

MINUTES OF TOWN OF PACIFIC BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, April 18, 2023 6:00 PM Held at the Pacific Town Hall

Call to Order: The regular Town Board meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Town Chair Pate. Chair Pate introduced himself and started the meeting with reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Town Chair Pate and Supervisors Cawley, Kayartz, and Kershaw were present.

Others Present: Clerk Gustafson, Treasurer Zimmerman, Town Attorney Miller, Town Engineer Roth, Irma Brockley, Eric and Mary Soderlund, Pat Schnering, Charlie Kirk, Nancy Beasley, Duane and Chris Smith, Barbara Fisher, Paul Ammann, Jim Jakubiak, Richard McCutchin, Jim Watson, Myra Johnson, Tom Borgkvist, Dave and Jen Bieno, Tom Weisenberger, Jim Wright, Mark Bond, Bill Statz, William O'Connor, and Nick Vodicka were also present.

Verification of Public Notice: Clerk verified notice was given on April 13th.

Town Agenda: Motion by Cawley/Kayartz to approve the agenda as posted. All in favor by call of roll.

Prior Month's Town Board Minutes: Motion by Cawley/Kershaw to approve the minutes of the Special Town Board meeting on March 21, 2023 as presented. All in favor by call of roll. Motion by Cawley/Kershaw to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing and Regular Town Board meeting held on March 21, 2023 as presented. All in favor by call of roll.

Building Permits Report: Provided for review.

Road Report: Supervisor Cawley reported that he attended the Spring County Highway meeting and picked up the road aid packet. Joe DeBour transferred out of the department and Chris Hardy will be our contact until further notice. The PASER pavement condition rating will be completed this year by Columbia County and reported to the WDOT. Town roads were inspected for crack filling service needs. Bids for repaving Jonathan Drive will be sent out soon. Still waiting on the estimate for guard rail replacement on the corner of Dunning and Patchin.

Cemetery Report: Sexton Cawley reported that there were no funerals for the prior month. There was one cemetery lot sale to Andrew J. and Marie Brasda for Lot 155, Grave 4. The mower went in for the annual tune-up. Hanging cedar branches were trimmed and pine, cedar, and oak limbs were picked up. Leaves were raked. Photos were provided.

Solid Waste & Recycling Center Report: Supervisor Cawley attending the April Solid Waste meeting. There were no complaints. Cawley asked that all of the trash in the ditches along Hwy 16 from Hwy 51 to the center be picked up.

Building & Grounds Report: Supervisor Cawley thatched and raked the front and sides of the Town Hall yard. Cawley reported that he contacted Columbia County Highway Dept. to take care of all the divots that the plows left.

Sheriff's Report: There were 145 calls for the month of March.

Correspondence: Chair Pate reported that he sent the Supervisors and Clerk copies of ATV/UTV Ordinances from several other communities. The Clerk emailed the Portage Fire Dept. Ambulance Feasibility Study to the Supervisors. Chair Pate mentioned that he would forward all correspondence to the Clerk and the Supervisors as it comes in.

Outside Meeting Attendance Report: Chair Pate attended Capitol Day sponsored by the Town Advocacy Council in March. He mentioned that many towns are reporting financial hardship.

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Report from Town Plan Commission: There was no meeting in April.

Public Comments: Jim Watson said he would save his comments for when Lakeside Park Subdivision Improvements came up later in the meeting. Tom Weisenberger asked about the status of ATV's/UTVs in the town and if there were any broadband updates. Chair Pate stated that the ATV/UTV issue would be coming up on the agenda and stated that he will be in contact with Charter soon to find out the status of the draft contract. Jim Wright mentioned a jake brake ordinance and asked why signs were not erected. The Clerk reported on researching this topic and knew that the Plan Commission recommended that the Town Board draft and adopt an ordinance prohibiting jake brakes, but an ordinance was never adopted due to the fact that there was no way to enforce it.

Treasurer's Report: Motion by Cawley/Kayartz to accept the Treasurer's Report. All in favor by call of roll.

Payment of Current Bills: Motion by Cawley/Kayartz to approve payment of bills with checks numbered 16508 through 16544 and elec. draws 23-14 through 23-17 in the amount of \$50,169.12. All in favor by call of roll.

Investment Report: Supervisors Kayartz and Kershaw reported on current investment rates being offered. The next two investments come due at the end of the month.

Ordinance 2023-2 Amending Chapter 414 Solar Energy Systems: Discussed inverters and whether they generated a loud noise. Chair Pate reported that he would like to invite a building inspector from General Engineering Company to come to a future board meeting to answer questions regarding solar energy systems. Dave Bieno, an inspector from GEC happened to be in the audience and introduced himself and addressed the board regarding roof mounted systems requiring structural calculations and also stated that the electric service in the homes must meet certain requirements and be inspected by a master electrician prior to any permits being issued by GEC. No action taken. The Clerk was instructed to put on next month's agenda. Town Engineer Roth reported that there was a pending application for a roof mounted solar energy system that is over 600 square feet but under 900 square feet. He further reported that the applicant has been waiting for the ordinance amendment to qualify for a small-scale permit instead of a large-scale permit. Chair Pate reported that the applicant can call him directly to discuss it.

Ordinance 2023-3 Amending Chapter 415 Solar Energy Systems: No action taken. The Clerk was instructed to put on next month's agenda.

Revised Application Packets for Small- and Large-Scale Solar Energy Systems: No action taken. The Clerk was instructed to put on next month's agenda.

Plan Commission Appointments: Chairman Pate presented the following appointments to the Plan Commission – Supervisor Kayartz for a 1-year term and Brad Cook and Dan Kastenholz each for a 3-year term. Motion Cawley/Kershaw to approve the appointments as presented. All in favor, Kayartz abstained.

Lakeside Park Subdivision Improvements: Jim Watson spoke in favor of repaving and widening of corners and would like future meetings regarding the area in the larger room. Chair Pate mentioned that more discussion will take place when the vacant Supervisor seat gets filled by appointment. Nancy Beasley recommended that a timeline be created so that residents can have a concept for the progress. Chair Pate mentioned that discussion needs to take place with utility companies as they are a major player. Bill O'Connor agreed that a timeline would be useful and should include steps that need to be taken with respect to cost. Town Engineer Roth spoke about the necessity of a drainage system. Jennifer Bieno asked about DNR permitting and the Town Engineer explained that the proper permits were

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obtained, but only for the current plan as recently presented and the permits will expire in three years. It was discussed that Third Street was added after it was discovered to be integral to the project.

Announcement of Vacant Supervisor Seat: Chairman Pate formally announced that his supervisor seat was vacant due to his election to the Town Chair seat. The Clerk read the adopted Policy on Filling Vacancies on the Town Board. Questions from the audience were answered.

Discuss ATV/UTV Advisory Referendum Results: The results were provided in the Town Board meeting packet. Motion by Kershaw/Cawley to direct Supervisor Kershaw and Chair Pate to draft an ordinance and present it to the Town Board at the May meeting, with the understanding that the Town Attorney should review the draft ordinance prior to passage. All in favor by call of roll.

Consider Reciting Pledge of Allegiance at Opening of Future Town Board Meetings: Chair Pate reported that he is going to add the Pledge to future agendas unless someone tells him no. No formal action taken.

Adjourn: Motion by Kayartz/Cawley to adjourn at 7:17 p.m. All in favor by call of roll.

Marlo Gustafson, WCMC, Town Clerk