

TOWNSHIP OF NEWPORT
Columbia County, Wisconsin

Minutes for the town board meeting held on April 18th, 2023, at 8:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Matt Brunn at 8:40 P.M after the ATV/UTV Public Hearing. The following people were present: Supervisors Chris Davis, Pat Beghin, Clerk Anne Rapier, New Clerk Christine Graap, Treasurer Cheryl Davis, and 18 residents.

Rapier swore Brunn in as Chairman and Rapier resigned her position as Town Clerk. It was opened to appoint a new Town Clerk. Chris Davis motioned to appoint Christine Graap as Town Clerk, motion seconded and approved. Christine Graap was appointed and sworn in by Brunn as the Town Clerk and Graap swore the remaining members in.

A motion was made to approve the AGENDA as presented. Motion seconded and passed.

The MINUTES from the March 2023 Town Board meeting were reviewed by the board. Motion to accept the minutes with said spelling corrections seconded and passed.

The FINANCIAL REPORT for February was read by the Treasurer. A motion was made to accept the report as presented. Motion seconded and passed.

REPORTS:

- River Road has been postponed until 2024.
- There was a county highway meeting on April 6th where they handed out a pamphlet for bridge aid.
- Tree trimming is probably too late now. County had done some previously and they have a lift. It was noted that the subdivision behind Ottos has trees overhanging and that trimming with a side mower may be an issue for residents. Will look at this again late fall or early winter.
- County update for the booklet – update addresses and will send in.

- Anne Rapier procured a fee schedule from another township and added the fees that she knew into it. We can adjust as needed. Will need review.
- It was brought up we should look at getting a website. A host for the site needs to be found. Cheryl is looking into this and will see if we can get something set up for a future meeting. The county no longer provides hosting.
- Farm Camps were brought up because they might be something we will see in the future.

ROADS:

- May 4th is the county highway meeting where we will find out if we are getting funding and if it is over \$25,000 should we do it or hold. We can band aid for now but is caving on one side. Will discuss during road review.
- Brighton Drive has an area where it is down to the milled as the last storm washed the gravel off however, it is not wash boarding. It was noted that it will be soft if the road were to need plowing. This road needs to remain open in case of fire.

- Culvert replacement on Ingebretson Road was discussed. The culvert will be put out for bids and then apply for a county bridge aid funding. Once placed out for bids the town can be put on the Columbia County highway meeting for bridge aid funding.

CITIZEN RECOGNITION:

- Nate S. reported he has not seen anything on the Weber property.
- Matt Brunn received a call from someone who wants to buy 24 acres to build cabins for him and his family. Matt thought he would be present but was not there. He would need to start with the county first. This is north of Fitz's shop by the trailer park on 23 where there is a for sale sign.
- Printed copies of the agenda were requested for meetings by Pete Nelson.

SPECIFIC AGENDA ITEMS:

- ATV\UTV Ordinance – There is a Shared agreement with Dell Prairie and New Haven. Miller suggested we adopt contingent on the club signing the agreement. No roads are open until we agree on something with the club. Pat Beghin motioned with contingency that signage agreement gets signed so we can get the ordinance done and the roads will be opened. Davis seconded but the ordinance has Anne Rapiers name on it. Will need to be changed to current town clerk. Pat Beghin amended motion to approve ordinance based on signage of use agreement with correction of current town clerk. Motion to approve and seconded. Will need to give ordinance number year and number like 23-001 or something like that. Motion approved.
- Matt Brunn recognized the applicant for a liquor license. This license will expire June 30th and will need to be renewed for July 1st. Applicant is aware. Davis recommended applicant talk to neighbors as there have been issues in the past with loud noise outside after hours. Applicant will also need to get server licenses when they have been hired. Motion to approve the liquor license for the remainder of the 2022\2023 term. Motion seconded and approved.
- Reval from Associated Appraisals was \$21,000 for calendar year 2024 and still the regular maintenance of \$7,100. Motion to approve the Reval maintenance contract, seconded, Maintenance Contract of 2023 – 2027 Assessment Services motion approved.
- Motion to approve Reval contract without the option was made, seconded, and approved.
- Received two bids for New Haven Road. Motion made to accept the bid from Newport Nate Services for the culvert on New Haven. A certificate of insurance will be supplied. Motion seconded and approved to accept Newport Nate Services bid for culvert replacement on New Haven Road.

NEXT MONTH'S AGENDA ITEMS:

- ATV/UTV Ordinance signatures
- STR/CUP Ordinance

NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING: May 9, 2023, at 7:30 p.m.

VOUCHERS: A motion was made, seconded, and checks 8768-8787 for a total of \$42,543.33 motion passed.

Motion made to adjourn, and motion seconded to ADJOURN at 10:00 P.M. Motion carried.

Christine Graap, Clerk, Town of Newport