

# MINUTES OF TOWN OF PACIFIC BOARD MEETING

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Tuesday, August 16, 2022 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, Supervisors Craig Cawley, Julie Kayartz, Byron Kershaw, and Steven Pate were present.

**Others Present:** Clerk Gustafson, Treasurer Zimmerman, Town Attorney Miller, Town Engineer Roth, Rob and Susan Nelson, Nancy Beasley, Carol Hess, Bill O'Connor, Krista Roys, Rob Montgomery, Jamie Kline, Tom and Sharon Weisenberger, Pat Schnering, Mark and Bobbie Zander, James Watson, Charles Kuhl, Ellen Pulver, and DuWayne Stork were also present.

**Verification of Public Notice:** Clerk verified public notice was given on August 11, 2022.

**Recess for Site Visit:** At 6:02 p.m. the Town Board members, Town Engineer, Town Attorney and Town Clerk visited W7576 Dunning Drive. The building burned down on April 28, 2021. It was reported that the property has not been cleaned up and is a public nuisance and hazardous.

**Reconvene Meeting:** Meeting reconvened at the Town Hall at 6:12 p.m.

**Roll Call:** Chairman William Devine, Supervisors Craig Cawley, Julie Kayartz, Byron Kershaw, and Steven Pate were present.

**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 July 19, 2022 as presented. All in favor by call of roll. Motion by Cawley/Kayartz to approve the minutes of July 20, 2022 as presented. All in favor by call of roll.

**Amend Order of Agenda:** Motion by Cawley/Pate to amend the order of the agenda. All in favor by call of roll.

**Public Comments:** Susan Nelson asked if any progress has been made to open up the Town roads to ATV/UTV usage. It has not been on an agenda but could be in the near future.

**Building Permits Report:** Provided for review.

**Road Report:** Supervisor Cawley reported that crack filling and seal coating was completed. Raymond Road is set to be resurfaced on Thursday. Corey Rhinehart of D.L. Gasser called Supervisor Cawley to apologize for not notifying the residents on Raymond Road that the project would be taking place.

**Cemetery Report:** Sexton Cawley reported one lot sale. Brenda K. Brown purchased Lot 176, Grave 2. There were two burials on July 26, 2022, Donald H. Barton and Carol A. Barton were buried on Lot 132, Grave 3.

**Solid Waste & Recycling Center Report:** Supervisor Cawley attended the August 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. There were no complaints.

**Building & Grounds Report:** Weeds were sprayed in the stones in front of the building.

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**Sheriff's Report:** There were 197 calls for July.

**Correspondence:** None.

**Outside Meeting Attendance Report:** Chairman Devine reported that the Alliant Energy and Columbia County meetings for discussion on the closure of the Columbia Energy Center were cancelled through September. Supervisor Pate reported that he attended a virtual Town Advocacy Council (TAC) session.

**Report from Town Plan Commission:** There wasn't a meeting in August.

**Public Comments Continued:** Lakeside Park Subdivision resident Bill O'Connor expressed his opinion that it would be beneficial to meet with Robert Montgomery, PE of Montgomery Associates, Town Board representatives and Town Engineer Roth to walk the Lakeside Park site, review design approaches and possible alternatives. Lakeside Park Subdivision resident Jamie Kling expressed the need for high-speed internet access and wondered what was holding the project up. Pat Schnering recommended issuing a blanket permit to Charter/Spectrum so they could avoid any future application to the town if they decide to return and install more fiber optic. Discussed that permit extension requests should come from the permittee directly and in writing. Only then would an extension be considered. Ellen Pulver of the ATV/UTV Enthusiasts Club reported that County roads designated as ATV/UTV routes are now posted. She asked when the Town would consider opening town roads to ATV/UTVs. More discussion on Lakeside Park Subdivision improvements and coordinating with utilities.

**Treasurer's Report:** Motion by Cawley/Pate 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 current bills with checks numbered 16268 through 16288 and electronic draws 22-30 through 22-34 in the amount of \$46,341.04. All in favor by call of roll.

**Investment Report:** Supervisor Kayartz reported that the July maturing investment of \$200,000.00 will be invested at WCCU in Portage at an introductory rate of 2.1%. August maturing investments will be rolled over at F&M Bank.

**Public Nuisance – Stork Property at W7576 Dunning Drive:** Du Wayne Stork came into the meeting and immediately stepped out, wrote a statement, gave it to Supervisor Cawley and then left. Supervisor Cawley read the statement. Mr. Stork reported that he has accepted an offer on the property and will close in two weeks. Neighbor Carol Hess asked what the timeframe is on the clean-up of the property and reminded the Town Board that the fire occurred over a year ago. There was discussion on when to begin formal action due to the impending sale of the property. Attorney Miller was asked to send notice to Du Wayne Stork that the Town is considering issuing a Raze Order. Motion by Kayartz/Cawley to table until the next Town Board meeting on September 20, 2022. All in favor by call of roll.

**Operator License Applications:** Motion by Cawley/Kayartz to approve issuing licenses to the two applicants as presented. All in favor by call of roll.

**Ordinance 2022-1 Amending Chapter 415 Large-Scale Solar Energy Systems:** A suggestion was made last month that large-scale solar energy ground and pole mounted systems shall have a front yard, rear yard, and side yard setback of not less than 50 feet. Motion Pate/Cawley to adopt Ordinance 2022-1 as presented. All in favor by call of roll.

**Raymond Road Shouldering:** Limestone shoulders will be supplied and installed per the original proposal contract.

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**Lakeside Park Subdivision Improvement Plan:** After the public involvement meeting on July 20, 2022, residents were instructed to fill a comment form or email the Town Clerk with any comments or input. Several comments came from individuals as well as a neighborhood consensus statement and a letter/survey. Town Engineer Roth was asked to develop a summary of the comments received and add his responses. The document was titled "Summary of Comments Received & Response by Town Engineer. The document was put on the Town's website and copies were provided at this meeting.

The Town Chair read through the document giving the Board members opportunities for comment after each response section. No comments were made. The floor was then opened for comments. Bill O'Connor again asked the Town to meet with him and Rob Montgomery and do a site visit to discuss alternatives that might work.

Several Board members discussed the comments received. The general consensus was that there are issues that need to be addressed. Town Chair Devine stated that a new road meeting current town standards would be impossible to do, but the road can be modified appropriately to get the Fire Department the space they need. He also explained that because the Town now knows about the many drainage issues in the area, and the lack of proper turn radii to meet NFPA standards, the Town now has a responsibility to provide safe roads to avoid future liability.

Town Engineer Roth explained that his plan is a comprehensive approach to take all the issues into account in one look to avoid having to come back in the area for future costly projects. He stated that the current plan for a modified, variable standard alternative is as minimal of a plan as he can safely recommend to the Town.

It was discussed that there were three options or traditional methods on how and where to route the stormwater runoff, but more discussion has to take place before the final plan is made on where to route the stormwater.

The Town Chair again expressed the need to come up with the best plan to eliminate the liability of the Town, knowing that the roads are unsafe in their current state.

Supervisor Kayartz wanted to know how the majority of the residents would feel regarding another engineering firm getting involved to possibly come up with alternatives. Lakeside Park resident Nancy Beasley expressed that she felt she could speak for the majority of the residents in their desire to allow for extra space for emergency vehicles to navigate turns and the need to help disperse and slow down the movement of stormwater, but not in the construction of a storm sewer system with curb and gutter as explained in her neighborhood consensus statement, signed by the majority of residents in Lakeside Park.

Motion by Kershaw/Cawley to have Town Engineer Roth meet with Robert Montgomery, PE of Montgomery Associates to discuss the plan further and consider any possible alternatives. All in favor by call of roll.

**Future Agenda Items:** Supervisor Kayartz asked if the Town Board wanted to put ATV/UTV usage of town roads on a future agenda. It was discussed whether the Plan Commission would need to discuss it first. The Town Clerk was asked to put it on the September Town Board meeting agenda for discussion only.

Town Engineer Roth was asked to follow up with Charter/Spectrum and question their intentions for future construction in the township.

**Adjourn:** Motion by Kershaw/Cawley to adjourn at 8:47 p.m. All in favor by call of roll.