

Seven Towns Meeting Minutes

Brazeau, Breed, Doty, Lakewood, Mountain, Riverview, Townsend

Location: Mountain Lazansky Community Center

Date: July 20, 2022

Call to order by: Town of Mountain Chair, Skip Maletzke, at 6:30 p.m.

Present:

Brazeau:	None present
Breed:	Richard VandeWettering, Ethel Firgens
Doty:	Andrew Stemp, Randy Siewert, Andy Dryja
Lakewood:	Joanne Roy, Richard Edison
Mountain:	Skip Maletzke, Brenda Carey-Mielke, Lynn Kauzlaric
Riverview:	Ann Hogan, Dick Booth, Jim Zittlow, Beth Hartman
Townsend:	Carla Van Camp, Linda Adamczyk, Beth Hartman

Agenda Guests:

Todd Skarban	Oconto County Sheriff
Andy Dryja	NOCCO (Northern Oconto County Community Officer)
Jayne Sellen	Executive Director, OCEDC
Ryan Giese	Animal Control
Adriane Bartels	Planning Commission
Erik Pritzl	Oconto County Administrator
Jon Spice	Oconto County Emergency Management
Jim Wisneski	Hidden Bear Trail ATV Club

Citizens:

Bob Berth	Red Arrow ATV Club
Bob Lepkowski	Dusty Trails ATV Club
Dave Christianson	Oconto County Supervisor, District 31
Jim Adamczyk	Townsend
Diane Stephar	Lakewood
Mary Lewins	Riverview
Randy Lewins	Riverview
Mike Rzepka	Riverview
Paula Hartwig	Doty
Ken Hartwig	Doty

Roll Call

Pledge of Allegiance

Establish Order of the Day

Business Items:

1. Motion m/s/c (Hogan/Edison) to approve the 04/20/22 minutes from the Seven Towns meeting.
2. Jon Spice reported on changes for the townships regarding emergency preparedness for 2023.
3. Sheriff Skarban gave his report, noting that the NOCCO contract is coming up for renewal.

4. Andy Dryja reported on his activities and on local incidents since our last meeting. He had some suggestions regarding parade routes and application deadlines, following the recent holiday parades which were held locally.
5. Jayme Sellen gave an update on local Broadband expansion and then presented her proposal to attach a Room Tax to short-term rental fees charged in our area.
6. Andy Stemp addressed the topic of ordinance consistency within all seven towns regarding speed limits for ATVs. Jim Wisneski then conveyed the thoughts and expectations of the local ATV clubs.
7. Richard Edison reported on the status of the “Trail Head” in Lakewood.
8. Ryan Giese informed the group of an additional Animal Control employee, Nick Miller. He and Ryan are sharing responsibilities. Ryan will be attending the next state Humane Officer training in September. The town of Mountain is sponsoring this certification.
9. Gigi reported that the Bike Trails Committee continues to search for financing.
10. **Next Meeting:** Wednesday, October 19, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. at the Riverview Town Hall.

Carry-over agenda topics include:

- Sheriff – NOCCO contract renewal
- Dryja – local parade routes and application deadlines
- OCEDC – Room Tax proposal
- ATV ad hoc committee report – speed limit ordinances

11. Meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

I am sharing a comment that one of the attendees made following our recent Seven Towns meeting:

During her report, Jayme Sellen, OCEDC Executive Director, stated (and I paraphrase): "The new City of Oconto Mayor recently said: 'I understand the North (i.e. the northern towns) being strong, is important to the strength of the City of Oconto and the County as a whole'." This comment gives credence to the efforts of our Seven Towns' intentions.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Kendall
Mary Kendall, Seven Towns Secretary