

# Minutes for TOWN OF WILSON, May 6, 2024

**CALL TO ORDER & DECLARATION OF OPEN MEETING:** Chairman Fore called the Town of Wilson Board Meeting to order at 5:47 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, Stu Stempihar were present. Also in attendance: Clerk Julie Wicker, Director of Public Works Ben Darkow, Treasurer Shawna Hall. Also attending were Erik Thelen, Jayne Zabrowski, Susan Fredricks, Jason Schoen, Belle Regina, Otis Kiehl.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Was cited.

**Public Comment** – Larry Batterman, 2823 County Rd V, had questions regarding his property. John Peterson, 5515 South 15<sup>th</sup> Street, light ordinance, Fencing permits.

## APPOINTMENTS / NEW & OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Approval of the draft minutes April 15, 2024, Town Board meeting.** Motion by Richter seconded by Stoelb to approve the April 1, 2024 minutes. All members voted aye, motion carried.
2. **Discussion and possible action on ordinance for Knox boxes.** The board discussed Knox boxes and what the ordinance should state on whom needs one. If a company or individual should purchase one of these boxes, they need to purchase it with the company knowing that this will be placed in the Town of Wilson. They then assign the necessary key coding for the Town. This will be updated and put on the next agenda.
3. **Discussion and possible action on Ordinance no. 2: Speed Limits** Motion by DesJardins seconded by Stempihar to approve the Speed limit Ordinance. The correction will be to remove Indian Mound Circle. This already has a speed limit sign posted. All members voted aye, motion carried.
4. **The Chair will reappoint Emily Stewart to the Plan Commissioners.** Chairman approved Emily Stewart to the Plan Commissioners.
5. **The Chair will reappoint Erik Thelen to the chair of the Plan Commissioners.** Chairman approved Erik Thelen to the chair of the Plan Commissioners.
6. **The Chair will reappoint Gary Leonhardt as chair of the Fire Advisory Committee.** Chairman approved Gary Leonhardt as the chair of the Fire Advisory Committee.
7. **The Chair will reappoint Josh Hittman to the Fire Advisory Committee.** Chairman approved Josh Hittman to the Fire Advisory Committee.
8. **Discussion and possible action for the repair of the fire Pumper truck 2462. This has been referred to the board by the Fire Advisory Committee.** Safety is one of the Town major things. Motion by DesJardins seconded by Stempihar to approve \$13497.88 for the repair of the fire engine. All members voted aye, motion carried.
9. **New and Renewal Operator License Applications for period July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024.** Motion by Stoelb seconded by DesJardins to approve the operator license application for Malysa Ludwig. All members voted aye, motion carried.
10. **Public Comment:** None
11. **Reports:**
  - a. **Ben Darkow – Public Works/Maintenance** – Darkow told the board that he hired a summer worker for cutting lawn. He will be starting soon.  
Darkow also said that he purchased a new zero-turn lawn mower from Feldman. This cost \$13,000 and the budgeted number was \$18,000. The old zero-turn will be auctioned off this summer. The fire department roof will need to have abatement testing to see if parts of the roof contain asbestos. The testing should cost approximately \$1,500.  
Darkow had attended road schooling with WI Town's Association. He said that he had learned several things.

Darkow asked the board about maintaining the paths to enter the conservancy. The board agreed that this would be a good thing to do so people are able to walk the paths within each conservancy.

b. **Shawna Hall – Treasurer** - Balance sheet, cash balances, activity, annual department report, Fire Dept, activity reports and financial information were shared in the packet. Deposits for this period ending on May 2<sup>nd</sup> were \$35,694.84,325. Disbursement was \$61,542.692.

c. **Sheriff Report** – In packet.

d. **Julie Wicker – Clerk** – The final copy of the billboard contract has been sent over to Lamar. This will be placed on the next agenda for approval if Lamar doesn't have any other questions.

e. **Code enforcement officer** – None.

f. **Supervisors Reports** – Supervisor DesJardins told the board that at the Oostburg Fire Partners meeting, the Oostburg Fire Department is planning to purchase a large blanket. This blanket would be able to cover electric battery automobiles that are burning. The cost would be \$3000. The Town would need to pay 15% of the cost. Town of Wilson's fire Chief, Todd Hittman asked what the material was made of and what the shelf life for this blanket is.

DesJardins also received calls from residents in the Town regarding tree stumps. Darkow answered the question that the Town has budgeted money for these items, but the Town doesn't own a chipper so the cost of renting one or contracting with the County can slow this process down. His main goal is to remove the ash trees that are dead.

Chairman Fore informed the board that Indian Mound and S. 12<sup>th</sup> Street has bad visibility and this needs to be looked at for safety. The Chairman had also met with a sheriff's deputy on the topic of short-term rentals and trespassing. Fore would like to have a public meeting with residents to discuss these topics. This will be done at a future board meeting.

## **12. Disbursement Reports: Town of Wilson & First Responders**

Motion by Stoelb second by DesJardins to approve the Town's disbursement check numbers 24356 -24371 dated May 6, 2024, in the amount of \$34,860.69, all members voted aye, motion carried.

Motion by Stoelb seconded by DesJardins to approve the Town's payroll, dated May 1 in the amount of \$9,332.72, all members voted aye, motion carried.

**12. 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 by Stoelb seconded by DesJardins to move into closed session. Roll call vote taken, DesJardins aye, Stoelb aye, Stempihar aye and the chair voted aye. Motion by DesJardins seconded by Stempihar to move back into open session. All members voted aye, motion carried.

**13. Adjourn:** Motion by DesJardins second by Stempihar to adjourn at 8:11 pm, all members voted aye motion carried.