

Town of Trenton
Official Minutes from the Town Board Meeting
Town of Trenton Town Hall, 1071 Highway 33 East, West Bend, WI 53095
December 16, 2024, 7:00 PM

Present: Chairman Mike Lipscomb, Supervisor Barb Davies, Supervisor Ed Doerr, Administrator/Deputy Clerk Cindy Komro, Clerk Heather Krueger.

Excused: Treasurer Nicole Cozzuli-Meer

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 December 16, 2024, Town Board Meeting agenda was properly posted before the meeting on the Town Bulletin Board and the Town's official website and sent to the Washington County Daily News and WIBD Radio.

Approve November 18, 2024, Town Board Minutes. **Davies moved to approve the November 18, 2024, Town Board Minutes as presented, seconded by Doerr. Motion carried 3-0.**

Approve December 6, 2024 Special Town Board Meeting Minutes. **Davies moved to approve the December 6, 2024, Special Town Board Minutes as presented, seconded by Doerr. Motion carried 3-0.**

Approve Board of Review May 30, 2024, First Meeting Minutes. **Davies moved to approve the May 20, 2024, Board of Review minutes, seconded by Doerr. Motion carried 3-0**

Public Comments:

George Spaeth, 5786 River Rd. I want to know why the town is posting additional Deer Crossing signs. According to DPW Director Schmidt, the additional signage was added at a resident's request.

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

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

Ordinance Z2024.12.01 Amending Zoning Code Regarding Accessory Structures. Per Komro, the Plan Commission recommended approval. Per Davies, Cindy did a lot of work on this ordinance, merging confusing information about the accessory structures. **Davies moved to approve Ordinance Z2024.12.01 as presented, seconded by Doerr. The motion carried 3-0.**

Ordinance Z2024.12.02 Amending Zoning Code regarding EA Setbacks. Per Komro, the Plan Commission recommended approval. **Davies moved to approve Ordinance Z2024.12.02 Amending the Zoning Code regarding EA Setbacks, seconded by Doerr. Motion carried 3-0.** Lipscomb appreciated all the time and effort the Plan Commission and Komro put into this ordinance.

Wausaukee Road Speed Limit. Instead of conducting a speed study on Wausaukee Rd, Lipscomb sent a letter to all 17 residents asking if they felt the speed limit should remain the same or be changed. Thirteen residents responded, all in favor of reducing the speed limit by 10 mph. The Town will pass an ordinance to lower the speed limit from 55 to 45 mph with advisory speed around the curve at 30 mph. The town will post the new speed limit signs but not enforce them for 30 days.

Resolution 2024.12.01 Amending 2024 Town Budget **Davies moved to approve Resolution 2024.12.01 Amending the 2024 Town Budget, seconded by Doerr. Motion carried 3-0.**

Resolutions 2024.12.02 Establishing Police Chief 2025 Compensation, 2024.12.03 Establishing Town Administrator 2025 Compensation, 2024.12.04 Establishing Town Clerk 2025 Compensation, 2024.12.05 Establishing Town Treasurer 2025 Compensation. **Davies moved to approved Resolutions 2024.12.02, 2024.12.03, 2024.12.04, 2024.12.05 Town Employee Compensation for 2025, seconded by Doerr. Motion carried 3-0,**

Resolution 2024.12.06 Adopting 2025 Town Budget. **Davies moved to approve Resolution 2024.12.06, Adopting the 2025 Town Budget, seconded by Doerr. Motion carried 3-0.**

Previous Month Correspondence and Department Reports:

Police: November Patrol Activity included 155 calls for service, 40 Traffic stops, and 37 traffic citations. Chief Mammen received a letter from Cape Cod Community College congratulating him on a well-written Policies and Procedures Manual for the Town of Trenton Police Department. Lipscomb commented that the town is fortunate to have such quality and experienced police department.

Public Works: Per Schmidt, all of the 2024 funds issued to the town from Washington County Shared Services have been used up. Next year, the town will be receiving around \$36,000. The No-Parking signs have been installed, and the lights at the town hall sign have been repaired. Discuss the purchase of a new snow plow, as all the current plows are aging.

Treasurer: Cozzuli-Meer: submitted the November sales summary and monthly payroll reports. Tax bills have been sent out, and residents are starting to submit payments.

Clerk: Cleaning up November election records and year-end filing.

Building Inspector: One new home in November, still busy but slowing down.

Town Administrator/Zoning Administrator: The town will no longer have a post office box, which will be discontinued by the end of December. Receiving all the mail at the town hall will save time and mileage. Komro put together an explanation of property taxes for residents who want to understand the significant increase in their property taxes.

Komro is reviewing each section of the zoning map for the Plan Commission so they can see the ownership and acreage of all Agricultural Parcels, including EA Exclusive Agriculture, A-1 Agricultural and AT Agricultural Transition.

County Supervisor Thoma: None

Supervisor Doerr: After over 30 years on the town board, he will not run for town supervisor in spring 2025.

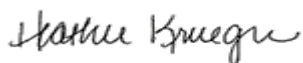
Supervisor Davies: The town is reviewing the map it received from Washington County for Farmland Preservation. A review of the map and a presentation from Washington County will occur on January 27, 2025. Any size parcel that generates over \$6,000 in revenue in one year or \$18,000 in 3 years qualifies to claim the credit. All parcels currently on the draft map will be included unless the owner asks to be removed for just cause. Any owner wanting to add a parcel not on the draft map will need to contact the town and present a reason for being included. Being on the map does not change the zoning or anything else related to their property. It allows them to claim that credit if they otherwise qualify. Once the County adopts the plan, a parcel not on the map will have to work with the County to be added.

Chairman: Lipscomb is finalizing communication to the community after the first of the year regarding roads targeted to be repaired in 2025, 2026 and 2027. The letter will also communicate election results, zoning, and other highlights to residents. Lipscomb will be working with the building inspector regarding communication and paperwork in 2025,

Payment of bills: Lipscomb went through all the bills and will follow up on several. **Davies moved to pay the December bills for \$56,674.83, seconded by Doerr. Motion carried 3-0.**

Lipscomb adjourned the December Town Board meeting at 7:38 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Heather Krueger, Clerk

Affidavit of Posting: These minutes were approved at the January 20, 2025 Town Board meeting and were posted on the town's official website on January 21, 2025.