

Town of Trenton
Official Minutes from the Town Board Meeting
Town of Trenton Town Hall, 1071 Highway 33 East, West Bend, WI 53095
November 18, 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.

Members of the public: 9

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, stating that the November 18, 2024, Town Board Meeting agenda was properly posted before the meeting on the Town Bulletin Board and the Town's official website and also sent to the Washington County Daily News and WIBD Radio.

Approve October 21, 2024, Town Board Minutes. Davies moved to approve the October 21, 2024, Town Board Minutes as presented, seconded by Doerr. Motion carried 3-0.

Approve November 11, 2024 Budget Public Hearing Minutes. Davies moved to approve the November 11, 2024, Budget Public Hearing Minutes as presented, seconded by Doerr. Motion carried 3-0.

Public Comments:

George Spaeth, 5786 River Rd. I would like the project proposed on River & Wallace Lake to be one-acre lots, which would be better than three-acre lots. Davies: The Certified Survey Maps will be presented with six 1.5-acre parcels and one 3-acre parcel. Washington County has changed its procedures; the lots no longer must be 5 acres, and Davies apologized to the person she corrected at the plan commission meeting. The proposal is for one four-lot CSM and one three-lot CSM. 1.5 acres is the minimum per state law without a subdivision.

Bob Falk, 619 CTH M, agrees that smaller lots would be better suited in that area.

Alfred Falk, 6757 Lovers Lane Rd, was told that he could not put concrete at the end of his driveway; it needed to be asphalt. Several driveways are going in that have concrete all the way to the road. Why is this allowed in some areas?

Komro: When homeowners don't follow this ordinance, there are consequences. They must pay triple permit fees because they were not compliant, and they must sign a waiver and indemnification agreement, filed with the County and tied to the property, so any successive owner is responsible for any damage. Also, if there is a curb and gutter, concrete is allowed.

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

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

Employee 2025 Authorized Rates. Davies moved to table any decision on the 2025 Authorized rates until the board can have a budget workshop, seconded by Doerr. Motion carried 3-0.

Approve Mid-Moraine Municipal Court Representatives: Cindy Komro (Principal): Mike Lipscomb (Alternate). Per Komro, this is a formality, a process allowing the Court to always have a quorum. Davies moved to approve Cindy Komro as the Principal and Mike Lipscomb as the Alternate as Mid-Moraine Municipal Court Representatives, seconded by Doerr. The motion carried 3-0.

Approve the Appointment of Police Officer Joseph Cashin. Lipscomb: Currently, the police department personnel consists of Chief Andrew Mammen and Captain Christopher Utecht. Lipscomb has interviewed Joseph Cashin. He is very qualified, with a long resume, and specializes in police grants. He will make a great addition to the team. **Davies moved to approve the appointment of Police Officer Joseph Cashin, seconded by Doerr. The motion carried 3-0.**

Previous Month Correspondence and Department Reports:

Police: October calls for service: 198 Traffic stops: 63, traffic citations: 43, Municipal Ordinance Citations: 2.

Public Works: Per Lipscomb, he has been working with the DPW and Komro on a three-year road plan, including the work that needs to be done, which roads are included, their priority and estimated costs. This plan will be published when it is finalized. Twelve roads were completed in 2024, and 22 more will be completed in the next three years.

Treasurer: Cozzuli-Meer: submitted the October Sales summary and monthly payroll reports. Getting ready for tax season. All the new dog tags are in stock.

Clerk: The General Election went very well. 3381 ballots were cast, which is 95% of registered voters. The town had 2,377 voters who voted. Krueger commended the Trenton police department for being on-site while poll workers were on-site. Their presence was appreciated.

Building Inspector: Lipscomb will be working with the building inspector to assist with efficiency and encouragement.

Zoning Administrator: Is working on the WISLR Paser report and the Culvert Inventory for the State. Komro will be responding to a public records request for any written correspondence between the Rodens and the board.

County Supervisor Thoma: 1) The city of West Bend contracted with the County GIS, a shared service that will benefit over a million dollars over the next ten years. 2) The County adjusted the budget and reduced the levy by \$150,000. 3) The speed study was completed, and he recommends using the county's report to use on the town roads. 4) Akerman's Park received a grant to put in a fish washing station.

Supervisor Doerr: None

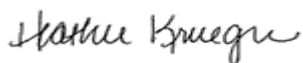
Supervisor Davies: Davies explained the Farmland Preservation Program that Washington County is responsible for. Davies will assist the County with the program at the town level. A letter from the town will be sent to all landowners that appear on the farmland preservation map to get a solid response from those interested in the program. A meeting of interest will be scheduled in January. This is a 10-year commitment, and the federal government would include \$10 per acre on the landowner's Wisconsin income tax return. This program needs to move forward, and there are three approaches: 1) To create a zoning district, Agriculture Farmland Preservation, which the town will consider while amending the entire agricultural ordinance. 2) An overlay, which would mean additional rules. 3) Let the residents apply independently, which Davies does not recommend. Letters to landowners will be going out in December. Per Lipscomb, this is totally unrelated to what the town is doing with the rezoning of the EA District. Farmland Preservation is a State program administered by the County and is only partially related to the town's zoning.

Chairman: Per Lipscomb, the Plan Commission personnel has changed. Joan Baumgartner has resigned; Lee Kidney will be moved from an alternate to an active member. Bob Roden will step down to an alternate while the town discusses the updated zoning ordinances, and Doug Hein will be sworn in as a new member.

Payment of bills: Lipscomb went through all the bills and will follow up on several. **Davies moved to pay the October bills for \$64,322.32, seconded by Doerr. Motion carried 3-0.**

Lipscomb adjourned the October Town Board meeting at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Heather Krueger, Clerk

Affidavit of Posting: These minutes were approved at the December 16, 2024 Town Board meeting and were posted on the town's official website on December 18, 2024.