

MINUTES OF TOWN OF PACIFIC BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, May 16, 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 recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Others Present: Clerk Gustafson, Treasurer Zimmerman, Nick Vodicka, Pat Schnering, Jim Watson, Tom and Sharon Weisenberger, Charlie Kirk, Fire Chief Troy Haase, Jim Jakubiak, Chris Schutz, Rich McCutchin, Nancy Beasley, Ellen Pulver, and Michael Drews of Drews Solar were also present.

Verification of Public Notice: Clerk verified notice was given on May 11th.

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

Prior Month's Town Board Minutes: Motion by Kayartz/Cawley to approve the minutes of the Town Board meeting on April 18, 2023 as presented. All in favor by call of roll.

Building Permits Report: Provided for review.

Road Report: Supervisor Cawley reported on complaints from residents of Pacific Estates regarding brown ash chip seal pebbles in driveways. The area was swept and vacuumed last year but it is impossible to get every pebble. Cawley will meet with Don Nichols of Columbia County Highway soon to inspect the Town roads.

Cemetery Report: Sexton Cawley reported that there were no lot sales or funerals. With great appreciation, Chris and Mary Schutz offered to put the Veteran's flags out again this year. A new flag will go up before Memorial Day and the cemetery will be in great shape for Memorial weekend.

Solid Waste & Recycling Center Report: Supervisor Cawley reported there were no complaints at the May 3rd meeting. Covia Corp. picked up trash along Hwy 51/16.

Building & Grounds Report: The Town Hall grounds were mowed, and trash was picked up in front of the building.

Sheriff's Report: There were 161 calls for the month of April.

Correspondence: Included in the Town Board packet was a formal recommendation letter from Town Engineer Roth regarding Lakeside Park Infrastructure, and a letter from Town Attorney Miller advising the Board of its legal obligation in regard to town roads. Supervisor Kershaw asked Chair Pate for a timetable regarding Lakeside Park improvements. Chair Pate stated that easements need to be obtained first.

Outside Meeting Attendance Report: Chair Pate reported that he attended public hearings regarding Assembly Bill 73 and Senate Bill 67 relating to changing the phase-out of utility aid payments for decommissioned power plants.

Report from Town Plan Commission: Draft minutes from the May meeting were provided.

Public Comments: Previous Town Chair Bill Devine spoke about the decommissioning of the power plant and the need for the proposed Assembly and Senate Bills to pass. Sharon Weisenberger asked about the status of broadband

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being provided to the rest of the township. Chair Pate responded that the Charter Broadband Agreement was forwarded to the Town Attorney for his review of recent revisions to the agreement made by Charter.

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

Payment of Current Bills: Motion by Kershaw/Cawley to approve payment of bills with checks numbered 16545 through 16567 and elec. draws 23-18 through 23-21 in the amount of \$106,807.94. All in favor by call of roll.

Investment Report: More investments mature in June and F&M Bank is still offering the best rates. It was explained that F&M Bank splits the funds up into several banks, and no one bank holds more than the federally insured amount of the Town's funds.

Resolution 2023-R2 Honoring William G. Devine's Distinguished Service: Chair Pate presented William Devine with the framed resolution and read the resolution aloud. William Devine gave a short speech that was met with applause. Motion by Kayartz/Cawley to adopt Resolution 2023-R2 as presented. All in favor by call of roll.

Appointment of Town Board Supervisor (term ending April 15, 2024): Chair Pate announced that Robert's Rules allow for applicants to "self-nominate" with a simple verbal statement of interest in the position. This did not follow the adopted Town policy on filling vacancies on the Town Board, but there were no objections made. Both Charlie Kirk and Tom Weisenberger verbally stated interest in the vacant seat. Both addressed the Town Board and Town Clerk with a summary of their background and experience. No questions were asked of the nominees. Motion by Kershaw/Cawley to vote by ballot. All in favor by call of roll. Chair Pate nominated Rich McCutchin as Teller of the ballots. All in favor by call of roll. The four Town Board members and the Clerk then voted by ballot. Teller McCutchin read the votes: Charlie Kirk received four votes and Tom Weisenberger received one vote. The Town Clerk administered the oath of office to Charlie Kirk.

Portage Fire Department Fire-Based Ambulance Services Feasibility Study: City of Portage Fire Chief Troy Haase introduced himself and gave a presentation of a data-based study on the feasibility of the Portage Fire Department providing ambulance care and transport services to the city and surrounding townships. He stated that the City of Portage will need an approved agreement with the townships by August to stay on track for going to a referendum vote in February or April of 2024 in order to raise the city tax levy to pay for the start up costs involved. The townships need to decide whether to pay a subsidy to the city or join as part owners by purchasing one of the ambulances.

New Alcohol Beverage License & Agent Appointment (licensing year ending June 30, 2023): Motion by Kershaw/Cawley to grant and issue a "Class B" license and approve the agent for Crossroads Grill, LLC. All in favor by call of roll.

Renewal Alcohol Beverage License & Agent Appointment (licensing year ending June 30, 2024): Motion by Kershaw/Kirk to grant and issue a "Class B" license and approve the agent for Pride of America, Inc. All in favor by call of roll.

Operator License Applications: Motion by Cawley/Kershaw to approve issuing licenses to all applicants as presented. All in favor by call of roll.

Petition for County Highway Aid: No action taken. The Town Clerk was instructed to add item to the June Town Board agenda.

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Crack Filling Service Estimate: No action taken. The Town Clerk was instructed to add item to the June Town Board agenda.

Consider Providing Town Board Packet on Website: Discussed liability and other issues with putting the full packet on the website. No action taken. The Town Clerk was instructed to add item to the June Town Board agenda.

Review Draft ATV/UTV Ordinance: Discussed. Motion Kershaw/Cawley to revise draft adding recommended language under Registration Required and Driver's License Required on page 4, and then send to Town Attorney for review and comment. All in favor by call of roll. Signage discussed but no action taken as it was not on the agenda.

Revised Ordinance 2023-2 Amending Chapter 414 Small-Scale Solar Energy Systems: Discussed. Motion Kershaw/Cawley to adopt as presented. Motion carried by call of roll; Kayartz and Kirk opposed.

Revised Ordinance 2023-3 Amending Chapter 415 Large-Scale Solar Energy Systems: Motion by Kershaw/Cawley to adopt as presented. All in favor by call of roll.

Revisions to Applications for Small- and Large-Scale Solar Energy Systems: Motion by Cawley/Kershaw to approve revisions to application packets. All in favor by call of roll.

Time Extension for Charter Communications RDOF Permits: Motion Kershaw/Cawley to extend the Work in Town Right-of-Way and Erosion Control permits to July 31, 2023. All in favor by call of roll.

Alliant Energy Tree Pick-up Event: Discussed. The week of June 26th was recommended as an acceptable week to hold the event in the Town Hall parking lot.

June Agenda Item(s): Motion by Kershaw/Kirk to add Town Attorney attendance at town meetings to the June Town Board agenda. Motion carried by call of roll; Pate opposed.

Adjourn: Motion by Cawley/Kershaw to adjourn at 8:21 p.m. All in favor by call of roll.

Marlo Gustafson, WCMC, Town Clerk