

Minutes for TOWN OF WILSON, September 5, 2023

CALL TO ORDER & DECLARATION OF OPEN MEETING: Chairman Fore called the Town of Wilson Board Meeting to order at 5:38pm. 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 Matt Fore, Supervisors Tom Stoelb, Nancy DesJardins, Brian Hoffmann, Todd Richter were present. Also in attendance: Clerk Julie Wicker, Director of Public Works Ben Darkow, Treasurer Shawna Scovronski. Also attending was Jayne Zabrowski, Jack Leonhardt, Arletta Giese, Bella Rose Ragins, Eileen Madden, Erik Thelen, John Ehmann, Ryan Crum, Mike Watson, Jason Schuer, Tom Burnight, Abby D., McCurran, Peggy Slater

Pledge of Allegiance: Was cited.

Public Comment –

John Ehmann, 231 Edgewater - Comment on the conservancy.

Tim Burnight, 9441 Sandwood – Comment on the prior weekend with Airbnb.

Eileen Madden – Comment on STR in the Town.

APPOINTMENTS / NEW & OLD BUSINESS:

- 1. Approval of the draft minutes August 21, 2023, Town Board meeting.** Motion by Richter seconded by DesJardins to approve the minutes from August 21, 2023. All members voted aye, motion carried.
- 2. Discussion and possible action on the process of the Phragmites Project for 2023 and 2024 and discussion on the woody invasive species removal at the Henry Mueller conservancy and Balzer Woods.** Melissa Curran and Ryan Crum spoke about the treatments of the identified populations of invasive Phragmites in the Town. It will cost the Town \$2920 to support the retreatments of participating parcels in 2024. The invasive brush removal at Balzer Woods has been completed. The invasive brush was removed using hand cutting techniques with a combination of brush saws and chainsaws. The estimation for the invasive brush clearing at Henry Mueller Conservancy and Balzer Woods was all used. The remaining dollar amount still available is approximately \$18,200. The Scope for 2024 will be conducted with one Re-Sprout treatment across all 15 acres of the Balzer Woods Conservancy. Re-sprout would be treated during the 2024 growing season (May-September) costing \$3,000. To complete the 13.3 acres of the Henry Mueller Conservancy re-sprout treatment would be estimated at \$12,500. Stantec will look into grand funding/support, and intern support as another cost saving option.
- 3. Discussion and possible action on Wagner Excavating addendum No. 5 snow and ice removal agreement.** This topic was approved by the board members in May 2023. Brine information and cost will be coming when Wagner Excavating completes it.
- 4. Discussion and possible action on the Town maintaining the Jerving Conservancy.** Chairman Fore said that he had walked through the Conservancy and the public access path was not mowed but the paths about the Conservancy from residents' home had been mowed again. Motion by Richter and seconded by Stoelb to have the Town Maintenance Department maintain the public access path for the public to use. All members voted aye, motion carried.
- 5. Packets for CUP 2-year compliance review, discussion, and possible motion.** None
- 6. New and Renewal Operator License Applications for period July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024.** Motion by Stoelb and seconded by Hoffmann to approve the operator's licenses for Nara Detienne, Thomas Detienne for the period ending June 30, 2024. All members voted aye, motion carried.
- 7. Public Comment:**

John Ehmann - Comment on the Jerving Conservancy.
Erik Thelen – Comment on the Conservancies.
Mary Faydash, 5631 Driftwood – Comment on the Short-Term rentals.

8. Reports:

a. Ben Darkow – Public Works/Maintenance – Concrete should be able to drive on within the next week or so. The second round of ditch mowing has started.

Darkow talked about the speed limit on Wilson Lima Road. All rural roads, the speed limit is 55 but Town's Ordinance states that all roads that are not marked with a speed limit are only 25 mph. Chapter 2 in the ordinance will be on the next agenda. Supervisor Stoelb believes that the Town can set the speed limit for the road. Supervisor Richter would like a list of these roads that don't have speed limit signs up.

b. Shawna Scovronski – Treasurer - Balance sheet, cash balances, activity, annual department report, Fire Dept, activity reports and financial information were shared. The total disbursement including payroll and liabilities was \$45414.24.

c. Sheriff Report – No report

d. Julie Wicker – Clerk – No report

e. Code enforcement officer – In Board packet.

f. Supervisors Reports –

Supervisor DesJardins said that there should be no fires of any kind in the Town at this time due to the weather. She also asked that all supervisors look over Ordinance10A First Responders agreement.

Chairman Fore told the board that all STR letters have been sent out.

9. Disbursement Reports: Town of Wilson & First Responders

Motion by Hoffmann second by Richter to approve the Town's check numbers 23975-23987 dated September 5, 2023, in the amount of \$ 45,414.24, all members voted aye, motion carried.

Motion by DesJardins second by Hoffmann to approve the Town's payroll dated September 6, 2023 in the total amount of \$9,407.36, all members voted aye, motion carried.

10. Discussion and possible action on attorney contract.

Michael Bauer and Kelly Del Ponte were present. They are attorneys with Hopp Neumann Humke LLC. They answered questions regarding other municipalities that they work for. Also answered questions from the board members. No decision was made at this meeting.

11. Adjourn: Motion by Richter second by Stoelb to adjourn at 7:27 pm, all members voted aye, motion carried.

Minutes by Julie Wicker.