

TOWN OF RIVERVIEW

Board Meeting Minutes for August 8, 2023

To be Approved September 12, 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 Town Chairman Jim Zittlow. Also** present were Supervisors David VanZeeland and Dave Szepanski, Treasurer Debra Niesen, Clerk Beth Hartman and 17 citizens. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Zittlow asked if meeting notices were posted as per the Open Meeting Law. Hartman noted that the agenda was posted on the Riverview Website (tn.riverview.wi.gov) and at the 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 August 5th.

Minutes: **A motion to accept the July 11th Board Meeting and the special meeting of July 24th was made by VanZeeland, 2nd by Szepanski. Motion carried.**

Financial Report: Niesen reviewed the financials noting an ending balance of \$685800.55. She noted that we received Transportation Aid - \$ 67,000, 2% Fire Dues - \$9195, Shared Revenue - \$2400 and Short-Term Rental - \$1056. The Board accepted the report.

Payment of the bills: All bills were reviewed. VanZeeland made a motion to pay all bills as presented, Szepanski 2nd, Motion carried.

Communication: No citizens attended the Open Book held on August 7th 1-3pm. The 2nd Open Book is August 10th , 10-noon and Board of Review will be August 17th 10am. Coffee with a Cop will be held on September 22 from 9-11. Rep Calvin Callahan met with the local Town Chairmen to go over issues that effect our area. The meeting was set up through Rep. Callahan's office. His concerns for Northern Oconto County were heartfelt. We welcome him back anytime.

Reports:

- a. **Library – Jeanine Albers and Tom Thielke reported that there will be a Groundbreaking Ceremony on September 13th at 1pm. Telehealth is now being used. Friends of the library had a booth at the Presbyterian Church Market Day. There are 88 kids in the summer program. The Oconto County K-9 will be visiting August 31st. The library had floats in the parade in Townsend and Lakewood. The float received the Creativity**

Float Award. Rep Callahan did visit the library when he was in the area and heard their concerns about the county's use of library funds. There will be another meeting on August 23rd. The Otto Bremer Trust grant was received.

- b. Roads – Nels noted that Winslow Lake Rd patching is done. Nieman Rd was smoothed out. Jim has been thinking about next year's roadwork. This will be discussed during the budget meetings, but MacHolz, Winslow and Nieman may be on that list. Bunn, Zack, and Heyrman will be blacktopped on Friday. Residents will be notified of the dates. There was an accident on Tar Dam close to the bridge. This is the area that was discussed last month. It is believed that speed was a factor. Jim recommended that the town put up 25 mph signs. He will talk to Tony to get them up. Beth brought up the 2022 grant for the tractor with the Brushing Arm. Laura should be contacted. It may be available again this year. Jim has also looked at the cost of renting a tractor for Brushing a few days each summer. This may be the least costly alternative.
- c. Fire Departments – Barry noted RVFD had 6 calls: Jet Ski on fire, Lift Assist (2), Tree Down, Vehicle (Tar Dam) and a Stove Fire. The monthly training invited Marinette County to bring their Haz Mat Unit. They also discussed the Jet ski fire and how to sop-up the fuel. New towers are going up and all should be up and running by the end of October. Bug Tussle should have fiber from Oconto to Townsend by this fall. Oconto may create a new channel for Multi Casualty Incidents (MCI). The radios will need to be reprogrammed, but if the new channel is created, Oconto might reprogram all the radios “free of charge”. TFD will be selling the ladder. Chief Herlache recommended having firefighters from other departments cross trained to run the Ladder Truck. There may be some sharing of the costs of the Ladder Maintenance. This can be coordinated through the Fire Department Collaboration. Beth will investigate the insurance concerns. Barry noted that and wants to express thanks to Ann and Judy for all they are doing for the Corn Roast planning. Jamie Tilkens noted that CLFD responded to 3 calls: Boat fire, Jet Ski Fire and Tree Down on County W. The Bass Lake Dry Hydrant was cleaned up and is running well. The CLFD will also work on the one on Grindle Lake. Next they plan to work on the Roof at the Pavilion. CLFD will be serving Breakfast on September 2nd.
- d. Cemetery – The Lawn Mower is in, and the Black Top will be done soon.
- e. Animal Control – Only 1 call in Riverview. It was for a Raccoon having a seizure. There was a discussion about wild animals. Riverview does not want any calls for wild animals. There are pest removal companies.

- f. **Brush site – Brush pile was chipped and hauled away.**
- g. **Recycle – Cameras will be installed.**
- h. **WTA – The Fall Workshops will be in September. Rock Garden and Rhinelander are the closest.**
- i. **Lake District – Wake Boats continue to be a “hot topic”. There is concern for the danger that Jet Skis and Wake Boats may create. VanZeeland is working on an ordinance. The size of the boats cannot be banned but the Wake Boarding sport could be. The enforcement of the ordinance remains a concern but there may be grants for water patrol.**
- j. **Seven Town – Meeting was held on July 19th. The County’s Library funding plans continue to be a concern. Erik noted he is not looking at taking away funding of the Lakes County Library. Broadband is moving forward in the Lakewood area, but the County W plans have not started, and Bertram is not answering calls. Citizens should go out on the Oconto web site and run a “Speed test” to get their broadband speed. Jayme is frustrated with the lack of response from Bertram. Short Term Rentals running through OCEDC is still moving forward. The goal is for the towns to be ready to roll out their plans on Jan 1, 2024. Zittlow noted that the Town of Riverview is not going along with the OCEDC unless they can figure out how to enforce compliance. Andy Stemp talked about the collaboration for Fire Departments. He is also researching regulations for Green Burials.**

Other Business:

- a. **Building Plans – Jim continues to finalize plans. Martensen plans to have the project ready for bidding on August 14th. This will be posted in the paper for 2 weeks. Walk Arounds will be August 25th at 10am and bid opening will be Sept 8th at 2pm.**
- b. **Inspections of piers and ramps were done in June. (Kayak Launch on Bass Lake, 1 pier on Grindle. Boat launch ramps are monitored by the lake associations)**
- c. **VanZeeland made a motion to accept the Riverview Fire Dept Picnic Application, 2nd by Szepanski. License granted.**
- d. **Fall Color Walk / Run October 7th.**

Meeting adjourned 7:57

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Hartman – Clerk

August 21, 2023