Town Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, March 16, 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, Assistant Fire Chief Travis Proksch.

Town Officials Excused: N/A

Attendance List: Kelly Proksch, Kate Johnston of N1114 Pineview Drive.

1. Meeting called to order by Candahl at 5:02 p.m.
2. Approve Minutes from 3/2/2021. Motion by Knutson to approve, second by Padesky. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Bills Payable. Motion by Padesky to approve open invoices of $86,827.94, second by Heal. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Citizen Concerns. None.
5. 3rd Dog Application. Motion by Padesky, second by Knutson to approve 3rd Dog application. Motion carried unanimously.
6. Tim & Kate Johnson (N1114 Pineview Dr) Road Ban Variance. Wright discussed road bans with resident. 18-Wheeler is what the residents are planning on having them come through there. Resident discussed that they are moving out of state and they need a variance for a very short amount of time. Planning on moving on April 8th. Resident will have to put down a deposit and sign a contract stating that they will pay for any damages to the road in full. Public works will take photos and videos before hand and immediately after the variance request end date. Motion to approve variance request by Heal, second by Padesky. Motion carried unanimously. Resident requests that videos and photos are shared with her.
7. Easement to Sanitary District #2 for Arbor Hills Well #1. Peterson gave overview of needing to sign the easement to secure funding from the DNR. More of a formality, but it needs to be signed. Information to the Board that the Easement is for the entire parcel that Well #1 is on, it is a rather large parcel. Motion by Padesky, second by Knutson to sign the easement. Ehler abstained due to his position on the Sanitary District #2 Board. Motion carried unanimously.
8. Fire Department- Assistant Chief Appointment. Chief Holinka discussed the applicant, Travis Proksch, is aware of the job duties and hours necessary to successfully fill this position. Motion by Ehler, second by Heal to appoint Travis Proksch as Assistant Fire Chief.
9. Fire Department Report. Chief Holinka reported a lot of burn permits are coming in. Currently there is lower risk of fire hazard. Later in spring there could potentially be a burn ban. If a burn ban does come up, he discussed what the process will be to inform the public, boards and office staff. Live burn to take place in April, other surrounding departments may also partake in the training. Assistant Chief Proksch is working on getting necessary permits. Chicken Q is this Sunday. Age requirement to volunteer to work is 10 years old. Holinka did a radio interview this week to plug the Chicken Q. List of Inspections needed is nearly
complete, Greenfield has a few outstanding properties. Once the list is complete, he will work to have the inspections contracted out. Currently all our frontline trucks do not have PFAs. All supplies have been taken to the dump and will be disposed of properly there.

10. **COVID19 Paid Leave Extension.** When COVID began employers were mandated to have a COVID pay policy, the board should decide if we want to extend that policy. The policy will be extended to all employees who did not exhaust the maximum. This policy will expire at the end of 2021.

11. **Administrator Report.** Peterson gave overview of planning commission appointment and park’s board appointment, nearing the end of our search. Next meeting the Park’s board appointment will be on the agenda to make it official. Board members and Peterson will be reaching out to candidates to discuss their interest. Insurance company search is still ongoing. Tim Padesky will sit in on the meeting with those companies, zoom available. City of La Crosse Parks/Street Department reported that the road issues on Ebner Coulee Rd is Shelby’s responsibility because it is a Shelby road. Peterson meeting with them on this week to discuss plan going forward, Board Members are encouraged to attend. Heal and Peterson attended Bluffland Coalition meeting today, the coalition is calling on the County for approval of plans and funding going forward, encouraging more municipalities to join coalition. Working to secure funding for things other than land acquisition. SYB committee meets every other Wednesday, Padesky attends these meetings. Padesky mentioned that some Central High School fields are not ready to be used for practice and they might be requesting to use Shelby fields. Peterson will send pertinent information to Padesky prior to meeting with insurance companies.

12. **Public Works.** Wright reported that Road Crew began 10-hour days on Monday, March 15. Two part time mowers have started, and they will also be taking care of the shelters if they have been rented on the weekends. Wood pile (cottonwood) will be left another year to see if it breaks down and then Public Works will investigate burning it. SYB concession and signage projects are completed. Bid opening for N. Chipmunk is April 2nd. Walkthrough on the 18th of March at 11:00 a.m. with contractors interested in bidding the project.

13. **Chairman/Supervisors.** Candahl reported that he, Jeff Brudos, Christina discussed some information regarding the water expansion in a meeting this week. Becher Hoppe report was reviewed, and Jeff Brudos gave some Town History and input on expansion. Candahl stated that joint meeting on April 20th with Planning Commission, SSD#2 Board and Town Board will be more informational to make sure that all boards are fully informed and on the same page to move forward with the comprehensive plan, the water expansion plans, and the boundary agreement discussions going forward. Public will be able to review survey draft to get public input on the vision and future of Shelby. Padesky noted that he provided Katie Thompson’s contact information to Peterson via text message. Knutson requested elaboration on letter that residents received regarding the removal of docks by residents on Bank Drive. Peterson and Candahl discussed contents of the letter. Candahl noted he and Peterson are some residents have easements or agreements to use the land owned by the Fish and Wildlife. Peterson and Candahl did some looking into the issue, but residents will be pursuing private legal action to resolve any issues on their own as the Town is not a party in these matters.

14. **Adjournment.** Motion by Padesky, second by Knutson to adjourn at 5:54 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Respectfully Submitted, Fortune M. Weaver, Clerk