

TOWN OF RIVERVIEW

Board Meeting Minutes for January 10, 2023

To be Approved February 14, 2023

The regular monthly board meeting was held at the Town Hall/ Fire Station located at 15471 State **Highway 32, Mountain, WI. It was called to order at 7:00 pm by Ann Hogan, Town Chairperson. Also** present were, Supervisors James Zittlow and Dick Booth, Treasurer Debra Niesen, Clerk Beth Hartman and 19 citizens. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Hogan asked if meeting notices were posted as per the Open Meeting Law. Hartman noted that the agenda was posted at TownofRiverview.com, Town Hall Bulletin board, Mountain Post Office and at the Tar Dam recycle area by Hartman and the Crooked Lake Community Building by Zittlow by Jan 7th.

A motion to accept the December Board Meeting minutes was made by Booth, 2nd by Zittlow. Motion carried.

Financial Report :The December 2022 Financial Report was summarized by Niesen and is on file. Tax collection is the primary deposit source. The ending cash balance is \$2,201,622.59. Included in the amount was a \$46,000 Grant and the \$10,00 Brush Site grant . The financial report was accepted.

Payment of the bills: All bills were reviewed. Zittlow made a motion to pay all bills, Booth 2nd – Carried.

Communication:

-The Real Estate Revaluations will be complete in 2023.

-The Wisconsin Economic Report is on file.

- There are no scheduled tax collection hours. Taxes can be mailed or placed in the Secure Drop Box found at the back side of the building. Dog Licenses need to be purchased so that our animal control officers can find owners easily.

- Hartman heard a State Senator talk about the State of Wisconsin Budget Surplus which is currently be discussed with the finance committee. They are considering a portion of those funds to be part of the Shared Revenue. The Shared Revenue is distributed to the State Municipalities. WTA will be a great advocate for this.

Reports:

- a. **Roads – Sand and Salt was mixed the end of December and as soon as the ordered salt arrives they will mix another garage full. The rain to ice weather has been a huge concern, both with ice covered trees and ice-covered roads. Our roads crews have been cutting and cleaning up the downed tree limbs as well as sanding the roads multiple times. Hogan noted that this unprecedented weather not only caused issues for our citizens and roads but also the**

snowplows were overheating due to the heavy snow and the need to make double trips. She asked for patience from the citizens and to continue to call when they find specific tree/road issues. The messages will be forwarded to our road crew as quickly as possible. A few citizens agreed that the roads have been a challenge.

- b. **Fire Departments** – Jamie Tilkens was appointed by the board and took the Oath of Office for the new Fire Chief in Crooked Lake. Thanks to Jon Klueskens for his leadership over the past couple years. As Fire Chief, Jamie looks forward to continued training and finding innovative ways to enhance and improve the department.
RVFD - 3 calls: Chimney Fire, CO2 call, Brush Fire- controlled burn at the Zoo, New LED lights were installed in the tanker & engine, the front door is fixed, new 50 PSI nozzles are now on the hoses, an electric fan was purchased, buckets, and shovels were purchased for chimney fire clean up and supplies for the fund raisers were purchased. This past week a Grant Writing Class was held in the training center. The grant writer from Tish Mills FD came to share his information about Grants. Those attending were excited about the possibilities.
CLFD - Called and canceled enroute to the Chimney fire. Last month CLFD received the new Kabota, which was funded by grant funds received. This past month they received the Skid unit. The 50/50 DNR grant funded this project and Jamie anticipates the new unit will be ready for the Spring wildland fires.
- c. **Ambulance – December reports are on file.** The end of year reports noted that MAS had a cash surplus of \$16607 and the 3 towns will be getting a 2022 refund. Riverview can expect \$7353. **Next meeting-Feb.**
- d. **Land Use – There was no meeting. New property owners at the end of Dell Lake Road have asked to have the road discontinued at their property line. In the past, Dell Lake Road has been used by UTV and snowmobilers to access LaFave. As this is private property and not a trail, UTV and snowmobilers will need to use other routes.**
- e. **Animal control- Reports are available in the office. Only 2 calls this month-no calls in Riverview. The Mountain Kennel was worked on.**
- f. Brush Site – Hogan noted that there may be more DNR/CWPP grant funding to keep the Crooked Lake Brush site open.
- g. Recycle Center – The oil tank at Tar Dam is getting full and might need to be pumped out. Booth noted that it would be best to wait until a warm day in spring. The green bins were never moved back, and Booth asked Nels to see if Kevin could move the bins.
- h. **WTA – District Meeting will be on January 21st in Carter.**
- i. **Seven Town – Next meeting is in Jan 18th at 6:30pm in Townsend. NOOCO Report – There were 266 calls in the area in December – 44 were for Riverview.**
- j. **Library – A \$500,000 grant was awarded from the State of WI.**

Other Business:

- a. The Infrastructure Grant award has been pushed back to the end of January.
- b. Building Plans – Jim will be heading to the Oconto Board meeting on January 19th . He will order 150 sets of prints to share at that meeting and at the meeting of the electors, which will be held at 10am on January 28th (snow date of Feb 4th). This meeting has been posted at all the town sites and will be found in the papers so that all citizens know and are able to attend the informational meeting. Those attending will check in at the door. Voting citizens will be given a ballot. If anyone would like to be heard at the meeting, they will need to sign up to do so. The meeting will start with a summary of the project (given by the board and Oconto County), then public will be given a chance to be heard, Q&A and finally voting citizens will cast their ballots.
- c. Anderson Lane – Jim is looking into the details and getting feedback from current property owners to determine how this will be resolved.
- d. Bike Trails – On Jan 9th , Heather (engineer) met with Booth, Dan Jonet and other interested citizens. The group worked on mapping the area and creating a plan. After the plan is laid out, the grants will be applied for. Dan noted that he will be meeting with the Forest Service. Hogan mentioned that NEPA studies for this project were done many years ago and are stored somewhere at the Forest Service. This alone is a big part of the project.
- e. CLFD will be holding the Fish-o-Rama and RVFD will be holding the Turkey Bowl on February 18th . Zittlow made the motion to approve both picnic licenses, 2nd by Booth. Approved.
- f. Spring Elections – Our local candidates are as follows:
 - Chairman - Jim Zittlow
 - Supervisors (2) –Tawny Booth, Mike Rzepka, David Szepanski, Dave Van ZeelandMike Rzepka and Dave Szepanski introduced themselves.
- g. Radon test kits are available in the office. The Month of January is National Radon Awareness month. Kits are available at the reduced price of \$5. Radon is a leading cause of cancer and can be detected and treated. A \$5 can save a life.

Meeting adjourned 7:41

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Hartman – Clerk
January 15, 2023