021 and 8/30/2021, second by Heal. Motion carried unanimously.
- 3. <u>Bills Payable.</u> Motion by Padesky to approve open invoices: \$46,375.94 and paid invoices: \$27,692.10, second by Heal. Motion carried unanimously.
- 4. <u>Citizen's Concerns</u>. Clyde Benjamin N1660 Timber Lane- problem on the road up in his area. Road has a trench across it, it's been there for years. Its purpose is to direct water off the road and into the forest. It has deteriorated dramatically; each rain washes away more of that trench. If a car drives there at any rate of speed their bumper would be compromised. Resident has met with the Town multiple times; nothing has been done. Mid-august, some work was done, but now there is no work being conducted. The priority level needs to be raised because it washes away every time the rain, the road deteriorates. Blacktop was cut up and there is a game plan on when they can finish that project. Wright noted what work has been completed. Candahl noted that hot mixing in Hagen will be completed. They are not going to dig it out until the day they fix it, so that it doesn't wash out completely. Candahl noted that it'll be done some time in the next 30 days because all hot mixing will cease after then.
- 5. <u>Service Recognition of Marlin Helgeson and Steve Lundsten.</u> Tabled until next meeting due to scheduling conflicts.
- 6. Property Purchase Nelson Property Parcel No. 11-375-0 and 11-358-0. Peterson noted the zoning and property value established by La Crosse County. Unsure if the County considered that the parcels are landlocked. Peterson seeking confirmation that the town can go into negotiations for purchasing or arranging a donation of the land to the Town of Shelby. Ehler noted naming rights would assist in negotiations. Candahl suggested an offer of \$5,000.00. Motion by Padesky to begin negotiations with the Nelson's for the property, second by Knutson. Motion carried unanimously.
- 7. <u>2020 Financial Audit.</u> Peterson gave overview of the audit. Jarr gave additional details. See Audit Draft Attached.
- 8. Parks and Vacant Land Committee Appointment. Motion by Padesky to appoint Brad Reinhart to the Parks and Vacant Land Committee as a member and Meredith Tomesh to the Parks and Vacant Land Committee as an alternate, second by Heal. Motion carried unanimously.
- 9. <u>Administrator Report.</u> Peterson noted discussion of the annexation of land surrounding the Shrine to City of La Crosse, including the Right-of-Way for County MM. Peterson noted the consultant for the Shrine requested the Town's approval, but she is not aware if the Town approval is required. No formal document has been received from the City. Peterson will work with Public Works to apply for TRIP funding. Peterson noted the water extension to Boma Road will be coming before the

- Sanitary District #2 again. It was suggested that the Town host another meeting with more clear figures for assessment. Peterson noted the Newsletter will be going out in the next week or so, the Sanitary District #2 vacancy will be advertised. The Newsletter will also include information from the floods, Fire Department Fall information and the survey and comprehensive plan information. Candahl noted that he agrees with moving forward with the water extension, he encourages the board to think about that because the decision will be coming soon. Candahl noted that with less of an assessment and not being forced to hook up will make them more amiable.
- 10. Public Works Report. Crew is up on Skyline Access Road and around town patching roads and fixing other issues. Coulee Springs Lane is complete. Bloomer Mill Road is complete as well, Padesky noted that the road looks great. Wright noted that the new sewer line was put in and is working without issues currently. Manske will be re doing draining ditches on Southdale. On the Bridge, the rock, rip rap and slurry will be placed below to try and hold that and protect it from further washout. The plan for the bridge has been approved by the bridge inspector.
- 11. Chairperson/Supervisors Report.
- a. Candahl noted the tours have been taken care of with almost everyone. Has been in contact with railroad, DOT, US Fish and Wildlife. Took a tour with Jill Billings, Renee Knutson, Brad Pfaff and Kevin Rindy, a lot of comments received from the representatives. Wright noted the resident on Seven Rivers is doing work that is causing silt to come down the hill and plug the pipe. The pipe has required clearing by the Town multiple times a week. Padesky noted that we should send a bill for the labor we're spending on clearing that out. Candahl gave additional details regarding the tour and comments that the town has received.
- 12. <u>Fire Department Report.</u> Holinka noted the Four Alarm Scramble fundraiser at Fox Hollow is on Saturday. Holinka gave overview of the calls received recently. Crisis counseling was made available for those who responded. Greenfield is going to update their ordinance for Fire Department related fines. Holinka noted he is going to use Shelby's ordinance as an example and to provide uniformity for the Fire Department since Shelby responds to Greenfield. New members coming on to the Department. Holinka is trying to get Station 2 more appropriately staffed.
- 13. <u>Adjournment.</u> Motion by Padesky, to adjourn the meeting at 5:50 p.m. second by Heal. Motion carried unanimously.

Next Town Board Meeting – September 21, 2021 @ 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Fortune M. Weaver, Clerk