

TOWN OF NEWPORT

MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, June 13, 2023
Newport Memorial Town Hall
N9236 Town Hall Road, Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965

Citizens Present: Ellen Pulver (Columbia County ATV/UTV), Aaron Holderman, Tracy Luchsinger, Dana Marshall, Dylan Ipson, Pat Sweeney, Derrick Buzzell, Raymond Schindler, Jessica Buzzell, Cindy Buzzell, George Buzzell, Don Martell, Ron Sobojinski, Barb Gregerson, Linda Sobojinski, Debbie Fish, Todd Solberg, Bob Fish, Eric Gregerson, Ivy Yanez

Board Members Present: Matt Brunn, Pat Beghin, Chris Davis, Treasurer Cheryl Davis, and Clerk Christine Graap

Open Meeting Law Compliance Check: Meeting agenda was posted at the Newport Church, the old Otto's restaurant, and at the Town Hall. Notice was also sent to the Dells Events via email.

Agenda Items:

Meeting called to order at 7 p.m. Beghin moved to approve the Agenda, Davis seconded, and motion carried to approve Agenda as presented.

Signup sheet that is being passed around is for citizen recognition for those that want to speak.

Meeting Minutes from last meeting: Beghin moved, Davis seconded, and motion carried to approve minutes from last meeting as presented with correction of road name spelling.

Treasurers Report: Treasurer's report was read by Cheryl Davis. Davis moved, Beghin seconded, motion carried.

Website – another company was contacted they were \$1900 per year with \$200 set up which is more expensive than Town Web. Town Web seems to be the most viable option. Will set up a demo for next month.

Reports

- Electronic recycling – may need to have someone there or might get items that aren't accepted dumped incurring cost to the town. Check if we can do a recycling day or something like that.
- Letter from DNR on land designated as Forest Tax Law Land.
- Mobile Home Verification
- SOA Report – confirmed numbers look good and made adjustment needed

Liquor Licenses

Applications were submitted by and granted to:

- Fisherman's Luck DBA Pookie Boo Inc.
- Thunder Valley
- Wisconsiner, Inc

Davis motioned to approve, Beghin seconded, motion carried to approve. Discussion on how Liquor Licenses need to be applied for going forward.

Holderman Mobile Home Placement

When it was approved in 2005 Brunn thought there was a stipulation that it would be removed when the Grandmother passed. Aaron Holderman is currently residing in the mobile home and has not found any documentation with the township that his Grandmother had. The structure is up to Columbia County standards, has a new well and septic on the property, and they are still farming. Would like to continue to keep the structure there if it is equal to or above the county regulations. Hopes the future will be a regular home but will also be a zoning issue with dividing that property. Possible rezone so can move forward. Put on future agenda to rezone.

Citizen Recognition:

Wisconsiner would like to sell liquor sealed and tobacco. Discussed that Stat. 125.33 sub 9 and Stat.0 125.69 sub 6 requires purchasing from a wholesaler. Also, with the food truck outside the property is zoned C2 so will need to file for conditional use permit to use the truck. This needs to be filed before the end of the month with Columbia County Planning and Zoning. Ivy asked about selling off premise liquor and beer per Stat. 125.51 class 1 and stated that it will not be a retail store. Will need to investigate further before providing an answer. There were many Automation weekend complaints about music being very loud during the day and that was discussed as well.

Road Work

- Culvert on New Haven has hole in it.
- Spoke to county on crack filling on Gulch Ave. from New Haven to the Dell Prairie line and from 4th to the end of Hoega.
- Town of New Haven on the rest of Gulch they will have a bid opening June 28th at noon at their town hall.
- Jason was going to have quotes and specs for New Haven but doesn't have anything yet.

Review of Fee Schedule

Tabling and will have a special meeting to discuss. Look at other municipalities and see what they have. Davis motioned, Beghin seconded, motion carried.

CUP/STR Ordinance

Item 2 Density – Davis motioned to table until wording is changed.

ATV/UTV Ordinance for Town Roads

There is an ordinance and an agreement with the Columbia County ATV/UTV Enthusiasts written up. Ellen would like one minor change to the agreement. She would like the route signage agreement item #4 on page 2 where it states "Club shall" changed to "Club may". Motion to approve Town Of Newport ATV/UTV Route Signing Maintenance Agreement with Columbia County ATV/UTV Enthusiasts with correction on item #4 changing shall to may, seconded by Beghin, motion carried.
Ordinance – Discussion on hours for roads to be open – we can amend later if needed. Beghin moved to approve the Town of Newport ATV/UTV Ordinance 23-02 to take effect when signage is complete and roads reviewed, Davis seconded. The motion passed 2 in favor, 1 against.

Ordinance for Shared Roads

No update, item tabled.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 11, 2023 at 7 p.m.

Agenda items for next meeting:

CUP/STR Ordinance, ATV/UTV Ordinance Review, Shared Road Ordinance, Road Work Updates, Website Demo, Set Fee Schedule Meeting

Vouchers: Davis moved, Beghin seconded, to approve checks 8798 - 8815 for a total amount of \$35,219.14 motion carried.

Adjourn:

Davis moved to adjourn, Beghin seconded, at 08:39 P.M. Motion carried.

Christine Graap, Newport Town Clerk