

**Town of Trenton**  
Official Minutes from the Town Board Meeting  
Town of Trenton Town Hall, 1017 Highway 33 East, West Bend, WI 53095  
September 18, 2023, 7:00 PM

Present: Chairman Mike Lipscomb, Supervisor Barb Davies, Supervisor Ed Doerr, Administrator/Deputy Clerk Cindy Komro, Attorney Tim Schoonenberg, Clerk Heather Krueger, Treasurer Nicole Cozzuli-Meer, Director of Public Works Charles Schmidt, Police Chief Steve Swiertz, Police Captain Andrew Mammen. Excused: none. Members of the public: 10

1. Chairman Lipscomb called the Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Lipscomb asked those in attendance to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Affidavit of Posting:  
Lipscomb read the affidavit of posting that the September 18, 2023, Town Board meeting 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.
4. Approve August 21, 2023, Town Board Meeting Minutes. Davies moved to approve the minutes of the Town Board meeting of August 21, 2023, Doerr seconded. Motion carried 3-0.
5. Comments from the Audience: Dennis Kay, 5546 Jacqueline Dr. questioned the added height of Maple Road and whether the road will withstand the manure and other trucks. Schmidt commented that the road was raised 2", and another 2-3" will be added in the next year or two. Since the resurfacing, the DPW has added topsoil and shouldering so he feels the road will withstand the truck traffic.  
John Jansen, 5939 Wausaukee Rd. would like to see the Rezoning of the Roden farm be put in the Town Crier and inform as many citizens as possible. Komro said the Public Hearing notice will be published in the paper and residents within 200' will be notified, as well as be put in the newsletter.
6. Review and Accept Agenda: Davies moved to approve the agenda as presented, Doerr seconded. Motion carried 3-0.
7. August Bank Statement Reconciliations: Davies moved to approve the August Bank Statement Reconciliations, Doerr seconded. Motion carried 3-0.
8. Culvert Waiver Application: Alfred Falk, 6767 Lovers Lane Rd: Per Davies, the driveway is concrete with an area still gravel, she would like to make sure he is aware that concrete cannot be within 10 feet of the edge of the road. Davies moved to approve the culver waiver application 6767 Lovers Lane Rd contingent that the concrete does not go within 10 feet of the edge of the road, Doerr seconded. Motion carried 3-0.
9. Approve Grass Cutting costs for TDS Telecom landscaping: Per Komro the quote for the 2023 grass cutting did not include the recent landscaping done by TDS Telecom and all the

added bushes and trimming adds approximately \$30 per cutting to the cost. **Doerr moved to approve the additional cost per cut, seconded by Davies. Motion carried 3-0.**

10. Resolution 2023.09.01, Alternative Payment Options: Komro would like to defer at this time.
11. Town Trick or Treat Hours: **Davies moved to match the City of West Bend Trick or Treat date and hours of Oct 28, 2023, from 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM, Doerr seconded. Motion carried 3-0.**
12. Establish Committee for CAFO Education and Review: Davies commented that it is a very, very extensive process for an applicant to get a permit from the DNR for a CAFO. Davies did extensive research and has been in correspondence with Danielle and Victoria with the DNR, she has gathered research and provided handouts including CAFOS, WATER PERMITS AND NR 243, FIRST-TIME CAFO WPDES PERMIT APPLICATIONS including an Environmental Analysis Questionnaire, WI State Statues Chapter ATCP 50 which includes all the regulations an applicant must meet. Davies noted that the CAFO applicant is highly regulated by the DNR, State statutes and the EPA. Davies was informed by the DNR that the town has more risk from existing CAFOS Golden E Dairy and Cheeseville in the town of Farmington where they have fewer regulations on the number of animal units allowed. Davies provided a handout showing where manure is being spread in the Town of Trenton. Davies also provided a handout on RENEWABLE ENERGY FROM MANURE from Getting to Green: Minnesota's energy future.  
Lipscomb has spoken to the DNR representatives as well as six or seven other communities for feedback on CAFOS in their communities and they are all different depending on what's happening in their community. Lipscomb feels the town is on a good path, but we can have an open committee to discuss and investigate further.  
Doerr feels if there is a committee formed, it should be with the Plan Commission and Mr. Jansen. It would be a long-term committee investigating any complaints or inquiries. Lipscomb states a committee would form to be an ongoing educational study to give reports on water quality and our community.  
Dennis Kay would like the committee to have a limited term so that it does not continue in perpetuity.  
Davies: what would the goal be? We haven't gotten a CAFO application yet and we can't be, and the town has limited ability to restrict on the CUP.  
Lipscomb states we will bring up the committee idea at the Plan Commission meeting.
13. Town Police Department Update: Andy Mammen gave a monthly update; the police department moved to the secured backroom. All the computers have been updated including the squad cars. A new laptop has been ordered as one of the computers is outdated. The police department has added a non-emergency town hall telephone extension (x111) for residents to call and leave a message. All vehicles are operational, and the police department is fully operational. Mammen gave an update on patrol stops for the month.
14. Accept Resignation of Police Chief and Appoint Successor: Police Chief Swiertz explained to the board that his full-time position outside of the Town of Trenton has added more responsibilities and is more demanding of his time, and therefore would like to step down as the Chief but remain on as a patrol officer. Swiertz is recommending Andy Mammen as the Chief of Police for the Town of Trenton because of his education and professional

experience. Lipscomb thanked Swiertz for his time and commitment to the Town. **Davies moved to accept the resignation of Swiertz with appreciation of his service and that he remains a patrol officer and appoint Andy Mammen as the Police Chief of the Town of Trenton, seconded by Doerr. Motion carried 3-0.**

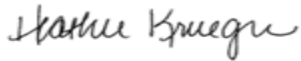
15. Newark Drive Report: Per Doerr, the project should be complete as of today except for the striping of the road. It has been paved twice and shouldered. The road signs and mailboxes have been reinstalled. The speed limit on this portion of the road is 35 MPH. Michels anticipates the project to come in under budget.
16. Town of Cedarburg Road Agreement: Cedar Sauk Rd. Per Komro, the Town of Cedarburg has mentioned that they would like the Town of Trenton to pay for the paving of north Cedar Sauk Rd when they repave the road, as it is their contention that the full road is shared, with maintenance split north/south. Trenton is responsible for both north and south of only 3/10<sup>th</sup> of a mile of this road and Komro would like to see a written agreement with Cedarburg on Cedar Sauk Rd. No one can recall ever seeing an agreement. Attorney Tim Schoonenberg recommended continuing to repair our portion of the road as we understand it and have been doing for many years, explaining to the Town of Cedarburg that they can repave their portion at will.
17. Department Reports:
  - Building Inspector: A listing of all permits was distributed.
  - Chairman: None
  - Supervisor Doerr: Purple Loosestrife and Poison Ivy are growing.
  - Supervisor Davies: None
  - Director of Public Works: Schmidt reports that the Evergreen house has been razed, and the septic and foundation have been filled in. Maple Rd reconstruction complete.
  - Treasurer: Receipts report includes Town tax portion of Property Tax Collection.
  - Clerk: Krueger and Cozzuli-Meer will be attending the Wisconsin Towns Association workshop on Monday 9/25/23 in Fond du Lac. Krueger has submitted the Recycling Grant with the DNR.
  - Administrator/Deputy Clerk: Per Komro: Joan Baumgartner has requested the Town Board create an ordinance for local burning and would like to get the opinion of the board. Doerr is not in favor of creating a local ordinance, the Town should continue to follow what the Fire Dept. recommends. Lipscomb is not interested, he will ask the Fire Chief what he recommends, but Lipscomb is not in favor of more government regulations.
  - Komro has been receiving calls asking if barndominiums are allowed in the town. Yes, they are.
  - Komro reminded the board that there are two Public Hearings scheduled for October 9<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 PM for a rezoning petition for Bob and Cindy Roden and 6:45 PM for an ordinance text amendment.
  - Komro commented that Pat Ryan called and wanted to sell items in his yard on an ongoing basis.
  - The Town received a \$3,220 rebate from Harter's for the old bins that were recycled.
  - The new website should be up and running possibly by the end of the week.
  - Attorney Schoonenberg: Will be attending the Wisconsin Towns Association Law Conference; there is a segment on Communal anaerobic Digester Systems, which may be beneficial to the Town of Trenton.

18. Approve Payment of Bills:

**Davies moved to approve payment of bills totaling \$824,835.23 (Newark Dr. Road repair costs, Newburg Fire Department, Purchase of DPW weed and brush tractor, and trash contract being the highest bills), Doerr seconded. Motion carried 3-0.**

19. Adjourn: **Doerr moved, and Davies seconded to adjourn at 8:08 PM. Motion carried 3-0.**

Respectfully submitted,



Heather Krueger, Clerk

Affidavit of Posting: These minutes were posted on the Trenton Town Hall Bulletin Board at 1071 State Hwy 33 East, West Bend, WI on September 22, 2023, Heather Krueger.

Subject to Approval: These Minutes will be considered for final approval by the Town Board at the October 16, 2023 Town Board Meeting.