

**UNAPPROVED - TOWN OF CENTER - UNAPPROVED  
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
August 12, 2024**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Gary Timm, Gary Blank, Ron Klemp, David Vander Bloomen, Pete Hofacker

OTHERS PRESENT: Diane Wessel, Steve Schmeichel, Al Tiedt, Jerry Lingnofski, Dennis Neumann, Pam Melander, Ray Melander, Lorrie Hofacker, Mike Manteufel, Larry Kwasny, Ron Wolff, Joe Hofacker, Norbert Dargelies, Al Kramer, Emily Tseffos, Roxie Emunson, Craig Smoll, Rick Vanden Heuvel

Chairman Timm called the Town Board Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Supervisor Hofacker said a prayer.

Supervisor Vander Bloomen moved, seconded by Supervisor Blank to approve the agenda as printed. Motion carried – 5 aye, 0 nay.

Supervisor Hofacker moved, seconded by Supervisor Vander Bloomen to approve the minutes of the July 8, 2024, Regular Town Board Meeting. Motion carried – 5 aye, 0 nay. Supervisor Hofacker moved, seconded by Supervisor Klemp to approve the minutes of the July 17, 2024, Special Town Board Meeting. Motion carried – 5 aye, 0 nay.

**Public Comment Period** – Jerry Lingnofski thanked the board for pulling back the previous tractor bids and redoing them correctly. Emily Tseffos introduced herself as a candidate running for State Assembly District 56. Al Kramer reported the NRCS Grant for the Bear Creek Watershed is progressing to the federal level.

**Old Business**

Supervisor Vander Bloomen does not have additional information to share on the Annexation Border Agreements at this time but is hoping for next month.

Chairman Timm spoke with Mark from the county about opening County Road PP for ATV traffic. He did not foresee a problem with County Road PP. Center and Black Creek would need to submit separate applications with each paying \$250 – the applications cannot be combined. The county will need to do a traffic count on County Road O. Supervisor Vander Bloomen would like assurances from the County Committee before applying.

**New Business**

Ron Wolff, Rak II LLC, requested approval of a CSM to create 4 Lots on parcel 040-078200, County Road A. Ron Wolff explained the two southern lots would be used to build a house on each, the middle lot would be for his landscaping business and the northern lot he was intending to sell for storage units but that was denied by the town. Supervisor Vander Bloomen moved, seconded by Supervisor Hofacker to approve the CSM as requested. Motion carried – 5 aye, 0 nay.

Diane Wessel from MSA shared that Center was not selected for the Agriculture Road Improvement Program (ARIP) Grant for Twelve Corners Road or Center Valley Road. The only grant request approved in Outagamie County was for the City of Seymour. There is a second round of applications that can be submitted by September 30, 2024. She gave suggestions on how we could improve the application by getting more descriptive. It would be beneficial for the Town if the agricultural producers using Center Valley Road and Twelve Corners Road could share how the road restrictions are negatively impacting them. Chairman Timm will talk to United Cooperative to find out the impact to them. Supervisor Klemp suggested sending the agricultural producers an invitation to meet with Diane in person to assist with filling out the questionnaire we sent them.

Matthew Janzen of the WI Department of Safety and Professional Services (DSPS) needs an opportunity to comment on the town's proposed Holding Tank Ordinance before the first scheduled public hearing. The Clerk will submit it to the DSPS.

The Veteran Grave Reimbursement for Center Community Cemetery of \$420 by Outagamie County was reviewed. Supervisor Hofacker moved, seconded by Supervisor Klemp to approve the Veteran Grave Reimbursement for Center Community Cemetery. Motion carried – 5 aye, 0 nay.

Habitat for Humanity is applying for a grant application to enable them to provide critical home repairs in rural areas. They would like a letter of support from the town. Supervisor Vander Bloomen moved, seconded by Supervisor Blank to send a letter of support. Motion carried – 4 aye, 1 nay (Hofacker).

Chairman Timm spoke with the state regarding the damage they did to Mayflower Road while working on the Hwy 15 project. They told him it was too late, but they would check on it. Chairman Timm will follow up again.

## **Reports**

**Roads Report** – Tom Brown is looking for a salter. The board would like him to get some prices and report back. The County Highway Department wants the town to spend \$95,000 per our maintenance contract. Tom informed them that the town met the contract obligations with spending more in prior years. The curbs were swept on Center Valley Road and they collected seven yards of material.

**Citizen's Concerns** – Supervisor Vander Bloomen reported concerns about drainage on County Road A. Supervisor Klemp heard concerns regarding the tall weeds in the undeveloped lot on the corner of County Road A and Harmattan Road. The Town will send a letter asking them to cut the weeds. Chairman Timm received a complaint about the noise at the Kountry Bar.

**Fire Department** – Fire Chief, Joe Hofacker, reported the Annual Picnic went well.

**Clerk's Report/Correspondence Received** – There is a Forestry Grant available if the town needs to remove dead trees in the park. The town received this year's first installment of our share of the County Sales Tax in the amount of \$35,505. On September 3<sup>rd</sup> there is an Outagamie County Drainage Board Public Hearing in Osborn. The Town Board can attend an Emergency Management Meeting on September 19<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at our town hall. The WI Town's Association is offering training sessions this fall for Public Officials.

**Bartender License Approval/Denials** – Supervisor Hofacker moved, seconded by Supervisor Vander Bloomen to approve the bartender license applications for Rebecca Ricker, Meredith Salm and Hope Barth. Motion carried – 5 aye, 0 nay.

**Building Permits** – Supervisor Hofacker moved, seconded by Supervisor Blank to approve the building permit report submitted by Paul Hermes. Motion carried – 5 aye, 0 nay.

**Financial Reports** – Expenses for July 9, 2024 – August 12, 2024 were \$177,687, Revenue was \$95,529. The current checking account balance is \$297,330. Supervisor Vander Bloomen moved, seconded by Supervisor Klemp to accept the financial report as submitted. Motion carried – 5 aye, 0 nay.

**Payment of Invoices** – Supervisor Blank moved, seconded by Supervisor Vander Bloomen to approve payment of invoices, checks #17650 through #17689, ACH Payments. Motion carried – 5 aye, 0 nay.

Supervisor Hofacker moved, seconded by Supervisor Vander Bloomen to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m. Motion carried – 5 aye, 0 nay.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy L. Olson, Clerk-Treasurer