

Town of Oconto Falls Regular Board Meeting Minutes Monday January 9, 2023, 6 p.m. at the Town Hall

Chairman Alsteen called the meeting to order at 6pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll Call-Alsteen, Peterson, Kaczmarek, Rieth, Mogged present for the board.

Becky Hinkhouse, Bob April, Roger Kane, Sharon & Wayne Wenzel and Mary Renel present for the public.

Motion to approve the agenda made by Kaczmarek, second by Peterson. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting as published made by Kaczmarek, second by Peterson. Motion carried.

Rieth presented the treasurer's Report.

The motion to pay bills was made by Peterson, second by Kaczmarek. Motion carried.

Mail in payment of taxes is encouraged. In person tax collection at the town hall was busy in December and will be held once more from 3-7pm on January 25, 2023.

Motion to adopt Resolution #36, Town of Oconto Falls Fee Schedule as presented was made by Kaczmarek, second by Peterson. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the Town Wage and Compensation Schedule. Tractor rental for the Big Dumpster Days events was raised from \$12.50 per hour to \$15.00 per hour. Planning commission meeting compensation was increased \$5 per meeting for the chair, the secretary and the members. Motion to approve the increases was made by Kaczmarek, second by Peterson. Motion carried.

Ordinance #1, Town Hall rental, needed to be amended to reflect the current contact information and rules concerning the rental. Motion to correct and amend the Town Hall rental document made by Peterson, second by Kaczmarek. Motion carried.

Ordinance #2, Division of Duties of Elected Officials, needed state statute information updated and current business practice information updated. Motion to approve the updated version of Ordinance #2 was made by Peterson, second by Kaczmarek. Motion carried.

Ordinance #11, Invoice Payment Procedure, needed contact and address information updated. The motion to update Ordinance #11 was made by Kaczmarek, second by Peterson. Motion carried.

Information only IRS 2023 – mileage went from \$.585 to \$.655

WTA 2023 District Meetings are starting. Kaczmarek, Alsteen and possibly Peterson will attend the meeting at Wabeno on January 21st. Mogged and Rieth will attend on February 11th.

It was decided the job descriptions for the clerk and treasurer laid out in Ordinance #2, Division of Duties of Elected Officials will be used as the job descriptions for hiring the appointed clerk and treasurer. The motion to use those job descriptions was made by Alsteen, second by Peterson. Motion carried.

Bob April, representing the Town Hall Maintenance Ad-Hoc Committee, talked to a couple of contractors about options for an ADA compliant ramp for the front entrance of the town hall. Alsteen also requested that when he meets with them, get quotes for windows and siding as well.

Public Discussion- The back entrance needs attention on election days. In case of an

emergency, there must be a second clear, safe path out of the building. Mary Renel asked about the 2023 GFL schedule. We now have a corrected calendar on the website. Becky Hinkhouse reported pavement damage on Coffee Lane from the snow plow. Dave will check it out. She also asked if there was new information on the slow no-wake issue on the Oconto River. Dave is continuing to work on the process. She also asked if we are going to get curbside recycling bins. The town has contacted GFL several times to get ballpark pricing on that option but they have not gotten back to us. Roger Kane asked how the Town taxes went up 19%. The difference is the new vehicle payment. In 2021 the town levied \$188,806 with no vehicle payment. In 2022, the town levied \$190,791 plus a \$36,860 vehicle payment, a 19% increase. There was also a question as to why, if the town has a fund balance, why did we finance the truck. Most of the money in our fund balance is only there until it is passed on to other entities we collect taxes for.

Town Board Discussion-The 2011 plow truck needs a new box, the county will find one and make the repairs. We have purchased the new clerk laptop and IT support to make use of the \$1200 grant we received from WEC.

Motion to adjourn was made by Peterson, second by Kaczmarek. Motion carried.

Susan Mogged, Clerk