

MINUTES OF TOWN OF PACIFIC BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, November 15, 2022 6:00 PM Held at the Pacific Town Hall

Call to Order: The Public Hearing for the 2023 budget was called to order by Chairman Devine at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Chairman Devine, Supervisors Cawley, Kayartz, Kershaw, and Pate were present.

Others Present: Clerk Gustafson, Treasurer Zimmerman, Town Attorney Miller, Town Engineer Roth, Patricia Riley, Joseph Rataczak, Patricia Schnering, Eric Moll, Jim Watson, and Greg Kaminski of Columbia County Solid Waste were also present.

Verification of Public Notice: Clerk verified the public hearing notice was lawfully posted and published.

Public Hearing for 2023 Budget: The anticipated income for 2023 is \$1,090,159.00. The anticipated expenses for 2023 are \$805,850.00. It was explained that at the budget workshop, \$55,000.00 was budgeted for ambulance services. After the budget workshop was held, the proposal came in much higher and the share requested from the Town of Pacific was \$117,706.53. The Ambulance Service budget was revised. Anticipated income stayed at \$1,090,159.00 and anticipated expenses were revised to \$868,556.00. Motion by Cawley/Kershaw to close the public hearing at 6:13 p.m. All in favor by call of roll.

Regular Town Board Meeting Call to Order: The regular meeting was called to order by Chairman Devine at 6:15 p.m.

Roll Call: Chairman William Devine, Supervisors Cawley, Kayartz, Kershaw, and Pate were present.

Others Present: Clerk Gustafson, Treasurer Zimmerman, Town Attorney Miller, Town Engineer Roth, Patricia Riley, Joseph Rataczak, Patricia Schnering, Eric Moll, Jim Watson, and Greg Kaminski of Columbia County Solid Waste were also present.

Verification of Public Notice: Clerk verified proper public notice was given.

Town Agenda: Motion by Pate/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 Town Board minutes of October 18, 2022 as presented. All in favor by call of roll.

Building Permits Report: Provided for review.

Road Report: Supervisor Cawley reported that the County fixed the washout on W. Bush Road. A sign post on Wolf Drive rotted and the County will replace it.

Cemetery Report: Sexton Cawley reported there were no lot sales and there was one funeral. Evelyn M. Janisch was buried on Lot 108, Grave 2 on November 3, 2022.

Solid Waste & Recycling Center Report: Greg Kaminski, Director of the Solid Waste & Recycling Center was asked to appear before the Town Board to discuss the Columbia County Board of Supervisors attempting to eliminate the attendant on Tuesdays and Saturdays, which goes against an agreement between the Town of Pacific and Columbia County that has existed since September 1, 1991. The County Supervisors were still meeting on the County budget at the time of this meeting.

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Building & Grounds Report: Supervisor Cawley reported that Columbia County completed mowing the landfill. Supervisors Cawley and Kershaw marked the three test wells at the landfill to make locating them easier.

Sheriff's Report: There were 127 calls in October.

Correspondence: Several items of correspondence were included in the Town Board packet. A formal letter from Attorney Miller was sent to Columbia County Corporation Counsel, Joseph Ruf on October 19, 2022. The letter was in regard to the documents that state Columbia County's commitment that it would not change the waste management services to the Town of Pacific residents unless those changes were mutually agreed upon by the County and the Town Board of the Town of Pacific. Mr. Ruf responded in an email dated November 2, 2022, that the County is attempting to close a very large deficit in the 2023 County budget, and he'd like to revisit the issue after the November 15, 2022 County Board meeting.

Pardeeville District Ambulance Service submitted a draft proposal for emergency medical services. PDAS Secretary, Joe Rataczak reported that the two PDAS ambulances and staff service the Towns of Marcellon, Scott, Springvale, and Wycocena, as well as the Village of Pardeeville. They are applying to be a full-time Paramedic Service but first need to find a Medical Director. Town Chair Devine asked questions. The Town Clerk was instructed to invite the PDAS Director, Linda Henning, to the December meeting to answer further questions.

At a recent Town Board meeting, Town Attorney Miller was asked to contact Rural Mutual Insurance regarding the Town's liability coverage regarding a Town Board Supervisor reviewing applications, permitting, inspecting, and enforcing utility work installed within the right of ways of the Town. He did so in a letter dated October 31, 2022. Director of Claims, Anthony Conlin responded to Attorney Miller's letter in an email on November 7, 2022 that the Town should be aware of the potential liability pitfalls, were they to employ someone without the required professional qualifications in this type of position.

Outside Meeting Attendance Report: Supervisor Pate will attend the Columbia County Ad Hoc Broadband Committee meeting on Thursday, November 17, 2022 to discuss broadband concerns within the community.

Public Comments: Eric Moll asked how Charter decided where to place Fiber within the Township. Discussed. Jim Watson asked if there was any progress on getting Columbia County Planning & Zoning to place an overlay in Lakeside Park. Chairman Devine has made several calls and has received no response from Planning & Zoning Director Calkins.

Report from Town Plan Commission: Draft minutes were provided from the November meeting. Town Engineer Roth reported that he is working on the plans, specifications, and bid documents for Lakeside Park Subdivision improvements. A future meeting will be held with the community professional representatives.

Treasurer's Report: Pate made comments regarding RPS invoices 2174 and 2176. There was a discussion. Motion by Cawley/Kershaw to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried by call of roll; Pate opposed.

Payment of Current Bills: Motion by Cawley/Kershaw to approve payment of current bills with checks numbered 16344 through 16366 and electronic draws 22-43 through 22-46 in the amount of \$62,769.70. Motion carried by call of roll; Pate opposed.

Investment Report: Supervisor Kayartz reported that the next set of investments come due in December.

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City of Portage Park & Recreation Co-sponsorship Request: Motion by Pate/Kayartz to approve the requested \$2000.00 contribution for 2023. All in favor by call of roll.

Recommendation to Plan Commission to Consider Town Roads for Permitted Usage of ATVs/UTVs: Motion by Cawley/Kayartz to recommend to the Town's Plan Commission to consider which roads to possibly open up to ATV and UTV usage for a possible future Town referendum. All in favor by call of roll.

Broadband Forward Community Ordinance Proposal and Proposed Application for Tele-Communications Permit: Motion by Kayartz/Cawley to table until Supervisor Pate attends the first scheduled Columbia County Ad Hoc Broadband Committee meeting. All in favor by call of roll.

Frontier – Work in Town Right-of Way for W7388 White Oak Run: Motion by Kayartz/Kershaw to approve as presented. Motion carried by call of roll; Pate opposed.

Frontier – Work in Town Right-of-Way for W7561 North Shore Drive: Motion by Kayartz/Kershaw to approve as presented. Motion carried by call of roll; Pate opposed.

Amended Fire Protection Contract with City of Portage: Motion Pate/Kershaw to authorize Town Chair to sign the agreement. All in favor by call of roll.

Ambulance Services – Aspirus Proposal: Motion by Kayartz/Pate to authorize Town Chair to negotiate a contract not to exceed \$117,706.53. Motion carried by call of roll; Cawley opposed.

Adopt 2023 Town Budget: Motion by Kershaw/Kayartz to adopt the 2023 Town Budget. Motion carried by call of roll; Pate opposed.

Planning & Zoning Checklist for Farm Structures on Vacant A-1 and AO-1 Land – Bierman and Meister: It was discussed that either a resolution or policy should be created for processing future checklists. Motion by Pate/Kayartz to authorize Town Chair to sign the checklists as presented. All in favor by call of roll.

Adjourn: Motion by Kayartz/Kershaw to adjourn at 8:08 p.m. All in favor by call of roll.

Marlo Gustafson, WCMC, Town Clerk