

Minutes from the Town of Trenton Town Board Meeting

Date and Time: November 1, 2022, 7:30 PM

Location: Town of Trenton Town Hall, 1071 Highway 33 East, West Bend, WI 53095

Present: Chairman Joseph Gonnering, Supervisor Jeff Esselmann, Supervisor Ed Doerr, Clerk Cindy Komro, Zoning Administrator Barbara Davies, DPW Director Charlie Schmidt, Attorney Tim Schoonenberg.

Chairman Gonnering asked those in attendance to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance. Gonnering called the Meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

1. Approve Minutes of Town Board Meeting of October 18, 2022:
Jeff Esselmann moved to approve the minutes of the Town Board meeting of October 18, 2022; Ed Doerr seconded. Motion carried 3-0.
2. Affidavit of Posting:
Chairman Gonnering read the affidavit of posting, that notice was properly posted prior to the meeting on the Town Bulletin Board and the Town official website and was also sent to the Washington County Daily News and WIBD Radio.
3. Comments from the Audience:
Town resident Dennis Kay asked about a tree on Paradise Drive. DPW Director reported that several trees in the area will be removed next week.
4. Review and Accept Agenda:
Ed Doerr moved to accept the agenda; Jeff Esselmann seconded. Motion carried 3-0.
5. Reports from Town of Trenton Police and Washington County Sheriff's Departments:
None.
6. October Bank Statement Reconciliations:
Ed Doerr moved to approve the October bank statement reconciliations; Jeff Esselmann seconded. Motion carried 3-0.
7. Junk Removal Update:
Chairman Joe Gonnering reported on the progress of the junk removal on Decorah Road.
8. Short-Term Borrowing:
Chairman Joe Gonnering explained the need for short-term borrowing to cover the cost of the junk removal. Joe Gonnering moved to borrow \$85,000; no second. Ed Doerr moved to borrow \$80,000; Joe Gonnering seconded. Motion carried 2-1.
9. Resolution 2022.11.01, Amending 2022 Town Budget:
Clerk Cindy Komro presented the resolution amending the 2022 town budget, reflecting the short-term loan. Ed Doerr moved to approve Resolution 2022.11.01; Jeff Esselmann seconded. Motion carried 3-0.
10. Ordinance 2022.11.01, Town Administrator:
Clerk Cindy Komro presented the ordinance creating a town administrator position. Discussion followed. No action.
11. Department Reports:
DPW Director Charlie Schmidt reported on tree cutting in the town.

Zoning Administrator Barbara Davies reported on the activity in the building and zoning departments and reminded the board that the Plan Commission meeting will be in the shop on Monday, November 7 at 7:30 in the shop, following the budget hearing and special town meeting.

Clerk Cindy Komro reported on the capacity of the town hall meeting room and on the Fall General Election, including absentee ballots issued and returned to date.

Attorney Tim Schoonenberg reported that the Town of Trenton owns the trash and recycling carts currently in possession of the residents.

Supervisor Jeff Esselmann reported on brush cutting and on the introductory meeting with the Brightly Asset Management software team.

Chairman Joe Gonnering reported on the Tuscola Lane culvert progress, including an agreement with BNCI regarding traffic bond installation. Chairman Gonnering noted for the record that Supervisor Jeff Esselmann signed a contractual obligation with BNCI without proper Town Board approval and does not view the waiver as valid waiver of warranty. {Amended on November 15 to include the following: Jeff Esselmann offered a rebuttal that the project was engineered, he consulted with a BNCI representative who agreed with Jeff, BNCI proceeded with using the old fill; Ed Doerr agreed that the old fill could be used.}

Supervisor Ed Doerr reported on resident complaints regarding children racing on dirt bikes on Sand Drive.

Chairman Gonnering reminded the board that the annual road tour begins on Friday at 9:00 a.m. Gonnering further reported on the sale of the Modine heaters.

12. Payment of Bills:

Jeff Esselmann moved to approve payment of bills totaling \$13,265.01; Ed Doerr seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

13. Entertain a Motion to Go into Closed Session for the Purpose of discussing employee compensation with respect to the 2023 Town Budget and to consider promotion of Clerk Cindy Komro to Town Administrator. This session will be closed pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes Sec. 19.85(1)(c) "Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility":

Ed Doerr moved to go into closed session at 8:42 p.m.; Jeff Esselmann seconded. Voting in favor: Ed Doerr, Jeff Esselmann, Joe Gonnering. Opposed: None.

14. Reconvene Into Open Session:

Ed Doerr moved to reconvene into open session at 9:47 p.m.; Jeff Esselmann seconded. Voting in favor: Jeff Esselmann, Ed Doerr, Joe Gonnering. Opposed: None.

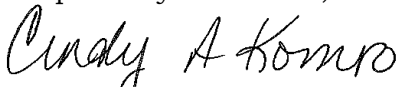
15. Take Action as a Result of Closed Session:

None.

16. Adjourn:

Jeff Esselmann moved to adjourn at 9:48 p.m.; Ed Doerr seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Cindy A Komro, Town Clerk

Affidavit of Posting: These minutes were posted on the Town of Trenton Town Hall Bulletin Board at 1071 State Hwy 33 East, West Bend, WI on November 9, 2022. Cindy Komro, Town Clerk.

Subject to Approval: These Minutes will be considered for approval by the Town Board at the November 15, 2022 Town Board Meeting. █