Town Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, February 23, 2021
Time: 5:00 p.m.
Location: 2800 Ward Ave, La Crosse, WI 54601

Town Officials Present: Chairman Tim Candahl, Supervisors Renee Knutson, Marlene Heal, Tim Padesky and Tim Ehler, Administrator Christina Peterson, Treasurer Sara Jarr, and Clerk Fortune Weaver. Public Works Terry Wright, Police Officer Horton, Fire Chief Tony Holinka, Captain Travis Proksch.

Town Officials Excused: N/A

Attendance List: Sharon Neitzke

1. Meeting called to order by Candahl at 5:00 p.m.
2. Approve Minutes from 2/9/2021. Motion by Padesky to approve after grammatical errors corrected, second by Heal. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Citizen Concerns. None.
4. Resolution 2021-1 for Notice of Hearing - Discontinue Part of Harvest Lane Right-of-Way. Peterson discussed proposal of vacation of part of Harvest Lane and explained the Resolution. Wright and Peterson answered questions pertaining to drainage and ditches. Motion by Ehler to adopt and sign resolution 2021-1, second by Padesky. Motion passed unanimously.
5. 3rd Dog Application. Motion by Padesky, second by Heal to approve 3rd Dog applications. Motion carried unanimously.
6. Fire Chief Appointment. Peterson discussed her recommendation to appoint Tony Holinka as Chief of Shelby Fire Department. Motion by Padesky, second by Ehler to appoint Tony Holinka as Fire Chief. Motion carried unanimously.
7. Fire Department Compensation. Peterson discussed additional information sent to the Town Board regarding compensation (see attached). Motion by Heal, second by Knutson to move forward with new compensation and LOSA policy.
8. Officer Neitzke Recognition. Candahl recognized Officer Sharon Neitzke’s years of service and dedication to the community. Officer Neitzke was presented with a scrapbook, plaque, and last weapon that she carried in the line of duty.
9. Fire Department Report. Discussion on calls in the past month. Kerrie Salm stepped down from Health and Safety Officer position. Interviews ongoing for new members. Boat committee looking into a new boat and what equipment will need to accompany it. Wright requested that the Department notify public works when hydrants from wells are used so that complaint calls can be managed better.
10. Police Department. Officer Horton gave overview of calls in the last month. Discussion on training he attended and what the training covered.
11. Administrator Report. Peterson congratulated Renee and Kurt Knutson on winning an award for stormwater management. The project turned their backyard into an area that will manage run off naturally and includes native foliage, creating a beautiful and useful park-like space. Website updates overview. Wisconsin Town’s Association County meeting is on Thursday
night 7:30 p.m. Search for interns to begin assisting with Comprehensive Plan and other major projects.

12. **Public Works.** Wright reported the drains opened to accommodate snow melting. Tree cutting near Pammel Creek Canal will commence tomorrow. Water testing information was given in case Shelby ever needed to test for PFAS. Captain Proksch gave additional information about the chemicals/foams their effects and makeup. Home inspections for water and sewer connections ongoing. Should be done by the middle of April.

13. **Chairman/Supervisors.** None.

14. **Adjournment.** Motion by Heal, second by Padesky to adjourn at 5:42 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Next meeting will take place March 2, 2021 @ 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Fortune M. Weaver, Clerk