

**Town of Otter Creek Regular Town Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Otter Creek Town Hall, Wheeler WI**  
**Tuesday, August 16, 2022**

**Attendees:**

Chairman Mark Warner\*

Supervisor 1 Cecil Hayes\*

Supervisor 2 LeAnn Ralph\*

Clerk/Treasurer Bev Bernier

Patrolman Gary Anderson

Guests: Brian Hawkins, Sharla Utpadel, Jon Robinson, Lori Sudbrink

\*Board Members

The Regular Town Board meeting was called to order by Town Chairman, Mark Warner, at 7:09 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes from the July 12, 2022 Regular Town Board Meeting.** Motion by Ralph to approve the minutes of the 7/12/22 Regular Town Board Meeting, second by Hayes, MC.

**Approval of the July 16, 2022 Fence Determination Meeting.** Motion by Ralph to approve the minutes of the 7/16/22 Fence Determination Meeting, second by Hayes, MC.

Lori Sudbrink submitted documentation, 11/29/2021 email and 11/28/2021 Final Letter regarding Sudbrink's 2021 fence viewing request.

Discuss equipment replacement planning/schedule – one year since last discussion.

- **Plow truck** – Status - Plow truck – Status – pick up week of 7/11/2022. We need to do work on the 2011 truck to make it ready for sale. Clerk working on obtaining a duplicate title. Gary has 30 hours in of grinding and working on taillights. Ready by mid-September to put up for sale. Put on September meeting to discuss how to sell the truck, auction, put up for bids, put on line, etc. **Clerk will check with other Townships to see how they sold their used trucks.**
- **Backhoe** - we have 5600 hours on it, had 1800 when we bought it. Average about 350 hours each year. Should go another 10 years. **Evaluate this in 2023.**
- **Skid steer** – 1992 Melroe skid steer, diesel, 47 HP, 1875 hours on this as of today. We don't use it very much. Has some issue with hand controls, need to fix (take apart to fix) before we would sell as surplus equipment. Has foot controls. Robinson thought it may be worth \$10,000 to \$15,000. New ones are around \$50,000. **Warner will call around to get ballpark figure on what this is worth.**
- **Grader** – used second to plow truck. Hydraulics not work great. Just short of 3000 hours on the grader. Made in Brazil. Paid off in 2015, spent \$7,000 on it to fix AC. Hydraulic pump is OK per repair people in Bloomer. Not have great metal in it, new tires on the back have helped. Wheel was bent, so that rim is on the front rather than the back. Tandem is not wearing the tires as it had been. \$140,000 to \$170,000 for a 1000 hour JD Grader. 2012 to 2016 range are available, these are about \$100,000 less than ones with full GPS. We do about 200 hours per year with the grader. Change the oil one time per year. Last time we checked, ours was worth about \$30,000. **Review in 2023.**

- Consider **V plow** for the truck. **Delete for now – not review in 2023.**

Propane contract for Fall of 2022 – prebuy \$2.02, due 8/31/22. 2021 contract was 800 gallons @ \$1.49 = \$1192. Suggest 1000 gallons at \$2.02 = \$2020. **Motion by Ralph to purchase 1000 gallons, Hayes second, MC.**

2022 population for Otter Creek from the Census is 521. Change of 23 persons (4.62%) since the 2020 Census

8/9/22 election – 90 voters, 28% of registered voters voted.

Brady Jenneman – letter from DNR regarding bridge crossings and culverts

Fire bills sent out –

- Joe Anderson 6/11/22 Rescue or EMS standby
- Larry Phillips 4/10/22 brush and grass fire

MFL withdrawal fee and tax due -Jonathan Wiesner, Cty Rd S - \$2417.06

Land Use Permit – Cecil Hayes

Specials requests –

Vinopal Title & Abstract – Eau Claire WI

E7246 County Road South, Wheeler, WI 54772, **Parcel** Property 1: 702023012114400002

**Current Owner** - Nicholas E. H. Goetsch and Atia L. Goetsch

Updates from Fred Weber –

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| ○ 7/2/22  | Hayes | Inspection         | Passed                |
| ○ 7/6/22  | Flug  | Electrical hook-up | Passed                |
| ○ 7/6/22  | Flug  | Footing            | Passed                |
| ○ 7/11/22 | Leier | Permit Issued      | Addition              |
| ○ 7/25/22 | Leier | Footing            | Passed                |
| ○ 7/27/22 | Hayes | Footing            | Passed                |
| ○ 7/27/22 | Hayes | Permit Issued      | New Home Construction |

Road Work/Equipment – paving done, limerock done, 730th is done, 27 loads on 730th, Tom from Monroe coming to give Gary information on the dump box. Would like to buy more gravel, we will hold off for now, keep a few loads at the town hall, review upcoming income/expenses for the year and then decide.

**Auditing of bills for payment**

**Treasurer’s report.** Motion to accept the Treasurer’s report by Ralph, seconded by Hayes, carried.

**Clerk reviewed the finances.** Equipment Account - \$12,558.08

Tax Account -	\$118,984.96
Checking Account -	\$43,830.07

**Public comments** – Robinson wants to know what he can do regarding putting no ATV/UTV signs on 765th. 1090th is dead end. He can purchase signs and put up.  
Citizen asked if Pat Sands is bringing the trailer out. Dunn County came out, DNR came out twice. Abandoned it in 2002. Nothing is being cleaned up. The citizen will check with DC Zoning.

Motion by Ralph to **adjourn Regular Board Meeting**, seconded by Warner, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted – Bev Bernier, Clerk/Treasurer

**CONTACT PHONE NUMBERS IN ORDER OF CALLING:**

Gary Anderson – 715-658-1483;	Bob Bernier – 715-577-6310;
Mark Warner – 715-658-1602, 715-556-6083 (cell);	Cecil Hayes – 715-577-6634 (cell);
LeAnn Ralph – 715-308-6336;	Town Shop - 715-658-1319;
Bev Bernier - 715-658-0131;	Chuck Boyer – 715-600-4149