

# TOWN OF AGENDA : MINUTES

## TOWN BOARD PROCEEDINGS

Town Meeting was called to order on Wednesday, February 14, 2024 at 7:30 p.m. at the Town of Agenda town hall at 13922 Agenda Road by the Chairperson Terry Palecek.

Roll Call of members taken and following members were present: Terry Palecek, Donald Wohlleben, Dennis Wegner, Lisa Scherwinski and Molly Madorin. There were also 7 residents and 2 employees present.

Motion by Terry Palecek and seconded by Donald Wohlleben to approve the Agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Donald Wohlleben seconded by Terry Palecek to approve the January 10, 2024 regular meeting minutes as posted online. Motion carried.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Checking Balance January 31, 2024	\$ 13,981.25
Money Market Account January 31, 2024	\$639,015.86

Motion by Donald Wohlleben, seconded by Terry Palecek to approve the Treasurer's financial report. Motion carried.

### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

We received information from Lulich Implement regarding different machinery & attachments. Will put on the next agenda to talk about a forestry head for the excavator.

### **County Representatives:**

Ashland County Sheriffs Department – not present

Ashland County Board member Gary Mertig reported the County has a meeting with the Tribe tomorrow regarding several issues including the solar grant & law enforcement.

### **Unfinished Business/Old Business**

Terry Palecek gave a report on the Chanz Green meet & greet. Said it was a success, around 20 or so people were here from all over the area - Eagle River, Phillips, Cornucopia, Oma and locally. It lasted an hour longer than scheduled, lots of good questions. Chanz Green may use our location for future meetings since it is so centrally located.

Storm grant from 2023 Spring storms. Molly Madorin received an email stating the legislative approved additional funds for this grant. We should be getting our portion end of March beginning of April.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Matt Erickson, head of Ashland Highway Dept. came to speak on several issues. First was the 6 – 20 foot Culvert Inventory Program. There is 2 parts to this program 1: who will do the inventory 2: who will do the inspection. Matt is certified to do the inspections so he will do all the inspections in Ashland County. The Board agreed to have Matt come down and do the inventory with Darren Weik.

Matt also spoke about a mutual aid agreement in case of an emergency situation that would allow the county and towns work together and help each other in situations such as the floods in the upper part of Ashland County a few years ago. The Town Board unanimously agreed to sign this.

Matt talked about the Ag Improvement Program for roads that serve Ag or forestry needs, 90/10 match. There are some stipulations, a major one is any road done under this project can no longer be posted with weight restrictions. It has to be a minor collector/local road to qualify, so County F does not qualify. Terry Palecek suggested looking at North Road for this program. He will contact Town of Peeksville since this is a split road. Molly Madorin will go on the DOT site to get the specs.

Matt also talked about the joint Bayfield/Ashland County meetings and how they are always held in Bayfield County and there is no involvement from Ashland County. He would like to have some of the meetings held in Mellen to get more Ashland Town Board members involved. Our Board members said they would attend the meetings if there were occasionally held in Mellen.

Discussion regarding written agreement with adjoining townships regarding split road maintenance was had. Molly Madorin will go on Wisconsin Towns Association to see if there is a template for an agreement.

Molly Madorin asked if there were any Special Assessments every place on property's in the town. She has gotten requests from title company's asking and she just wanted to know if the Town ever had these. The Board said there has been years ago, but does not foresee any this year.

Molly Madorin contacted Xcel Energy regarding program to upgrade the lighting in the shop and possibly the town hall. She has an email from Focus on Energy & Xcel stating that Focus on Energy give rebates and Xcel will match 50% of the rebates. We will need to have a quote done and submit it to Focus on Energy for approval. Donald Wohlleben said he would continue this process.

The dates for Open Book and Board of Review were approved by the Board. Wednesday, May 1, 2024 4pm – 6pm for Open Book. Board of Review will be Wednesday May 8, 2024 5pm – 7pm. The regular Board Meeting will follow at 7:30 pm.

#### **OFFICERS REPORT:**

Don Wohlleben reported that we will need to look at tires for both trucks. Darren said we could make it until Spring. Will put in future agenda.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Tonya who owns the property that use to be the junk yard asked if there was any aid or grants to help them in cleaning up the property. They have been working on it and have several great plans for the property. Terry Palecek suggested contacting the DNR to see if there is any grants available for this. Gary Mertig also gave her some information from the County level.

**PUBLIC NOTICES:**

Regular Board Meeting: Since Terry Paleck will be out of town the first 3 weeks in March and Molly Madorin will be out of town the last week of March, the Board voted to skip the March meeting. The next Town Board Meeting will be April 10, 2024 7:30 pm.

Motion by Terry Palecek seconded by Donald Wohlleben to adjourn at 9:00 pm. Motion carried.

Molly Madorin  
Town Clerk