

TOWN OF TROY BOARD MEETING

February 13, 2024

The regular Town of Troy board meeting was called to order by chairman, Jeff Lohr, at 7:30 p.m., on Tuesday, February 13, 2024, at the town hall.

The pledge of allegiance was led by chairman, Lohr.

Roll call was taken with the following responding: Jeff Lohr, Brad Anderson, Greg Sprecher, Lloyd E. Ballweg, and Mary Zins.

It was confirmed that the agenda was properly posted in three locations in the township and mailed to all board members.

Lohr requested item i, "hiring full-time patrolman," be moved to item c on the agenda. Anderson made a motion, seconded by Sprecher, approving the modified agenda. Motion carried 3-0.

Minutes:

Anderson made a motion, seconded by Sprecher, approving the January 9, 2024, minutes as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

Treasurer's Report:

Anderson made a motion, seconded by Sprecher, approving ACH payments and checks #9574-#9610 totaling \$549,723.49. Motion carried 3-0. Ballweg updated the board on the property taxes and special assessments collected. The February settlement to the school districts will be mailed before the due date of February 20th.

Patrolman's Report:

With the mild winter there was not anything to recount.

Citizen's Comments:

Tanya Anderson inquired if there would not be a better way of notifying residents when due to inclement weather there would be a change in garbage/recycling pickup. There was significant discussion regarding the issue but no solution.

Business Items:

Nicholas Statz had submitted supporting documents to the Plan Commission regarding the construction of a 48' x 32' garage on Parcel #0597-00000 Said documents were forwarded to the town board.

With the recommended approval of the Plan Commission, Anderson made a motion seconded by Sprecher, to approve the construction of said structure on Parcel #0597-00000, Black Hawk Assessor's Plat (CSM #5363) Lot 1, Sec. 8, T9N, R5E. Motion carried 3-0.

The draft of the Sauk Fire District Intermunicipal Agreement submitted by Sauk Fire District Secretary, Mike Fehrenbach, for approval was reviewed and discussed. Anderson made a motion, seconded by Sprecher, authorizing town chairman, Jeffrey Lohr, to sign said document. Motion carried 3-0.

Lohr indicated that an individual was interested in being employed as a patrolman for Troy township, but he understood he has accepted Town of Honey Creek's offer. If the board would agree to offer \$25/hour plus benefits for a full-time patrolman, it would total approximately \$73,000/year.

\$50,000 has been budgeted for 2024 for that position. A part-time patrolman being offered \$25/hour plus benefits would total approximately \$46,000/year. Anderson made a motion, seconded by Sprecher, to contact the individual who was interested in the position to see if he is still available and when working on the 2025 budget, increase the amount allotted for that function. Motion carried 3-0.

Sprecher received two proposals for a truck chassis. They are I-State Truck Center Madison—2025 Western Star 47XSF Single Axle Patrol Truck--**\$134,069**; Truck Country of Wisconsin, Inc.—Freightliner 114SD Plus--**\$121,669**. Both parties requested a \$10,000 down payment. Anderson made a motion, seconded by Sprecher, to purchase the Freightliner. Motion carried 3-0.

Lohr stated that the Department of Transportation and Wisconsin Towns Association are recommending that 6' and 20' culverts and uninspected bridges be examined and documented (Small Bridge Program). The town board or Delmore Consulting could conduct the study which must be completed by April 15th. Anderson made a motion, seconded by Lohr, that the board do the assessment during the spring inspection of the town roads. Motion carried 3-0.

There was discussion regarding if it is necessary to post the roads this spring. Anderson made a motion, seconded by Sprecher, to discuss with Pat Gavinski, Sauk County Highway Commissioner, the status of the county's action on this subject. Motion carried 3-0.

Lohr received an \$18,000 bid from Gabe's Top It or Drop it Tree Service, LLC, Wild Rose, WI, to trim trees on Badger, Santerra, and Fox Roads. Anderson made a motion to table a decision and address the county if they would be interested in the assignment. Motion carried 3-0.

There must be one individual on the Board of Review who has received certification training annually. It was decided that Lohr and Anderson will attend the district meeting on February 24th at the Wilderness Resort, Wisconsin Dells, to receive said training.

Assessor, Bradley Murdock, requested approval to hold open book by phone and Board of Review on May 15, 2024, from 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Because two board members have full time employment, Anderson made a motion, seconded by Sprecher, to change the time for Board of Review to 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Motion carried 3-0.

Sprecher, Anderson, and Lohr, will attend the Wisconsin Towns Association district meeting on Thursday, February 15th at the Honey Creek town hall.

Board Comments:

Lohr attended the safety meeting held in Plain.

Sprecher stated Brian Hanson, Plan Commission chairman, suggested the web site should be updated regarding the procedure to obtain approval to construct a structure or install a driveway. He also suggested inserting a newsletter with the tax statements.

Anderson announced that there will be a Plain fire/ambulance meeting on Monday evening, February 19th. On the agenda will be installing a water main and concrete platform for the fire station. It is his opinion that this is not a necessary expense.

Anderson made a motion, seconded by Sprecher, to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Zins

Mary Zins, Clerk