

MINUTES OF TOWN OF PACIFIC BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, August 20, 2024 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. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call: Town Chair Pate and Supervisors Cawley, Kershaw, and Kirk were present. Supervisor Kayartz was excused.

Others Present: Clerk Gustafson, Treasurer Zimmerman, Town Attorney John Miller, Rich McCutchin, Greg Kaminski, Roger Peck, Brian Clepper, and J.R. Wright were also present.

Verification of Public Notice: Clerk verified the meeting notice was properly given on August 15th.

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

Prior Month's Town Board Minutes: Motion by Kirk/Kershaw to approve the minutes of the Town Board meeting on July 16, 2024 as presented. All in favor by call of roll, Cawley abstained.

Building Permits Report: Provided for review.

Road Report: Seal coating and new asphalt projects are now complete. Future bid proposals should include wording that only experienced operators will work on Town roads.

Cemetery Report: No funerals to report. One lot sale to Robin M. and Susan M. Nelson, Lot 177, Grave 4.

Solid Waste & Recycling Center Report: There were no complaints at the August meeting.

Building & Grounds Report: Front double door entrance locking mechanism needs service. Supervisor Kershaw will make contact for repair.

Sheriff's Report: There were 115 calls reported for the month of July.

Correspondence: None.

Outside Meeting Attendance Report: None.

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

Public Comments: No comments were made.

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 Kirk/Cawley to approve payment of bills with checks numbered 16957 through 16980 and electronic draws 24-31 through 24-34 in the amount of \$136,406.97. All in favor by call of roll.

Investment Report: All of the investments that came due this month were renewed at 5.0% for 12 months.

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Columbia County Solid Waste & Recycling Center – Request for Relocation of Town Dropoff Site: Greg Kaminski, Director of the Solid Waste & Recycling Center explained the request to temporarily relocate the Town drop off site to the Hwy 16-51 property. It will take a couple of months of preparations before the move takes place. Motion Kershaw/Cawley to approve the request as presented. All in favor by call of roll.

Certified Survey Map – Parcel 54.A – W7404 Second Street, Portage: The Town’s Plan Commission recommended approval to the Town Board. Motion by Kershaw/Cawley to approve the CSM as presented. All in favor by call of roll.

Modification to Erosion Control Permit – Columbia Energy Center – Change of Stockpile Material: The Town’s Plan Commission recommended to the Town Board to approve modifying the Erosion Control Permit. Motion by Cawley/Kirk to approve as presented. All in favor by call of roll.

Murray Road West – Columbia Energy Center Request to Purchase: Brian Clepper was present to discuss the issues that Columbia Energy Center is dealing with and the reasons for the request. Town Attorney Miller stated that there is no legal process for a Town to sell a road. The Town could vacate the road and then the road would go to the adjacent land owner(s). It was discussed that the Town gets paid over \$900.00 annually in General Transportation Aids for that portion of Murray Road. Brian Clepper will send Town Attorney Miller the Alliant Energy Real Estate Dept. contact information to start discussions on what can and cannot be done.

Columbia County Planning & Zoning – Tourist Rooming House Ordinance Amendment Feedback Form: The Town Board had no comments on the proposed amendments.

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

EMS Agreement: Discussed ongoing negotiations between the Towns’ Attorney and the City of Portage Attorney.

Adjourn: Motion by Cawley/Kershaw to adjourn at 6:36 p.m. All in favor by call of roll.

Marlo Gustafson, WCMC, Town Clerk