

Minutes for TOWN OF WILSON, February 20th, 2023

CALL TO ORDER & DECLARATION OF OPEN MEETING: Supervisor 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. The meeting was held via the Town Hall and on Zoom which complies with open meeting laws.

PRESENT: Chairman John Ehmann, Supervisors Tom Stoelb, Nancy DesJardins, Brian Hoffmann, Matt Fore present. Also, in attendance: Clerk Julie Wicker, Treasurer Shawna Scovronski, Director of Public Works Ben Darkow. Also attending were Jon Kulhow, Mary Jo Stoelb, Matt Gartmann, Joanne Friedman, Mary Faydash, Jayne Zabrowski, Dori Nemeth, Ray Tenpas Claudia Bricks, Patrick Milinaz.

Pledge of Allegiance: Was cited by Supervisor Hoffmann.

Public Comment – Joann Friedman commented on using pesticides in the Town parks. There are 26 states that band pesticides in parks and schools. The chemicals are bad for children and pets. Mary Faydash is in favor of using no pesticides in the parks. She forwarded information to the clerk for her to share with the board. There are many health and exposure risks of the commonly used lawn pesticides. Ray TenPas asked that the agenda has a start time on them. That the board meeting is in person format. That the board will need to look at redoing Wilson Lima Road. There's a tile line running through it and this road keeps caving in. He suggests that this road is repaired before it is repaved. He had a concern that meetings are still held over zoom and when a closed session meeting reopens the audience is removed from zoom. Audience members are not able to log back in the zoom, would suggest going back to in-person meetings.

APPOINTMENTS / NEW & OLD BUSINESS:

- 1. Approval of the draft minutes, February 20th, 2023.** Motion by Hoffmann second by DesJardins to approve the February 20, 2023 Town of Wilson minutes, all members voted aye. Ehmann abstained. Motion carried.
- 2. The board will review the Plan Commissioners recommendation to approve Holler n Hills sign application (on premise, free standing), 5837 S. Business Dr., Sheboygan.** Motion by Fore second by DesJardins to approve the Plan Commissioners recommendation for Holler n Hills application for a free standing sign at 5837 S. Business Dr., Sheboygan. All members voted aye, motion carried.
- 3. The board will review the Plan Commissioners recommendation to approve Kwik Trip sign application (on premise, free standing), 7002 Sauk Trail Road, Sheboygan.** Motion by Fore second by Hoffmann to approve the Plan Commissioners recommendation for Kwik Trip application for a free-standing sign at 7002 Sauk Trail Road, Sheboygan. All members voted aye, motion carried.
- 4. Discussion with the Director of Public Works on Parks & Forestry standard operating procedures.** Darkow spoke about the operating procedures that the park and forestry committee would like the maintenance department to do during the summer months. Darkow didn't believe this would be a concern. The board members had concerns with using lawn pesticides. Supervisor Stoelb talked about using dawn, vinegar, and salt to kill the weeds. Nemeth suggested that staff doesn't get vinegar on the trees, it would kill them. He asked what the Town has to lose if we use this to see if it would help with the weeds. Supervisor Hoffmann and DesJardins also agreed with no pesticides being used. If something needs to be used, they want something natural because children are in these parks playing. Dori Nemeth from the Park committee said that these will not kill the young weeds. Nemeth also spoke about Zeritol that would likely keep the paths clean from weeds. Supervisor Stoelb asked for time to gather information on all the sprays that Nemeth was referring to. The board will then look at everything and decide on which way to proceed. Chairman Ehmann thanked the Park and Forestry Committee for all there hard work they have been doing over the past years.

- 5. Discussion if the Town will remain conducting Zoom meetings or switch to hybrid or in-person.**
The decision was made not to use the office conference room because the space in the conference room is too small. The hall is larger but would need to have equipment purchased to have effective hybrid meetings. The clerk will be contacting the Sheboygan Area School District to see if it would be cost-effective to use their facilities for the Town's meetings. She will also speak with the Town's IT person about the cost of equipment in the hall for hybrid meetings. This item will be placed on the next agenda for an update.
- 6. Discussion and approval of Code Enforcement officer job description.** Supervisor DesJardins added that the description added a Code Enforcement officers can be available if fire department needs them, then the fire chief would then make a call for their assistance. Motion by DesJardins second by Hoffmann to approval of Code Enforcement officer job description. Supervisor Fore and Chair Ehmann voted nay, motion carried.
- 7. New and Renewal Operator License Applications for period July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023.** Motion by supervisor Fore second by Stoelb to approve the operator license application for Nicole DesJardins. All members voted aye, motion carried.
- 8. Public Comment**
- 9. Reports:**
- a. Ben Darkow- Maintenance** – Darkow told the board that the new dump truck is back and fixed and working correctly. Darkow will bring Thomas Schrieber back this summer to work. He also had totals snow removal and salt use totals in the packet. Darkow also asked policy should be regarding residents going into the maintenance building. The board suggested that no residents should be going into the buildings. Signs should be put up- Employees only.
 - b. Treasurer** - Balance sheet, cash balances, activity, annual department report, Fire Dept, activity reports and financial information were shared. New spreadsheets are in the packets.
 - c. Sheriff Report** – none.
 - d. Julie Wicker – Clerk** – Wicker told the board that tomorrow is election day. The election will be held from 7am until 8pm.
 - e. Supervisors Reports - Supervisor** – none
- 10 Disbursement Reports: Town of Wilson**
Motion by DesJardins second by Stoelb to approve the Town's check numbers 23692-23714, dated February 20, 2023, in the amount of \$ 39,830.51, all members voted aye, motion carried.
Motion by Hoffmann second by DesJardins to approve the Town's payroll dated February 22, 2023 in the total amount of \$9,005.05 all members voted aye, motion carried.
- 11. 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. (Roll Call Vote Required).** Motion by Stoelb second by Fore to move into closed session. A roll call vote was taken. DesJardins Aye, Stoelb aye, Fore aye, Hoffmann aye, and the Chair aye. The board moved into closed session.
- 12. Adjourn-** Motion by Hoffmann second by DesJardins to adjourn at 7:53 pm, all members voted aye, motion carried.

Minutes by Julie Wicker.