

Town of Otter Creek – July 9, 2024
Otter Creek Town Hall – E5905 County Road S, Wheeler WI
Regular Town Board Meeting – 7 p.m.

Attendees:

Chair LeAnn Ralph*

Supervisor 2 Bob Bernier*

Clerk/Treasurer Bev Bernier

Patrolman Gary Anderson

Guests: Renee Carrell, Gary Axness, Russell Packard, Elizabeth Therkildsen, Dale Solheim, Jeff Dehnhoff

*Board Members

Excused: Supervisor 1 Cecil Hayes*

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

The Regular Town Board Meeting was called to order by Chair Ralph at 7:02 p.m. on Tuesday July 9, 2024. Meeting minutes from the 6/11/2024 Regular Board Meeting were not read by Clerk as the Town Board reviewed the minutes prior to tonight's meeting and agreed that the minutes did not need to be read. Ralph motioned to approve the 6/11/2024 Regular Board Meeting as presented, Bernier second, MC.

Public Comments – None. (Public Comment is limited to 3 minutes. As per the state's Open Meetings law, there will be no back and forth discussion with the town board. The state Attorney General's guidance is that board members can ask clarifying questions but that back and forth discussion is not advised.)

Dale Solheim – need rock on his road 1180th, almost all sand. Lost over \$8,000 the last season on trucking. Wife does not have 4 wheel drive, has standard vehicle, cannot get through there. Sometime needs to be done with this road. The ends are OK, but need road rock. EMS or fire would come from Hwy SS, and try to come through that way. Need vehicles to get into their property. Been there for over 5 years. Talked to Mark Warner in the past. Don't want to cost the township tons of money, need some rock to get in and out. Over a mile of road to be fixed. Broken axle six months ago from a washout. ATVs wrecking the road, large truck tore it up. Need NO ATV/UTV signage on the road. Town cannot spend taxpayer money on NO ATV signs up, residents may.

Russell Packard and Elizabeth from Peoples Farm Coop also have concerns about 1180th, ask for additional maintenance on the road. **Clerk to put 1180th on the agenda for the August meeting, meanwhile chair will talk with patrolman.**

Communication from Town Chair – None.

Communication from Town Supervisors – None.

Communication from Clerk –

Roger Gunnufson medical assist bill from Colfax Fire not paid, was \$269, now \$302.94. Clerk mailed updated bill.

Veronica Zazovsky – 1070th Avenue – building a barn for animals, no bathroom, bedroom, etc. No land use permit required from the Town of Otter Creek.

Road damage – discussion on town billing for road damage. Patrolman has had to fix damage to roads, on road west of Chair there was some damage. If there are ATV's or vehicles causing damage, get photos, witness statements, sheriff's reports, so we can attempt to collect damages. ATV clubs have not put signs up on all their open roads.

Dunn County Unit WTA meeting – Monday, July 29, 2024 at 6:30 p.m., Judicial Center. Listening session where committee meets with town board members to gather ideas to pursue for legislation. Question from town – is there any consideration regarding established trails for ATV's – open up only short connecting roads. Revoke ATVs and UTVs on roads, only use trails or short connecting routes. Operating on roads – DNR has authority. Any consideration for no open containers while operating vehicles.

ATV/UTV traffic response – email from Kevin Bygd, will send info to DNR and patrol staff. Dustin Binder – Posting information on website. Russell concerned about the burdens of enforcement of ATVs. He goes for walks, teenagers going by very fast, no helmets. Fumes are awful from these vehicles. Feels like he is putting himself at risk trying to enforce the rules. Suggested to phone Sheriff's Department if there is typical time/day that ATVs are on the road, the Sheriff will place a vehicle there to monitor. **Clerk to send non-emergency sheriffs phone number to Russell and Dale.**

Jacob & Megan Nandory – address assigned as E7071 1070th Ave., Wheeler WI.

IA and PA Zoning discussion – note: Anne Wodarczyk, Dunn County Zoning Administrator, Chase Cummings, Dunn County Conservationist or Rick Ingli, Dunn County Conservation Planner provided information for the board to review and discuss. Chair explained major parts of IA and PA zoning.

Comprehensive Land Use Plan – discuss the possibility of Otter Creek developing a comprehensive land use plan. Implications of not having one, what are the benefits or purpose of having the plan, how would a plan affect the town, are there costs involved (is an attorney needed or some subject matter expert). Town board members have information to review for discussion at the July regular board meeting. Town does not have any input into special exception rulings since we don't have comprehensive land use plan. Chair will check and see if Otter Creek can tag into the updated plan. **Carry over to August agenda.**

ADU Ordinance – review of any draft that is on the Dunn County Board agenda. County Board meeting, 6 to 1 vote by towns to have parallel authority. Request was turned down by County Board. Deed restriction stating minimum lot size for building ADU. July 31st meeting for discussion. R2 – ADU has to be attached.

Weber April Inspection report – no activity for June

Special Assessment Requests –

- **Owner** - Guy E. Ferry and Adrienne Ferry, 1020th Ave., Colfax, WI
- **Buyer** - Deutsch

August board meeting – reminder for August 20, 2024 because of August 13 election

Cutting notices – Lee Haakenson, logger is ML Wood Products LLC

Matt Flatland, logger is Flint Roberts, Colfax WI

Patrolman - Report from Patrolman on Road Work/Equipment.

- Any road materials ordered – shouldering material and yard material. Maintenance of dirt roads.
- Any supplies purchased – nothing.
- Any equipment needing repair – nothing.
- Any damage to roads by nature or man

Monarch got rained out, 690th is now paved, cleaned up and shouldering for about 3 weeks. Not real hard blacktop, has flex to it since we put on 2" layer. Have some OT. Intersection at Deepwood looks very good. 30 foot ramp on the dead-end is nice. Started at 8:30 a.m. paving, done by 4 p.m.

Potato Company parking on the town road. Chair will follow-up with the Sheriff about them parking on a town road.

1 ¼" rain on the new road in 30 minutes. Tim told him that there was washing on some spots on the shoulder of the new road.

Will make one round around the town middle of August, rag weed is starting to grow.

Shouldering and then put the mower back on.

Mark Seyer/Hakes Logging on 970th, we are putting \$150 of lime rock on driveway, **Clerk to send a bill**. Goettl Logging will construct the Vold logging driveway. Potato Company – SPUD, parking on town roads with overloaded trucks. May have some damage from Dunn Energy on 710th, Gary is able to fix this, we will not send a bill. Quite a bit of mowing done.

Review Treasurer's Report – Motion by Ralph to accept the treasurer's report, Bernier second, MC.

Auditing of bills for payment. Bills circulated and approved by the Town Board.

Any other business

Adjournment of Regular Board Meeting

Clerk reviewed the finances. Equipment Account - \$61,848.37

Tax Account -	\$128,026.74
Checking Account -	<u>\$35,300.51</u>
Total of all accounts	\$225,175.62

ADJOURN - Bernier moved to adjourn the monthly meeting, Ralph second, MC. Meeting adjourned at 8:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted – Beverly Bernier, Clerk/Treasurer

CONTACT PHONE NUMBERS IN ORDER OF CALLING:

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