

Town of Trenton  
Official Minutes from the Town Board Meeting  
Town of Trenton Town Hall, 1071 Highway 33 East, West Bend, WI 53095  
October 21, 2024, 7:00 PM

Present: Chairman Mike Lipscomb, Supervisor Barb Davies, Supervisor Ed Doerr, Administrator/ Deputy Clerk Cindy Komro, Clerk Heather Krueger, Treasurer Nicole Cozzuli-Meer, Police Chief Andrew Mammen.  
Members of the public: 6

Chairman Lipscomb called the Meeting to order at 7:00 PM

Lipscomb asked those in attendance to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Affidavit of Posting:

Lipscomb read the affidavit of posting that the October 21, 2024, Town Board Meeting agenda was properly posted before the meeting on the Town Bulletin Board and the Town's official website and was also sent to the Washington County Daily News and WIBD Radio.

Approve September 9 Public Hearing Minutes (Esselmann Zoning Map Amendment) Davies moved to approve the September 9, 2024, Public Hearing Minutes as presented, seconded by Doerr. Motion carried 3-0.

Approve September 16, 2024 Town Board Meeting Minutes. Davies moved to approve the September 16, 2024, Town Board Minutes as presented, seconded by Doerr. Motion carried 3-0.

Approve September 25, 2024 Special Town Board Meeting Minutes. Davies moved to approve the September 25, 2024, Special Town Board Minutes as presented, seconded by Doerr. Motion carried 3-0.

Public Comments: George Spaeth, 5786 River Rd. Would like the Board to revisit the culvert permitting and exception process. Some recent culvert installations were unnecessary. Also, follow up needs to be done once the permit is approved or denied.

Review and Accept Agenda: Davies moved to accept the agenda as presented, seconded by Doerr. Motion carried 3-0.

September Bank Statement Reconciliations. Davies moved to approve the September Bank Reconciliations, seconded by Doerr. Motion carried 3-0.

Newburg Fire Department 2025 Fire & Emergency Medical Services Contract. Lipscomb met with the Newburg Fire Chief three times last month to discuss the new contract. The Newburg Fire Department presented a one-year agreement with the town for 2025. Discussion followed regarding the Department's request for a Town Referendum to increase the town Levy on the Spring Ballot to compensate for the 10% increase in the contract fee. **Davies moved to approve the 2025 Newburg Fire Department Emergency Services contract, seconded by Doerr. Motion carried 3-0.**

Resolution 2024.10.01 to Adopt the Washington County All Hazard Mitigation Plan 2024 Update: Per Komro, in 2018 the town approved the Washington County All Hazard Mitigation Plan, this is an update to the plan, the Town of Trenton was not involved in the plans to this update. **Davies moved to approved Resolution 2024.10.01 All Hazard Mitigation Plan, seconded by Doerr. Motion carried 3-0.**

Ordinance 2024.10.01, Amending §174-15 Posting of Address Numbers. Per Komro, the town is enforcing that town residents have the reflective address signs (either the white or green) visible at their entrance, if they are not compliant and after being notified the town will order one for them at their expense. If they do not pay this expense, the town can put this charge on the resident's tax bill. The cost of these signs has gone up and Komro will be asking the Board to increase the cost from the current \$75 to \$100 in the near future. **Davies moved to approve Ordinance 2024.10.01 amending §174.15, seconded by Doerr. Motion carried 3-0.**

Ordinance 2024.10.02, Amending §350-13, Minor land division (regarding definition of "filed" for CSM). Per Komro, this Ordinance addresses the definition of filing an application vs. submitting an application for the purpose of the 90-day approval/denial process. **Davis moved to approve Ordinance 2024.10.02 Amending §350-13, seconded by Doerr. Motion carried 3-0.**

Ordinance 2024.10.03, Amending §345-17C., Manure Transfer Equipment (revising website reference). Per Komro, this revision is adding clarification to reference of posting to the town website as an acceptable publication notice. **Davies moved to approved Ordinance 2024-10.03 Amending §345-17C, seconded by Doerr. Motion carried 3-0.**

Ordinance 2024.10.04, Amending §368-7 Speed limits (St. Augustine Rd). Per Davies, St. Augustine Rd. has been a recognized by the Town and WI Dept. of Transportation as a rustic road for many years, and the statutory speed limit on this road should be posted as 45 mph. **Davies moved to approve Ordinance 2024.10.04 clarifying the speed limit on St. Augustine Road to 45 mph. Seconded by Doerr. Motion carried 3-0.**

Discuss Procedure to Change Town Road Speed Limits. Discussion on the procedures the town should follow when receiving a request to lower speed limits on town roads.

Fire/EMS Special Charge and Town Levy Limit. Per Komro, the Fire/EMS charges will continue to increase in the future and there are several ways the town can approach this extra cost:

- The town can reduce the levy and add the Fire/EMS contract fee as a special charge to the tax bills.
- The town can ask per referendum at a Spring or General Election to charge the Fire/EMS contract fee as a special charge on tax bills, and keep the levy intact.
- Do nothing and have the levy increase annually.

Per Lipscomb, there would need to be community education on these choices. The town board will need to resolve something as residents need to have this protection and the cost will continue to increase.

Schedule 2025 Town Budget Public Hearing and Town Meeting. **Davies moved to approve the Town Budget Public Hearing and Town Meeting on November 11, 2024 at 6:30 PM., seconded by Doerr. Motion carried 3-0.**

Previous Month Correspondence and Department Reports:

Police: September calls for service: 197. Traffic stops: 65, traffic citations: 34, Criminal Traffic citations: 2.

Public Works: Schmidt: Has funds from the Washington County Shared Services which he is using for ditching of town roads. These funds only cover labor costs involved.

Treasurer: Cozzuli-Meer: submitted the September Sales summary and monthly payroll reports.

Clerk: To date, 630 absentee ballots were mailed for the General Election. The town has significantly increased the number of in-person absentee hours that will be available for registered voters. Krueger held a training for election inspectors and feels confident the election will be well run.

Building Inspector: Three new home permits and three accessory structures were issued in September.

Zoning Administrator: Excavation permits, and new home and driveway culvert permits are being issued.

Town Administrator: Will be assisting with in-person voting and the election.

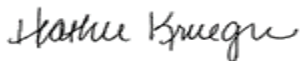
Supervisors: None

Chairman: 1) Lipscomb is working with Komro and DPW on a 3-year outlook for roads. 2) Lipscomb is working with Payne & Dolan regarding the pricing for asphalt on town roads and how the cost is determined.

Payment of bills: Davies moved to pay the September bills for \$85,180.13, seconded by Doerr. Motion carried 3-0.

**Lipscomb adjourned the October Town Board meeting at 7:59 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,



Heather Krueger, Clerk

Affidavit of Posting: These minutes were approved at the November 18, 2024 Town Board meeting and were posted on the town's official website on November 20, 2024.