

Minutes from the Town of Trenton Town Board Meeting

Date and Time: May 17, 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 Barb Davies, DPW Director Charles Schmidt, Attorney Tim Schoonenberg.

Chairman Joseph 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 May 3, 2022:

Ed Doerr moved to approve the minutes of the Town Board meeting of May 3, 2022; Jeff Esselmann 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 and Questions from the Audience:

Jon Kissel, 1744 Mapledale Road, explained that he was denied a culvert waiver; he expressed his discontent with the Town Board's decision to require culverts on Mapledale Road. Kissel discussed his assessment of the ponding problem in the three specific areas that have had the problems.

Larry Carlton, 1926 Mapledale Road, asked whether it was the intention of the town to ditch all of Mapledale Road (both sides). Joe Gonnering cited the town ordinance that requires every residence to have a culvert.

Ed Doerr added that the Town Board is looking to the future when considering these issues.

Jackie Kissel, 1744 Mapledale Road, asked whether they could replace their driveway now and wait to have a culvert installed when the entire road is ditched, understanding that they would be responsible for the cost of the culvert and any additional driveway repair costs.

Jeff Stockhausen, 6706 Westwood Trail, asked whether the culvert waiver could be approved until the time that all culverts would be required on that road.

Nancy Bower, 1951 Mapledale Road, expressed concern that certain large trees on her property will likely need to be removed if a culvert is installed on her property.

Glenn Naumann, 1932 Mapledale Road, asked about his property which is on a hill and (in his opinion) does not require a culvert. Joe Gonnering explained that an engineer will be consulted for final decisions on which properties need a culvert.

Kristen Strunk, 1724 Mapledale Road, asked about repairing her driveway and whether she needed to get a culvert just to repair the asphalt at the end of her driveway.

Julie Fetzer, 1780 Mapledale, asked about lowering the speed limit on Mapledale Road.

Jeff Koenig, 1711 Mapledale Road, praised the town for the maintenance of the road. He further commented that he understands the need for culverts but that a temporary variance in this instance might make sense.

Mike Matsunaga, 1773 Mapledale Road, explained that his property is very flat and that a culvert at the end of his driveway will likely result in water sitting in the ditch.

Tom Nikkinen, 1770 Mapledale Road, commented that the Trenton police presence has been absent on Mapledale Road for the past several years. He continued that Mapledale Road is very sandy soil and does not have ponding issues.

Mike Schwoegler, 1787 Mapledale Road, commented that a culvert will cause more problems on his property than not having a culvert.

Carl Kirchner, 1626 Mapledale Road, questioned the ordinance that requires a culvert when it is not always needed.

Dan Opperman, 1718 Mapledale Road, asked whether he needed a driveway permit to repair the asphalt on his driveway. Zoning Administrator Barb Davies explained that a driveway permit is required when the structure of the driveway is changing from one material to another (gravel to asphalt, asphalt to concrete, etc).

Shaylee McGuire, 6706 Westwood Trail, is an exotic cat breeder who is interested in a conditional use permit to allow this activity in an industrial zoning.

Fred Beres, 5072 Fairy Chasm Road, asked about the property on which a house burned several years ago and now has several abandoned automobiles. Joe Gonnering directed Attorney Tim Schoonenberg to send a letter addressing this issue.

4. Review and Accept Agenda:

Jeff Esselmann moved to accept the agenda; Ed Doerr seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

5. Reports from Town of Trenton Police and Washington County Sheriff's Departments:

None.

6. Open Sealed Road Work Bids: Pulverize, Grade, Roll, Shoulder Gravel:

The following sealed road work bids were received for pulverize, grade, roll, shoulder gravel on Paradise Drive:

Payne & Dolan N173W21120 Northwest Passageway Jackson, WI 53037 Certificate of Liability Insurance provided	Paradise Drive: 168,000
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Jeff Esselmann moved to award the road work bid to Payne & Dolan for \$168,000, using ARPA Funds; Ed Doerr seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

7. School House:

Lauren Howie-Laur reported to the board that she has made progress on her acquisition for additional acreage to fulfill her intention to use the schoolhouse property as a photography studio. Discussion followed about the next steps to ask the Plan Commission about possible rezoning.

8. Plan Commission Member Appointment:

Joe Gonnering presented Jay Koenitzer as a Plan Commission Alternate Member. Jeff Esselmann moved to approve the appointment of Jay Koenitzer as a Plan Commission Alternate Member; Ed Doerr seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

9. Fence Ordinance:

Barb Davies presented the proposed changes to the fence ordinance. Discussion followed.

10. Resolution 2022.05.01, Fire Number Sign Installation:

Clerk Cindy Komro explained the proposed resolution that requires fire number signs to be installed by the town Department of Public Works. Jeff Esselmann moved to approve Resolution 2022.05.01; Ed Doerr seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

11. Athletics Field Use:

Cindy Komro explained that several organizations have asked to use the athletics fields for minimal practice time and asked the Board to consider waiving the donation pledge requirement in certain cases. Discussion followed regarding allowing use of the fields and obtaining additional information about the organization for our records.

12. Recurring Electronic Payments:

Clerk Cindy Komro asked the Board to approve recurring automatic bill payments for the regular monthly bills from Aflac (police insurance) and Canon (copier contract charges). Jeff Esselmann moved to approve payment of the Aflac and Canon bills via automatic electronic funds transfer; Ed Doerr seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

13. Department Reports:

DPW Director Charles Schmidt reported on ditching in the town.

Zoning Administrator Barb Davies reported on the activity in the Building and Zoning Departments.

Clerk Cindy Komro reported on the Board of Review meeting and on an adjustment to the town ward plan that will come before the Board at the June 7 meeting.

Attorney Tim Schoonenberg had nothing to report.

Supervisor Jeff Esselmann reported on core samples on North Church and Shady Lane Road and on discussions with the County on some road work.

Supervisor Ed Doerr had nothing to report.

Chairman Joe Gonnering reported on a meeting on funding for various purposes, including “carbon reduction” and bicycle paths, on a meeting with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation regarding future funding available for small townships (fewer than 5,000 residents) and on chipping activity in the town.

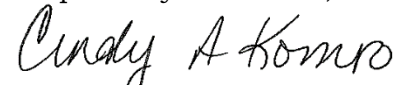
14. Payment of Bills:

Ed Doerr moved to approve payment of bills totaling \$72,533.60; Jeff Esselmann seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

15. Adjourn:

Jeff Esselmann moved to adjourn at 9:18 PM; 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 May 19, 2022. Cindy Komro, Town Clerk.

Subject to Approval: These Minutes will be considered for approval by the Town Board at the June 7, 2022 Board Meeting.