

TOWNSHIP OF NEWPORT

Minutes for the town board meeting held on February 22nd, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Matt Brunn at 7:08 p.m., with the following persons present: Supervisors Chris Davis, Pat Beghin, Clerk Anne Rapier, Treasurer Cheryl Davis, and 8 residents.

A motion was made by Beghin to approve the AGENDA with moving agenda number 8-ATV/UTV to agenda number 2. Davis seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The MINUTES from the December 2022 Town Board meeting were reviewed by the board. Beghin made a motion to accept the minutes with the correction of “and” to “an”. Davis seconded. Motion passed.

January 2023 Town Board meeting were reviewed by the board. Beghin made a motion to accept the minutes with said spelling correction. Davis seconded. Motion passed.

The FINANCIAL report for January was read by the treasurer. A motion was made by Davis to accept the report as presented. Beghin seconded the motion. Motion passed. The treasurer advised the refund for the LRIP project may take a while for it to be received.

REPORTS:

- Blanket approval for Adams Co. Electric Corp. continuation for more 2 years rather than obtaining a permit for each job.
- BOR training locations are not close to Newport. Davis request to attend the virtual session on May 1st. All 3 board members are going to attend. Since this is virtual, a notice will be posted stating there will be a training quorum with the board members and no town business will be discussed.
- Mobile home on Gaedke’s property. This was installed as a temporary farm help and was to be removed after Gaedke’s mother passed. The board will need to find the meeting minutes or permits stating this before requesting it be removed.

CITIZEN RECOGNITION:

- 8; 5 from Newport, 2 from Wisc. Dells and 1 from Dell Prairie. Here to speak about ATV/UTV and request of opening township roads.

SPECIFIC AGENDA ITEMS:

- ATV/UTV: The board received a copy of the ordinance Terry Marshall is working on to open more shared roads. Looking to open River rd. to N. Grouse. Resident Holms is requesting to have township road Gulch open. Another resident has been in contact with the president of the ATV/UTV club for Columbia County to help provide information about posting signage in Columbia County. Davis’s concern is with more

short-term rentals in the area and people from out of town bringing in ATV/UTVs. Is the town going to see more problems in the area? Who is going to police this? Davis noticed the times on each municipality's ordinances are not consistent. The board agrees the time will need to be consistent. Before signing any further town ordinance for ATV/UTV the board will post notice for a public hearing for April.

- Liquors license: Ivy from the old Otto's restaurant is not present, and no paperwork was sent to the clerk for the application. The clerk will wait to add this to an agenda until Ivy contacts the clerk.
- Roadwork:
 - Broadway boom mulching is done.
 - There are some defacements of signs. A board member will try to remove the paint before the board will budget for a new one. There are missing signs in the township. 2 on Ingebretson for "curves". There may be some signs out dates that will need to be replaced. May need to check with the County Highway office to see if they have a list.
- STR/CUP: Will need to establish a fee schedule to include a STR/CUP fee. The board is reviewing the ordinance to make sure all points are covered. Will add to the ordinance to next month's agenda.

NEXT MONTH'S AGENDA ITEMS:

- ATV/UTV ordinance shared roads
- STR/CUP ordinance
- Review Reassessment of properties agreement.

NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING: March 14th, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

VOUCHERS: A motion was made by Davis, seconded by Beghin, to approve checks 8735-8746- for a total of \$465,976.21 and approve, 8747-8750 \$1,410.48. Motion passed.

Davis made a motion, seconded by Beghin to ADJOURN at 9:13 p.m. Motion carried.

Anne Rapier, Clerk, Town of Newport