

Town of Otter Creek – September 10, 2024
Otter Creek Town Hall – E5905 County Road S, Wheeler WI
Regular Town Board Meeting – 7 p.m.

Attendees:

Chair LeAnn Ralph*

Supervisor 1 Cecil Hayes*

Supervisor 2 Bob Bernier*

Clerk/Treasurer Bev Bernier

Patrolman Gary Anderson - absent

Guests: Ron Kitchner, Sharla Utpadel, Brian Hawkins, Chuck Boyer

*Board Members

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

The Regular Town Board Meeting was called to order by Chair Ralph at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday September 10, 2024. Meeting minutes from the 8/20/2024 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. Bernier motioned to approve the 8/20/2024 Regular Board Meeting as presented, Hayes second, MC.

Public Comments - 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.

No public comments.

Communication from Town Chair –

Colfax Solid Waste & Recycling update, 2024 per capita \$25.75, may go down for 2025, 4 new compactors (if needed) are \$50,000 each. The reserve is accumulating. Reduction per capita, approved raise for attendants 1/1/25 up to \$7/hour. Was \$17 and \$18, up to management in applying the increase based on evaluation, time in position. Municipalities paid toward operating set-up (Otter Creek was about \$12,000). Could refund.

Feedback from Sheriff re: junk vehicles. Sheriff's department is not able to enforce the ordinance, hire someone or town board member. We would need an ordinance and enforcement ordinance. Issue permit. Prefer to see County wide ordinance, which there is not one.

Since May 7, 2024 – 166 reports of ATV, 214 vehicles in total. 110 ATV/60 side by sides.

Communication from Town Supervisors – none.

Communication from Clerk –

1 records request for voting data from the April 2, 2024 and voter information for the last 6 months.

Gunnufson fire bill still outstanding.

Contacted surveyor of cemetery, Joel Brandt of Glenwood City. Discrepancy between survey and actual grave markings, Alan Sieger, Becker family, etc. Brandt said to go with the actual cemetery markings, not survey, if there is a question.

Clerk would like to purchase new copier – approx. \$200 – put on Agenda for October.

Dunn County Unit WTA - The annual banquet will be at the Tainter Church on Wednesday, October 23rd, and the meal fee will be \$18.00 (the Unit will again pay \$10.00 towards each meal). The annual dues will be payable at \$25.00. Bob & Bev Bernier will attend. Motion to approve the membership by Ralph, second by Hayes. MC.

Upcoming events:

- 9/12/2024 – Wis Towns budget, levy limit training in Eau Claire (\$70)
- 9/17/2024 – Emergency Management Training, Dunn County Judicial Center (free)
- 10/23/2024 – Annual DC Unit of WTA, Tainter Church (\$8/each)
- 10/4/2024 – Wis Mun Clerk Assoc. District Meeting, Rice Lake (\$5)

Weber August Inspection report – no activity for August

Zoning – Anthony Williams sanitary permit and zoning permit – Hwy SS. Issued Land Use Permit B-1-2024 on 9/10/2024.

Assessor – request to budget \$5912 for 2025. \$5000 assessor fee + \$912 for postage for interim market adjustment to get back into compliance with equalized values. Will put into budget and approve with the budget.

Public Nuisance Ordinance – Review sample documents based on Red Cedar ord. Discussion on the draft documents and various circumstances. Board members to review and discuss at October meeting.

MFL designation - Review list of landowners that have applied for 2025 MFL designation – comments by 9/19/2024.

Levy Limit - Review 2024 Municipal Levy Limit Worksheet, payable 2025. \$134,564 compared to \$133,823 (\$1032 increase from \$291 PP aid + \$741 net new construction).

WISLR packet received – forwarded to town chair

Cutting notices – Land owner - Andy Johnson and Arrowhead Farm, logger is Goettl Logging

Patrolman - Report from Patrolman on Road Work/Equipment

- Any road materials ordered
- Any supplies purchased
- Any equipment needing repair
- Any damage to roads by nature or man

Been mowing, need to buy a load of salt to mix with the salt/sand.

Treasurer - Review treasurer's report – motion by Hayes 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

Clerk reviewed the finances.	Equipment Account -	\$62,029.98
	Tax Account -	\$38,238.63
	Checking Account -	<u>\$53,535.17</u>
	Total of all accounts	\$153,803.78

ADJOURN - Bernier moved to adjourn the monthly meeting, Ralph second, MC. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted – Beverly Bernier, Clerk/Treasurer

CONTACT PHONE NUMBERS IN ORDER OF CALLING:

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