**APPROVED**

Regular Board Meeting

Tuesday August 3rd, 2024

7pm

1. Chairman Jochimsen called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. Roll Call: Present:

Chairman Kurt Jochimsen

Supervisor Paul Drexler

Supervisor Lori Hollatz

Clerk Alexandra Skaya

Treasurer Julaine Aschenbrenner

Roads Supervisor Luke Serwe

Sanitation Employee George Schneider

1. **Public Comment** –
   1. Nick Simon addressed the board to follow up on status of putting up “slow, children present” signs on Balsam Rd. He spoke with several individuals along the road of which 8 out of 16 homes would like signs put up. He estimated the cost would be around $328.
   2. Sally Stechler, a resident at 127660 Sand Beach Rd, addressed the board stating that she is a 3rd generation cottage owner which is a family gathering spot who had hoped to continue to pass along to family. She expressed concern about the large field behind her land that has put in a ginseng farm. There is a town road between their land and a large culvert drains onto their property. She is concerned that there will be a large amount of runoff from the ginseng which could contain harmful chemicals which could pollute the well water.
   3. Keith Trowbridge, a resident at 127670 Sand Beach Rd, addressed the board as his lot is also directly south of the large ginseng farm being planted. He is very concerned about the high amount of chemicals used on this property that may drain into the water source. Up until now, the property was used for yearly agricultural crops. A large portion of the field drains directly into the ditch and the culvert drains onto his property and also into the Big Eau Pleine flowage. Their well has been tested as to keep records of the quality of water currently and also will do so in future to see if any contamination has occurred. He asked the town board to inspect the culvert and drainage so that the water flows and does not sit in the ditch and sink into water sources.
   4. Diane Wiesman, a resident on Hayes Rd, addressed the board to discuss future plans for doing road work on Hayes Rd. She stated that Hayes Rd received a lot of traffic from residential vehicles along with both commercial vehicles and farm equipment, usually looking for a shortcut . There is persistent wash boarding on the road even after frequent grading and often the rain washes the granite and sand right onto Hwy 153. She would like Hayes Rd to be considered in the road projects as the next road in the township to receive blacktop. She asked the board to consider placing traffic counters if necessary in order to get a better understanding of the amount of traffic that the road receives.
2. **Minutes** – Motion (Hollatz/Drexler) to approve the town board meeting minutes from the July 9th, 2024, meeting. Motion carried.
3. **Voucher Approval** - Motion (Hollatz/Drexler) to void previous check #18169 due to error and approve vouchers 18185 – 18214 including automatic withdrawals totaling $484,654.83. Motion carried.
4. **REPORTS:**
   1. **Road Report** – Luke Serwe provided the road report. Ditches were dug on Schnelle Rd, Big Rapids Rd, and Holtman Rd. Culvert was changed on the west side of Holtman & Big Rapids to create better water flow, and Luke added onto the culvert on the East side making it bigger. Rock Rd bridge was dug out some. Fresh granite was put on Fairview bridge which should hopefully get rid of potholes. Granite was added to Eau Pleine Rd. Will talk with Jim Griesbach about how we would go about putting lines on Balsam rd.
   2. **Fire Commission** – Gary Heil provided the fire commission report. Both the EMT coordinator and assistant coordinator have resigned. 2 EMTs have stepped into these roles and will take on the position as long as the duties are split evenly. Looking into pricing for new tanker to be ordered for 2026. Looking for stainless steel due to budget restrictions, currently only one provider in the area that will bid this, so going to look further out for competitive bidding.
   3. **Treasurer’s Report** – Julaine Aschenbrenner provided the Treasurer’s report including cash balances. The ARPA account is now closed. The CD account is set to mature 8/12/24 and when this happens the account will be closed and the funds will be distributed back into their original accounts plus interest earned. Motion (Hollatz/Drexler) to approve the Treasurer’s report. Motion carried. Motion (Hollatz/Drexler) to transfer balance of $208,879.40 from tax account to general checking. Motion carried. Motion (Hollatz/Drexler) to transfer $81,000 from the garage loan line of credit to general checking. Motion carried. Motion (Hollatz/Drexler) to transfer $170,000 from road loan line of credit to general checking. Motion carried. Motion (Hollatz/Drexler) to close CD account once it matures. Motion carried.
   4. **Clerk Report** – Alexandra Skaya provided the Clerk Report. Regulatory filings have been completed. Bobs lane invoices have been mailed for work done through June 2024. 2024 budget to actual was provided. 1 building permit was completed. Partisan Primary election will occur on Aug. 13th, there will be no drop box use for this election. Clerk Skaya will be attending the WMCA annual clerk conference from August 27th – 30th.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. **Town Garage** – Mark Kilty was present and gave an update on the new town garage construction. There is a recess on the block wall of about an inch and a half. Marks suggestion would be to have the ledge in office on the wall, estimated cost would be $2000. Waiting on the sanitary permit to be completed. Reached out to Raatch engineering but have not heard back yet. The well construction is out about 6-8 weeks per Brunner.
2. **Balsam Road Update** – Balsam Road blacktop has been completed. Reaching out to Jim Griesbach about getting road lines put on. Some residents of Balsam are requesting the town put up “slow, children present” signs on the road. Chairman Jochimsen replied that if the residents purchase these signs then Luke will put them up, but those specific signs do not fall under the responsibility of the town.
3. **Health & Safety Ordinance – Solar Panel Fields** – No action taken at this time.
4. **Culvert Inventory** – Luke has the information and will begin taking inventory.
5. **ARIP** – Paul Drexler is communicating with Joe Brueggen on the details of this grant.
6. **Boat Landing Grant**– The portable toilet will need to be moved off of WVIC land. Clerk Skaya will work on the grant available that could provide funds in order to update and improve the current boat landing on MaryEl Dr. This grant is due September 2nd.
7. **Noise Ordinance** – Due to the specific that would be required for a noise ordinance to be adopted, there will be no further action on this at this time.
8. **Dog Ordinance** – Complaints were made of a possible puppy mill in the township. A marathon county deputy did visit this and owner stated that they were in the process of moving. Furthermore, authorities stated that they are not able to proceed with action unless there are significant signs of animal abuse/neglect. The owners do not have a current dog license for 2024 which they are required to have so the town is able to move forward with penalties for failure to license. Clerk Skaya will look into our current ordinances to see if updates should be made accordingly.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Propane Contract –** Paul Drexler will look into this and obtain bids for the September meeting.
2. **Fairview Road –** The Fairview Rd bridge is going to receive work in 2025 and the county is asking if the town would consider paving the section of Fairview Rd from the limits of the bridge to Hwy H. The estimated cost of this would be $16,000. A vote will be taken at the September meeting on this topic.
3. **Security at New Town Garage –** Clerk Skaya will reach out to Computer TR who installed the cameras at the Town Hall for an estimated and recommendations on putting up some security cameras at the new town garage.
4. **Brush Site –** There has been a lot of brush deposited at the site, along with large stumps, recently blocking the driveway for residents. The town is currently waiting to hear back on costs to grind up the pile. We will continue to monitor the site and if needed signs will be made so residents know what can and can not be deposited at the site.
5. **Big Rapids Road** – Clerk Skaya received a complaint regarding vehicles traveling too fast on Big Rapids Rd. There is no posted speed limit. Luke will put up 45mph speed limit signs as that is the speed limit allowed. Resident would like to see the speed at 35mph but that would require state approval therefore we will see how the posted 45mph goes.
6. **Board of Review** – Board of Review has been set per Assessor Jeremy Kurtzweil. Open book will be on Monday September 16th from 2pm to 7pm and Board of Review will be Wednesday September 25th from 5pm -7pm. Questions regarding assessments should be directed to Jeremy Kurtzweil.
7. **Town Landscaping** – No action taken.
8. **2025 Road Projects** –
   1. Elroy needs to be dug out and soft sports fixed, there is a culvert on the corner of Elroy and Maryel that is big enough, but the water doesn’t get to the culvert.
   2. Twins Lane needs ditches dug and granite applied to the road.
   3. Schuette Rd could use new gravel
   4. Hayes Rd – per public comment, a resident would like the blacktopping of Hayes road to be discussed as a future road project.
9. **Correspondence** – None

Motion (Hollatz/Drexler) to adjourn at 8:47pm. Motion Carried.

Submitted by: Alexandra Skaya, Clerk on July 29th, 2024 - Next Regular Board Meeting Tuesday September 10th, 2024.