Town Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, February 9, 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, Fire Chief Tony Holinka, Captain Travis Proksch.

Attendance List: Dave Gebhart, Garth Tymeson, Meredith Tomesh, Aaron Sill, Kevin Timm, Byron Annis, Margaret Lichter, David Griesel, Dr. Aaron Engel.

1. Meeting called to order by Candahl at 5:00 p.m.
2. Approve Minutes from 1/19/2021. Motion by Padesky, second by Heal. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Payment of Bills. Motion by Padesky to pay Open Invoices: $75,925.34, second by Heal. Motion by Padesky to pay Paid Invoices: $13,344.09, second by Heal. Motions carried unanimously.
4. Guest: La Crosse School District Superintendent Dr. Aaron Engel Introduction. Introduced himself to the Board. Discussed COVID precautions being taken and allowing for questions from the Town Board. Discussion on relationship with school district in relation to Shelby Ball. Discussion on Tax Levy decrease this year. Discussion on potential referendums that may be discussed going forward.
5. Citizen Concerns. Meredith- just here to hear comments/concerns raised. Garth Tymeson- see attached summary doc drafted by resident. Mr. Tymeson also had ideas about accessibility. Candahl made comments on plans, acknowledged road is set for repair between 2022 and 2023.
6. Fire Department Chicken Q. Timm stated Officers and Chicken Q committee agree that they should move forward with 2021 Chicken Q. They will have safety plans in place. Drive thru only and no unnecessary personnel working in the building. Masks will be always worn by all workers. Pre-sale tickets at Town Hall and online, will also have same day sales. No door-to-door ticket sales. Motion by Padesky to agree the Town Board has no objection to Social Club having final decision-making power regarding having the Chicken Q and how to make it safe for all involved this year, second by Ehler. Motion carried unanimously.
7. Fire Department Compensation and LOSA. Peterson discussed information regarding how the Fire Department operates. Changes to pay rate from hourly to per diem discussed. Regulations for LOSA have requirements we need to meet. Other policies overviewed. No action taken. Will have the board review fully before next meeting.
8. Fire Chief Appointment. Peterson discussed her recommendation. Board will fully review information and make decision at next meeting. No action taken.
9. Police Staffing. One officer works for the Town currently. Potentially we should look at selling the squad car to bring in revenue and we will not have to worry about repairs or any upkeep. Suggestion by Padesky to get appraisal. Motion by Padesky to get the car appraised for sale, second by Knutson. Motion passed unanimously.
10. **Tax Overpayments.** Motion by Padesky, second by Ehler to process refunds $5,207.12. Motion carried unanimously.

11. **3rd Dog Application.** Motion by Heal, second by Knutson to approve 3rd Dog application. Motion carried unanimously.

12. **N. Chipmunk Road- Approve plans and solicitation of bids.** Peterson discussed plans that were presented for project. Contract that was proposed was also discussed. Motion by Padesky, second by Knutson to approve plan and contract. Motion carried unanimously.

13. **Shelby Youth Ball Committee Appointments.** Motion by Knutson, second by Padesky to appoint Kevin Colburn and Nick Candahl. Motion carried unanimously.

14. **Planning Commission Appointment.** Peterson offered the option to table the appointment until all candidates can be discussed further. Planning Commission Chairman is okay with tabling the decision until we decide which candidate is the best fit.

15. **Administrator Report.** Tax collection finished. Voting has reopened. Annual reports coming due. Insurance policy is up in May, if we want to look for other quotes, we will need to start the search soon. We can look for other quotes and bring to the board to be discussed. PSC meeting, board is invited to attend for informational purposes. Someone is interested in purchasing Town property 11-1231-0. Peterson will investigate the process of selling the parcel.

16. **Public Works.** Layout and plan for equipment being assembled for an Eagle Scout project. Park’s meeting overview of projects that could be completed in the coming season. SSD #2 started home inspections. A lot of good mapping updates coming in. Sewer lining bids will be reviewed on March 24, 2021 @2:00 p.m. Snow hauling, clearing out fire hydrants and work on trucks happening this week. Pammel Creek trees are set to come down next week. Working on road bids for chip sealing for the coming season. FEMA check received to partially reimburse some of our expenses.

17. **Chairman/Supervisor Reports.** Candahl reaching out regarding the Boundary Agreement. We want to move forward and look forward to getting the new mayor up to speed. Ehler stated park meeting went well. Neighbors had good feedback and ideas. Candahl comment on Boma Road work and what it will entail.

18. **Adjournment.** Motion by Heal, second by Ehler to adjourn at 6:30 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Next meeting will take place February 23, 2021 @ 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Fortune M. Weaver, Clerk