

Minutes for TOWN OF WILSON, January 15, 2024

CALL TO ORDER & DECLARATION OF OPEN MEETING: Chairman Fore called the Town of Wilson Board Meeting to order at 5:38 pm. 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 was present. Also in attendance: Clerk Julie Wicker, Director of Public Works Ben Darkow, Treasurer Shawna Scovronski. Also attending was Belle Rose Ragins, Erik Thelen, Jayne Zabrowski, Jack Leonhard, Marc Brami, Stu Stempihar, Brian Cooke, Darle.

Pledge of Allegiance: Was cited.

Public Comment –

Jack Leonhard had a question on the agenda on the website. If agendas are not able to be seen, please refresh on the top.

APPOINTMENTS / NEW & OLD BUSINESS:

- 1. Approval of the draft minutes January 2, 2024, Town Board meeting.** Motion by Hoffmann seconded by Richter to approve the January 2, 2024 minutes. All members voted aye, motion carried.
- 2. Approval of the Plan Commissioner's request to approve the Industrial building permit application by Alliant Energy for utility tower at parcel #59030459410. This is an 80-acre parcel zoned I-1.** Motion by Richter seconded by Hoffmann to approve the building permit application by Alliant Energy for utility tower at parcel #59030459410. This is an 80-acre parcel that is zoned I1. All members voted aye, motion carried.
- 3. Discussion and possible action on attendance for the code enforcement officers at Town board meetings.** The board discussed the code enforcement officer attending the Town board meetings. They concluded that one code enforcement officer can attend a Town board meeting and receive one hour of pay, and no mileage reimbursement.
- 4. Discussion and possible action on approving application for new BCPL State Trust Fund Loan.** Motion by Hoffmann seconded by Richter to approve the new application from BCPL State Trust Fund with the interest rate decreasing to 6.0% instead of 6.25%. All members voted aye, motion carried.
- 5. Discussion and possible action on new BCPL- Borrowing Resolution.** Motion by Richter seconded by Hoffmann to approve the new BCPL Borrowing resolution for the loan for Frontage Road. Roll call vote was taken, Hoffmann voted aye, Richter voted aye, DesJardins voted aye, Stoelb voted aye, Chairman Fore voted aye. Motion carried.
- 6. Approval on borrowing 2024 funds from Oostburg State Bank instead of WI Bank & Trust.** Motion by Hoffmann seconded by Richter to approve the borrowing from Oostburg State Bank. All members voted aye, motion carried.
- 7. Discussion and possible action on office procedures to follow in bad weather.** The board members discussed this topic. They decided to look at surrounding municipalities, the County, and school districts to see how these other organizations follow bad weather procedures. This topic will be discussed further on the next agenda.
- 8. Packets for CUP 2-year compliance review, discussion, and possible motion.** None
- 9. License Applications for period July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024.** Motion by DesJardins seconded by Richter to approve the Operator License for Kurt Schnabl for the period of July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024. All members voted aye, motion carried.

10. Public Comment:

Jack Leonhart commented about ordinance violations in the Town.

Stu Stempihar – Commented about the annexation occurring in the Town.

Marc Brami – Commented about the annexation occurring in the Town.

11. Reports:

- a. **Ben Darkow – Public Works/Maintenance** – Darkow told the board that he spoke with several residents in the Town about the law on plowing the snow across the street. This is a Town ordinance as well as a state law that this can't be done.
- b. **Shawna Scovronski – Treasurer** - Balance sheet, cash balances, activity, annual department report, Fire Dept, activity reports and financial information were shared in the packet.
- c. **Sheriff Report** – None
- d. **Julie Wicker – Clerk** – None
- e. **Code enforcement officer** – None
- f. **Supervisors Reports** – Supervisor Stoelb and Chairman Fore wanted to thank Ben Darkow and staff for the work that was done to clean up the Town. Chairman Fore also told the board that Dignified Solution LLC is moving forward with their plans. Fund raising is going well and Fore mentioned if anyone would like to get involved, please let them know.

12. Disbursement Reports: Town of Wilson & First Responders

Motion by Hoffmann second by DesJardins to approve the Town's disbursement check numbers 24193-24217 dated January 15, 2024, in the amount of \$ 46,919.16, all members voted aye, motion carried.

Motion by DesJardins second by Hoffmann to approve the Town's payroll dated January 10, 2024, in the total amount of \$10,510.08, all members voted aye, motion carried.

- 13. **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 related to alleged nuisance properties and violations of the Town's Zoning Ordinance. (Roll Call Vote Required).** Motion to move into closed session by Hoffmann, seconded by Richter. Roll call vote was taken, all board members and Chair voted aye. Moved into closed session.
Motion by Hoffmann seconded by Richter to move back into open session.
- 14. **The Town Board intends to convene into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(c) for the purpose of considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the Town Board has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. During the closed session, the Board will discuss the Code Enforcement Officers position. The Board reserves the right to reconvene into open session following the closed session.** Motion by Hoffmann seconded by DesJardins to move into closed session.
- 15. **Adjourn:** Motion by Hoffmann second by Richter to adjourn at 7:17 pm, all members voted aye motion carried.

Minutes by Julie Wicker.