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Town Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, April 4, 2023

Time: 5:00 p.m.

Location: 2800 Ward Ave, La Crosse, WI 54601

Town Officials Present: Chairperson Tim Candahl, Supervisors Renee Knutson, Tim Padesky, Tim Ehler and Marlene Heal, Fire Chief Tony Holinka, Administrator Christina Peterson, Town Treasurer Sara Jarr, Sanitary District #2 Chairperson Kurt Knutson, Sanitary District #2 Commissioner Robert Lynn

Town Officials Excused: Town Clerk Fortune Berg (Election Day)

Attendance List: Benard Lenz, CBS Squared, Donna, HOA President & Ron Lueth, (W4938 Battlestone Station Rd #019) Dave Gebhart (W5262 Boma Rd), Paul Ambrose (W5441 Boma Rd), Sandra & Mark Perpich (W5313 Boma Rd), Kyle Sullivan (W5461 Boma Rd), Judy Dolan (Boma Rd), Jim Buchner (Boma Rd), Scott Worbel (W5482 State Rd 33), Byron Annis (N2207 Pammel Pass W), Fred Lucas (W5102 Boma Rd), Via Zoom: Gerald Reinke (W5373 Boma Rd), Daniel Anderson (N2275 Willow Way W), Tom & Lori Nigon (W5415 Boma Rd)

1. **Town Board Meeting called to order by Chairperson Candahl at – 5:01 p.m.**
2. **Approve Minutes from 3/7/2023 and 3/20/2023** Motion by Knutson to approve minutes from 3/7/2023, second by Padesky. Motion by Padesky to approve minutes from 3/20/2023, second by Knutson. Motions carried unanimously.
3. **Bills Payable** Motion by R. Knutson to pay open invoices in the amount of \$40,941.20, second by Padesky. Motion by Padesky, second by Heal to approve paid invoices in the amount of \$27,351.98. Motions carried unanimously.
4. **Citizen's Concerns** None.
5. **Boma Road Water Extension Feasibility Study**

Chairman Candahl first thanked all in attendance for coming to the meeting and for the comments they have submitted in person and in writing. He also stated that he wanted to be on record that he would like the project to go forward but stressed that the Town Board would respect the decision of the Sanitary District #2 Board. Kurt Knutson, who was in attendance, addressed the attendees at the request of the chairman. K. Knutson wished to go on record by stating that he will be voting to not proceed with a water man extension project for Boma Road. Robert Lynn, who was also in attendance, commented that he would have liked more discussion and information from the Town Board to assist in making a decision.

Candahl encouraged other board members to go on record with their thoughts if they felt comfortable doing so. Heal went on record against the project due to cost. Ehler acknowledged that being on both the Town Board and Sanitary District Board #2 makes for a unique point of view. As a Town Board member, improving infrastructure and adding municipal utility customers while the road was exposed are positives. However, as a Sanitary District #2 Commissioner, he understands the financial burden the residents along Boma would endure. As of now, he plans to vote no. R. Knutson went on record against the project due to cost and following the wishes of the many residents that have reached out against the water extension project. Padesky did not comment on the record.

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A brief discussion by Peterson on how the Sanitary District #2 governs itself after comment and questions were posed by M. Perpich. Peterson explained that the Sanitary District has its own board and it oversees residents that have municipal sewer and water. The water utility is also heavily regulated by the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin. Peterson also stated that the Town and Sanitary District are looking into additional ways such as a tax to aid in utility costs.

Lenz reported that available grants were researched. The Town is not eligible for grants due to income limit restraints and water quality not being an issue for Boma Road.

6. **Grant Application to La Crosse County Stormwater Program – April 17th deadline**

Lenz presented Boma Road Flood Risk Reduction options to aid in planning the best choice to apply for. The options discussed included - raising Boma Road (\$277,000.00), construct an aluminum box culvert (\$302,000.00), construct a concrete box culvert (\$540,000.00), a berm near Irish Court (\$121,000.00).

Motion by Ehler to approve a standard application for up to 90% funding towards an aluminum culvert, using the Boma Road project as an additional cost match, second by Padesky. Motion carried unanimously.

7. **Multiple Dog Applications**

8. Linda Losen (N2155 Valley Rd), Ezana Azene (N1964 Joy Lane), and Jenny Cagle (W5005 County Rd F)
Motion by Knutson to approve, second by Ehler. Motion carried unanimously.

9. **Town of Shelby Workplace Safety Manual**

Peterson presented the revised table of contents of the Town's Workplace Manual for the record. The latest copy of the manual has been submitted to Rural Mutual Insurance as required.

10. **Building Inspector Replacement**

Peterson provided a proposal and fee schedule from General Engineering Company. General Engineering has agreed to honor our current fee schedule and will have an office in Onalaska. Aaron Holbach would be the primary contact and inspector for the Town of Shelby. Padesky noted that he would like to analyze what the firm will charge next year before committing to a longer contract, the Board agreed. Motion by Ehler to approve General Engineering Company as the Town's Building Inspector for the remainder of 2023, second by Heal. Motion carried unanimously.

11. **SYB Committee Appointment, Kate Smith**

Motion by Ehler to approve Kate Smith to the Shelby Youth Ball Committee, second by Heal. Motion carried unanimously.

12. **Public Works Position – Job Description & New Hire**

Motion by Candahl to approve Eric Giese as new hire to Public Works contingent on background check and other testing, second by Padesky. Motion carried unanimously.

13. **Fire Department Report** Holinka reported that the 2023 Annual Fire Department Chicken Q was a success. Approximately \$30,750 was collected, expenses are still pending. On 4/1/23 and 4/2/23, the department participated in a live burn in a house donated by Dave and Teresa Brown. Stoddard/Bergen, Coon Valley, West Salem, and La Crosse Explorers (High School program) participated. 27 evolutions in total were performed. Regarding fire hydrants - an engine has 1,000 gal 3-4 minutes of water.

At the chairman's request, Holinka explained the benefit of having hydrants along a road. Hydrants supply a constant water supply, a water tender takes 4-5 or 6-7 minutes to fill and then time to transport. He stressed that time is of the essence when water is needed on a fire.

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14. **Administrator Report**

- a. Peterson reported a recent meeting with Eliot Bujan and Marlene Heal from the Planning Commission with the City of La Crosse to review a proposed project on 14/61. The group discussed the land plat presented and how having the process to do so can be better going forward.
- b. A meeting is being planned with Shelby Youth Ball, La Crosse School District and Aquinas to discuss formalizing an agreement for field use.
- c. Meeting the first week of May with the Sherriff's department to discuss coverage options after Horton's departure. Heal plans to also attend.

15. **Public Works Report**

- a. A new plow truck has been delivered. It has now been dropped off at Universal to be fitted with the box, plow, and other equipment.
- b. Parks open on April 15th, 2023. Due to the Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt on April 8th, the Mormon Coulee Park Shelter bathrooms may be opened early.

16. **Chairperson/Supervisor Reports**

- a. Candahl reviewed his recent trip to Madison to lobby with the Wisconsin Town's Association. He requested the at least one other Board member join him for the upcoming budget meeting with legislators at the public library.

17. **Adjournment** Motion to adjourn at 6:40 p.m. by Padesky, second by Knutson. Motion carried unanimously.

Next regular meeting will take place Tuesday, April 18th, 2023 @ 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sara Jarr, Town of Shelby

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