

**TOWN BOARD
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
January 10, 2022
7:00 p.m.
TAYCHEEDAH TOWN HALL**

Member present: Chairman Joe Thome, Supervisors Justin Fowler, Jim Rosenthal II and Tim Simon. Also present: Clerk Kris Marcoe, Treasurer Kathy Diederich and Road Maintenance Manager Randy Rieder.

Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance:

Chairman Thome called the meeting to order at 7:03pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Motioned by Tim Simon, second by Justin Fowler, to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2021, monthly board meeting. Motion carried (4-0).

Reports:

Park & Rec. Advisory Council: Randy Rieder informed the board that the park is in good shape and reminded everyone that the Sno-Bol Event is taking place on February 5, 2022.

Road Department Managers Report: Randy Rieder informed the board he and his team have been plowing snow and working on maintaining the equipment. Currently one tractor is not working, and we are waiting for parts.

Review Financial Reports:

Treasurer Kathy Diederich informed the board there was no in-person tax collection. Payments received through December have been posted and will begin receipting the January 2022 payments. There is adequate cash to pay the December 2021 invoices. The last installment of the State General Aid Revenue was received in December. Expenses were consistent with prior months.

Approval of Town Bills:

The 2022 membership dues from NEWSC was questioned by Supervisor Simon as to who the entity is and thought the town had cancelled this a few years ago. Clerk Marcoe will look into this and report back during the February 2022 meeting. Motioned by Chairman Thome to omit the NEWSC invoice and approve the remaining, second by Jim Rosenthal II to approve the bills (order #424-492, #494-514). Motion carried (4-0).

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

1. **Property Tax Refunds & Admin Fees:** Treasurer Kathy Diederich informed the board every year included with the property tax bills are flyers that contain important tax and community information. These flyers were shared with the town board at the December 13, 2021, meeting. The flyers inform residents how to obtain tax receipts, refunds and dog tags.

Residents are instructed to include a self-addressed stamped envelope for receipts or the return of their dog tags. With every overpayment a receipt is sent. The town cannot continue to absorb the cost of noncompliance. Tax receipts can also be obtained by going on-line (details on the flier). Treasurer Diederich asked the board if they can approve an administrative fee for those residents who **do not** provide the self-addressed stamped envelopes for receipts or dog tags. This will cover the costs for the time it takes for proofing refunds, the cost for stamps and envelopes, supplies, etc. Motioned by Jim Rosenthal II to approve a \$10 administrative fee for taxpayers that do not supply the required self-addressed stamped envelopes, second by Justin Fowler. Motion carried (4-0).

2. Fire Department Contracts Review/Discussion/Vote: Fire Departments Calumet and Mt. Calvary each cover 50% of the town. Both departments were informed to have the same contract amounts and contracts would be a one-year term. The board will meet with both departments each spring to discuss the next year's contract amounts. Clerk Marcoe stated she changed Mt. Calvary's contract to \$99,370.00 to be consistent with Calumet's. This resulted in an increase of \$1.41. Calumet Fire Department has not provided their budget and we may receive it during their annual meeting later this month. Motioned by Chairman Thome to accept the contracts for 2022 in the amount of \$99,370.00 each, second by Tim Simon. Motion carried (4-0).
3. Chicken Permit Application: Josh Mason has completed the required chicken permit application. Motioned by Jim Rosenthal II, second by Justin Fowler to approve the permit. Motion carried (4-0).
4. TSD#3 Commissioner Position: Chairman Thome informed the board and confirmed by John Rickert there is an open TSD#3 Commissioner position. Mark Haensgen is interested in this position and has communicated this with a few TSD#3 and Town Board members. Chairman Thome asked to postpone this to February's meeting to allow other interested candidates the opportunity to apply.
5. W4171 Gladstone Beach Road: Doug Hoerth informed the board a building permit was received for a storage building on a lot rezoned General Agriculture. Ezra Poss, the property owner was in attendance for any questions. Ezra stated the building will be for storage only and not used for business. Currently his trailers during the spring/summer/fall months move from jobsite to jobsite. During the winter months he would store the trailers. Motioned by Jim Rosenthal II, second by Justin Fowler to approve the permit. Motion carried (4-0).
6. 2021 Building Report Presentation: Doug Hoerth approached the board with his breakdown/review of 2021's building report. 174 permits were issued with total evaluation of 9.5 million. New homes consisted of 10, 1 duplex and 5 commercial buildings. Moving into 2022 he is keeping the fee's the same.

Ordinance Enforcement:

Certified Survey Maps:

Public Comments:

Ann Simon inquired if the town has contracts with Jason Guelig or Ablers Tree Service. Bids should be obtained from multiple businesses. Road Maintenance Manager Randy Rieder stated in the past regarding tree work we hired others that did not allow him to assist with the work or use the towns equipment.

Ann Simon asked why the lowering of the culvert on Tower Road was funded by the landowners and not the town. Chairman Thome informed her the culvert did not need to be lowered after meeting with the landowners' multiple times with Road Maintenance Manager Randy Rieder. The landowners felt the ditch would drain better if the culvert was lowered and requested to proceed with the work at their expense, in which the town granted them permission. Chairman Thome recalls an offer made to clean the ditch on the west side. The leveling of soils would be the responsibility of the landowner. The discussion did not go any further.

Ann Simon inquired on the status of Carol Schmitz's court hearing. Nothing has been received regarding the outcome. Chairman Thome reminded everyone that the Municipal Courts take care of citation hearings.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn and move into Closed Session by Jim Rosenthal II, second by Chairman Thome. Motion carried (4-0). Meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm.

Closed Session Item – Discuss and Wage Approval:

Closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85 (1)(c) for the purpose of considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any specific public employee over which the Board has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. During the closed session, the Board discussed and set the wages of each snowplow driver. Motioned by Jim Rosenthal II, second by Chairman Thome to enter into closed session. Motion carried by roll call vote (4-0).

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn closed session and reconvene into open session by Chairman Thome, second by Jim Rosenthal II. Motion carried (4-0). Meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm.

Chairman Thome reconvened the meeting to order at 7:55pm.

Motioned by Jim Rosenthal II to approve the wages of each snowplow driver as discussed in the closed session, second by Justin Fowler. Motion carried (4-0).

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn by Jim Rosenthal II, second by Tim Simon. Motion carried (4-0). Meeting adjourned at 7:56 pm.

Attest: 
Kristin A. Marcoe
Clerk