

## APPROVED MINUTES FOR TOWN OF WILSON, OCTOBER 19, 2020

**CALL TO ORDER & DECLARATION OF OPEN MEETING:** President Ehmann called the Town of Wilson Board Meeting to order. Posting in accordance with open meeting law was confirmed by affidavit of posting and the meeting was declared an open meeting. Meeting was held via Zoom which complies with open meeting laws.

**PRESENT:** President Ehmann, Supervisors Nancy DesJardins, Tom Stoelb, and Brian Hoffmann, and Matt Fore. Also, in attendance: Clerk Julie Wicker, Treasurer Kari Mooney, and Maintenance Supervisor Rick Meyer.

Public comment.

Steve Hick told the board about the problems that he has at this property with the mouth of the river. He had been shoveling the mouth many times to try to keep this open. He had asked about keeping a large piece of machinery down at the mouth of river to help with keeping it open. Schramm addressed this by stating this is not allowed. Hoffmann also spoke with Schramm, Meyer and an environmental firm in Green Bay in hopes to receive some answer to help rectify this issue but had received the same answers as heard tonight.

### APPOINTMENTS / NEW & OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Approval of the draft minutes, October 5, 2020.** Motion by Hoffmann second by Fore to approve the October 5, 2020 minutes, all members voted aye, motion carried. There was a typing error on the agenda, and it stated draft minutes date was October 3<sup>rd</sup>, it should have been October 5<sup>th</sup>.
2. **Black River and Lake Michigan Drainage** – Discussed the status of ongoing water height monitoring and river mouth maintenance, Strategic's summary letter, and affirm the Town's position regarding future support. Scott Schramm gave an update about the water update. Schramm presented a letter with a summary and recommendations of the Black River and Lake Michigan drainage. Strategic recommends that the Town cooperatively monitor the weather and water heights. Schramm communicated and shared ideas with key agencies and coastal leaders such as: Dave Wentland, Robert Stanick, Kathryn Kramasc, Ted Jennejon and McMillen Pitz. Schramm's recommendations to attempt to maintain the river mouth as an open/ flowing channel. The Town of Wilson has no jurisdiction; this is waters of the State. President suggested to form a volunteer committee of Town resident to help open the mouth of river up when it becomes closed. Details will be put together with members of this committee and how they will be contacted with the occurs. Supervisor Fore asked if the fire department can make a path with water and this is allowable.
3. **Lake Shore Drive Tributary Creek** - Discuss the status of site observations on District's pump station properties, and the Town's plan to clear and remove dead and overhanging vegetation along the District's properties during the winter of 20/21. This is Fireman Creek. Schramm and Mike Klokow took a walk north of the pump station. They noticed that there were no dead branches but ash trees that are dying. Schramm's suggestion to the Town is to wait to remove them till after winter season for safety reasons. He didn't notice any trees tipped over on the Town's property.
4. **Update and discussion to create a Law Enforcement Position for the Town of Wilson** – This will be moved to the next agenda.
5. **Chair will appoint Deb Lisberg to the Parks & Forestry Commission.** – President Ehmann appointed Deb Lisberg to the Parks and Forestry Commission.
6. **Update and discussion on Town of Wilson garbage fees.** There's has been an increase in the cost of disposal cost in garbage fees. The cost per month has not slowed down since Covid-19 started. Emptying the dumpster has continued to be twice a week. The Town has the largest dumpster available at the maintenance site. President Ehmann told the board that it's not the Town's responsibility to provide garbage service, the Town needs to pass the cost to the residents. The prior referendum that was

passed stated that a changes can be voted on by the board to cover the cost adjustments in the future years. As of 2019 there were 1478 parcels in the Town of Wilson. Motion by Stoelb second by Fore to approve the garbage fee increase per year from \$40.00 to \$50.00 per parcel, all members voted aye, motion carried.

7. **Reports:**

- a. **Rick Meyer - Maintenance** Wilson Lima culverts are completed. Frontage Road is completed. Timberlake drainage will be completed this fall. The power company will be coming in this Wednesday. The county will follow up after and then will be ready for the road work next year. The board had given Meyer the okay for the Sheboygan County to asphalt pave the stretch of approximately 1300 feet from Middle road, County KK to Sauk Trail Rd. There is money remaining in the budget to fund this project.  
The board will be looking into the trailer that has been sitting at the maintenance site and will be making one final attempt to contact the individual that purchase it to try to have the gentlemen pick up the trailer.
  - b. **Kari Mooney – Treasurer** - The packet has the treasurer’s report. Telephone in the hall has been quoted out and the board would like to go forward with this with the grant money.
  - c. **Sheriff Report** – Report is in the packet.
  - d. **Julie Wicker – Clerk** – Wicker told the board that 915 absentee ballots have been sent out, over 591 have been return. Wicker had been entering the returned ballot information into the WEC website throughout the day. The Hall is all set up for early in person voting to start tomorrow.
  - e. **Town Board Members Individual Reports** – Supervisor DesJardins said that there is one trucking company engine breaking on Weeden Creek Road and many residents are complaining about this. President Ehmann will be speaking with Alliant to see which company this is. Supervisor DesJardins also wanted to also thank Karen Bollwahn for the wonderful job on the newsletter.
8. **Disbursement Report: Town of Wilson First Responders, Town of Wilson** - Motion by Stoelb second by DesJardins approve the Town’s checks dated October 19, 2020, check number 22283–22312 in the amount of \$159,030.97, all members voted aye, motion carried. Motion by Hoffmann second by Stoelb to approve the payroll for October 21, 2020 in the amount of \$7,027.23, all members voted aye, motion carried.
9. **The Town Board intends to convene into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(g) for the purpose of conferring with legal counsel for the Town who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the Town with respect to litigation in which the Town is or is likely to become involved. During the closed session, the Board will discuss the property located at 8511 Middle Road, Sheboygan, WI 53081. Motion by Fore, second by Stoelb to move into closed session. Roll call taken, all members of board voted aye, motion carried.**  
The board moved to go back into open session.
10. **Adjourn** – Motion by Fore second by Stoelb to adjourn the Town of Wilson meeting at 8:13 pm, all member voted aye, motion carried.

Minutes: by Julie Wicker