

MINUTES OF TOWN OF PACIFIC BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, June 16, 2020 6:00 PM Held at the Pacific Town Hall

Call to Order: The regular meeting was called to order by Chairman Devine at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Chairman William Devine and Supervisors George Beasley, Irma Brockley, Craig Cawley and Steve Paulk were present.

Others Present: Treasurer Mark Zimmerman, Clerk Marlo Gustafson, Town Attorney John Miller, Town Engineer Robert Roth, Nancy Beasley, Brett Johanan, Greg Kaminski, Jim Zander, Lucas Eicher, Gary Schoppenhorst, Steve Pate, Colin Greig, Jim Constantine, Andrea Hogue, and Paul and Martha Ammann were also present.

Verification of Public Notice: Clerk verified public notice was given on June 11, 2020.

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

Prior Month's Town Board Minutes: Motion by Brockley/Cawley to approve the minutes of May 19, 2020 as presented. All in favor by call of roll.

Amend Order of Agenda: Motion by Beasley/Cawley to amend the order of the agenda to accommodate Greg Kaminski, Director of Columbia County Recycling & Solid Waste. All in favor by call of roll.

Hwy 16-51 Recycling Site: There have been many issues with the site because it is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week with no supervision. Disposal of unauthorized materials is becoming very costly. The latest costly items to be dumped were tires, appliances, dressers, mattresses and three barrels of a substance that will have to be tested to determine how to properly dispose of it. The fully supervised site is only roughly three miles down the road. The Solid Waste Committee will be discussing closing the Hwy 16-51 site at their next meeting in July.

Building Permits Report: Reviewed. Question asked if a fence permit was applied for and issued to W7370 Jeri Drive. Clerk will investigate.

Road Report: Seal coating and crack filling bids provided for board to act on later in the meeting.

Cemetery Report: No lot sales or funerals to report. The cemetery looked nice for Memorial Day. Someone anonymously put up American flags on the Veteran's grave. New 4x6 flags purchased and installed at cemetery and town hall.

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Recycling Center Report: Cawley attended the June 3rd Solid Waste Committee meeting. A good discussion was had regarding closing the Hwy 16-51 recycling site. Minutes were provided from March Solid Waste Committee meeting.

Sheriff's Report: January had 132 calls, February had 119 calls, March had 109 calls, April had 115 calls, and May had 163 calls.

Building & Grounds Report: Supervisor Beasley's verbal report mentioned the trees down from the last storm. He also bought two jugs of weed killer to be used on the weeds in the landscaping at the Town Hall.

Correspondence: Andrew O'Brion of Columbia County Planning & Zoning confirmed that after a recent site visit, all work being done at W7511 Second Lane was included in the building permit.

Chairman Devine reported that the Columbia Generating Station (Alliant Energy) is being put on an accelerated pace for decommissioning even though millions of dollars were spent recently on efficiency projects. He explained that once this happens, the Town would lose out on over \$750,000.00 in an annual shared revenue payment. The Town would then have to start taxing its citizens to run the government.

Report from Town Plan Commission: Draft minutes were provided from the June 2, 2020 Plan Commission meeting.

Public Comments: Resident Jim Zander reported that the roads in the Lakeside Park area are the worst roads in the township. He added that the patching that the County has done is not done very well. He questioned if the town has considered putting in a new road. Discussion took place that the area has been discussed many times. Also discussed were state and federal grants and how much competition there is for the grant money. It was explained that this would not be a simple project due to ownership issues, drainage issues, road width issues, and safety issues. Jim Zander and Nancy Beasley asked the Town Board to keep this area as a priority in the future. Resident Paul Ammann asked if any shouldering work is going to be done on Patchin Road. Supervisor Cawley would look it over and have the County look at it if necessary. Resident Brett Johansen addressed the board about some negative comments being made on social media. He lives in Saddle Ridge and wanted to make it clear that the majority of the public supported Irma Brockley's appointment to the Town Board last month.

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

Payment of Current Bills: Motion by Cawley/Beasley to approve payment of current bills with checks numbered 15477 through 15503 and electronic draws 20-34 through 20-39 in the amount of \$28,336.08. All in favor by call of roll.

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Investment Report: Supervisor Brockley reported that the recent investment of \$5,639.78 that will come due on June 28th will be reinvested at Summit Credit Union for 12 months at .35%. The next investment coming due is \$250,000.00 at F & M Bank on July 9th.

Seal Coating Estimates: Estimates were received from Columbia County and Scott Construction, Inc. Supervisor Cawley recommended that due to the budget being used up by snow removal, we should only do one road this year. He suggested doing North Star Road. Columbia County provided the lowest bid and Columbia County Highway Aid will be used on the project to save even more money. Motion by Paulk/Beasley to approve seal coating North Star Road and using Columbia County Highway Aid towards the cost. All in favor by call of roll.

Crack Filling Estimates: Proposal received from Crack Filling Service, Corp. Motion by Beasley/Brockley to allow Supervisor Cawley and Chairman Devine to choose which roads to approve for crack filling/spot sealing. All in favor by call of roll.

Basketball Hoops in Parking Lot: There was discussion at the annual meeting to install basketball hoops in the parking lot. Rural Mutual Insurance provided correspondence that the outdoor hoop would not result in any changes to the insurance policy. Chair Devine asked about whether to install a full/regulation-sized court or one hoop to get started keeping in mind that the hoop would have to be placed in a manner as to not have to move it if a full court would be installed at a later date. Supervisor Brockley asked where the Town should draw the line. She felt that if we put up hoops for one family, perhaps another family would request a tennis court or volleyball courts. She explained that the reason the Town contributes \$2,000.00 to the City of Portage Park & Recreation Program every year is so that town residents can use the City's programs at the City of Portage resident fee. Motion by Beasley/Paulk to have Supervisors Cawley and Paulk investigate the cost of installing hoops in the parking lot. Roll call vote with Beasley, Cawley, Paulk and Devine in favor/Brockley opposed.

Winnebago Ridge Runners Lease: The Winnebago Ridge Runners Snowmobile Club is leasing a strip of land situated in the Town of Pacific described on page 2 of Addendum "A" of the lease document. The term commences on July 1, 2020. All other terms are within the lease document. Motion by Beasley/Cawley to approve the lease as drafted. All in favor by call of roll.

Alcohol Beverage License Renewals and Agent Appointments: Applications were received from the following: "Class A" for ENR Investment, Inc. dba Portage One Stop, Mohammed Farooqui as Agent, "Class B" for Pride of America, Inc. dba Pride of America Camping Resort, Karen Kay Frankson as Agent, and "Class B" for Northstar Tavern. Motion by Beasley/Paulk to grant and issue the licenses and approve the agents. All in favor by call of roll.

Operator License Applications: Applications were received from the following: Shannon Brown, Carri Bryan, Harley Ericksen, Kimberly Esser, Josey Giannini, Taylor Hawley, Kristy Hill, Alyssa Langer, Heather Miller, Lori Neusen, Stephanie Shelley, Raj Kumar, Rajan Talwar,

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Katheryn Connery. Motion by Cawley/Beasley to approve as presented. All in favor by call of roll.

Request for Special Town Board Meeting/Request for Provisional License: Andrea Hogue, the owner of The Iron Pig, did not turn in the alcohol beverage license application packet on time, to be acted on before her existing license expires. She wrote a letter to the Town Board to request a special meeting to approve her license for the new licensing year. She stated that the reason for the late application was due to the mandatory COVID-19 shutdown. Motion by Paulk/Beasley to grant a Provisional License to hold The Iron Pig over until the Town Board can act on the application at the next regularly scheduled Town Board meeting. It was further explained by the Town Attorney that if a provisional license was issued it would be contrary to Town Ordinance 250-8, which states that any applicant must meet all qualifications and requirements, and the licensed premises must meet all applicable codes. Chairman Devine asked Supervisor Paulk if he wanted to amend his motion to comply with Town Ordinance 250-8, and Supervisor Paulk responded, “no”. Roll call vote was taken with Paulk in favor/Beasley, Brockley, Cawley and Devine opposed. Motion failed. Motion by Beasley/Brockley to set a special meeting for Vigilantes Inc. d/b/a The Iron Pig, for Monday, June 29, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. due to Andrea Hogue’s request for the special meeting to consider her late application due to COVID-19 closure. All in favor by call of roll.

Mobile Home Verification: Clerk verified pre-existing mobile homes that are not within a Mobile Home Park. Motion by Brockley/Cawley to approve, sign and send the annual verification form back to Columbia County Planning & Zoning Dept. All in favor by call of roll.

Adjourn: Motion by Beasley/Cawley to adjourn at 7:29 p.m. All in favor by call of roll.

Marlo Gustafson, WCMC
Town Clerk