

Town of Oconto Falls Regular Board Meeting Minutes Monday January 15, 2024, 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.

Chad Kary, Bob April, Roger Kane, Sharon & Wayne Wenzel and Bob Wolf 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 Kaczmarek, second by Peterson. 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 24, 2024.

The City of Oconto Falls would like to annex Columbia St from Farm Rd to Cty I. They intend to renovate Columbia St and want to do the whole thing. We will lose ¼ mile of road aid, but no taxable properties.

Chad Kary was present to represent Sara Streblow for a rezone application and a CUP application. Both were previously approved by the Town of Oconto Falls planning committee. This will be a sand and gravel excavation and material removal operation on the north side of County Rd CC, east of Degantown Rd. It is expected to be in operation for 10-15 years. It will be a smaller site than the current site on the south side of County CC. Peterson made a motion to approve the rezone application. Kaczmarek seconded. Motion carried. Peterson made a motion to approve the CUP application. Kaczmarek seconded. Motion carried.

Roger Kane spoke concerning the jake braking issue on State Highway 22 near his home. Kane wanted it recorded in the minutes that he has requested several times for something to be done and as of this time, nothing has been done. Alsteen will check into it with the county.

The IRS 2024 reimbursement for mileage will increase from \$.655 to \$.67.

The WTA 2024 District Meeting in Carter will be attended by all 5 members of the board on January 27, 2024. They will be traveling together.

The Town Hall Maintenance Ad-Hoc Committee Report was presented by Bob Wolf. A Keller Rep was here on Friday January 12, with sub contractors to get better measurements for their bid process. Pricing should be coming soon.

Public Discussion-None

Town Board Discussion-

1. UES, our IT provider has switched the clerk laptop to a 24/7 monitoring system at a rate of \$55 per month. Since that price was a little more than half of what we had budgeted for the monitoring of the clerk laptop required by state statute, the clerk and treasurer decided we

would have monitoring for both laptops since the treasurer laptop has all of our banking information on it.

2. The Town of Oconto Falls will have no Spring Primary in February.

3. There has been money budgeted at the state level to inventory and inspect all small bridges/culverts, from 6' to 20', on town roads in the state. You can do it yourself and be reimbursed for it or hire a contractor to do it and be reimbursed for the cost. Mogged is signed up for a webinar explaining the process on Wednesday January 17th.

4. We are putting together a plan to provide in-person absentee voting at the town hall for the presidential election in November. It may be held on Tuesday October 22 and Tuesday October 29 from 4-8pm. The goal would be to alleviate the long lines to vote and to register to vote on the evening of the election. Election officials will verify the voter is registered or register the voter, confirm ID and be the witness on the voters' absentee certificate. This may create a time crunch on election day when opening and processing the absentee ballots, but it is felt that time crunch will be more manageable than long lines.

5. One of the plows went into the ditch on Friday night. O'Harrows tractor pulled them out. We will send them a token of our appreciation.

6. Small Town Fitness will have their grand opening on Thursday night January 18.

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

Susan Mogged, Clerk