

# TOWN OF NEWPORT

## MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, May 9, 2023

Newport Memorial Town Hall

N9236 Town Hall Road, Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965

### **Meeting Minutes**

Meeting called to order at 7:40 P.M. by Chairman Brunn

**Citizens Present:** Ellen Pulver (CCAUE), Trevor McFaul, Kevin Davis, Derrick Buzzell, Chase Hendrickson, Ron Sobojinski

**Board Members Present:** Matt Brunn, Pat Beghin, Chris Davis, Cheryl Davis, and 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.

**Agenda:** Beghin moved to approve, Davis Seconded, and motion carried to approve the agenda as presented.

**Meeting Minutes from last meeting:** Davis moved to approve, Beghin Seconded, and motion carried to approve minutes from last meeting as presented.

**Treasurers Report:** Treasurer's report was read by Cheryl Davis. Beghin moved to approve as presented, Davis seconded, motion carried.

### **Reports:**

Website – some towns are using WIX, and a few are using Town Webs. Town web is \$600 for set up. Anyone can sign up for notifications of modifications to the site. They offer 24 / 7 free support. About \$100 a month for ongoing maintenance. Savings from publishing in paper would offset some of that cost. Cheryl will also be discussing with another company.

Quick Books will stop supporting the 2019 Desktop version we have so we will need to investigate that.

ARPA Well financial assistance – there is an opportunity for financial assistance to the town, the notice will be posted outside the Town Hall.

Electronic Recycling opportunity for the community – will investigate.

Federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) Grants. Brunn has already reached out on this.

There are burnouts at the intersection of Hwy. 127 and County O as well as Ingebretson Road. A report has been filed with the Columbia County Sheriff and there will be an increased presence in the area.

Columbia County Highway - Demertz shop on WD – didn't get a building permit for driveway to WD. Harding is aware and a letter was sent. No culvert was put in and pink lady is already down. This is zoned for conditional use.

### **Citizen Recognition:**

Opening roads to ATV\UTV use. The item on the agenda is working with Dell Prairie and Town of New Haven on shared roads and has nothing to do with opening Newport Town roads.

The issue of who is responsible for ATV/UTV signs and maintenance of signs was discussed.

Any ordinance that we put forward would have a review clause and we would like to start with baby steps. 9<sup>th</sup> and Gulch are the only roads we are considering currently because they are shared roads. Ellen Pulver

suggested if it passes in Dell Prairie and New Haven that we draft an ordinance to open one or two roads. This will be put on the agenda for next month.

**Road work updates:**

Gulch – has holes and dips.

The stretch from Hoege to New Haven, which is a shared road with New Haven, should be put out for bid.

Newhaven to 4<sup>th</sup> Ave chip seal and wedging.

Olaf's up to Cow Pass for wedging.

Beghin motioned to approve check for County aid up to the amount of \$10,500 once we find exact amount. Davis seconded; motion carried.

Nelson Road has soft spots that will need to be dug out and wedged like we did at boat landing. Will get a bid.

Freel Drive needs complete restructuring. Need to figure out how to widen the end of Freel where it comes out to County Highway O. It doesn't need much but should be widened for semis.

Peterson – Railroad tracks to Bernander's needs a complete re-structure as it is falling apart. Can look at bids for that.

Stomner from Riverview court needs crack fill.

Town Line Road needs mill

Blighton Drive needs a load of gravel. Will get a bid for maintenance.

Possibly shoulder some of Peterson.

Motion made by Brunn to table fee schedule review next month. Seconded and carried.

Motion to table item #8 ATV/UTV Shared Road Ordinance until we know outcome. Seconded and carried.

Motion to table CUP/STR Ordinance until June meeting. Seconded and carried.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, June 13, 2023, at 7 P.M.

**Agenda items for next meeting:** Fee Schedule, Website, and opening of some Town roads for an ATV/UTV route.

**Vouchers:** Davis moved, Beghin seconded, and motion carried to approve checks 8792 - 8795 for a total amount of \$15,536.36.

**Adjourn:**

Davis moved, Beghin seconded, and motion carried to Adjourn at 9:25 P.M.

Christine Graap, Newport Town Clerk