

MINUTES OF TOWN OF PACIFIC BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, December 20, 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 Kayartz, Kershaw, and Pate were present. Supervisor Cawley was excused.

Others Present: Clerk Gustafson, Treasurer Zimmerman, Town Attorney Miller, Town Engineer Roth, Linda Henning, Joe Rataczak, Patricia Riley, Mitch Manthey, Charlie Kirk, Patricia Schnering, Thomas and Sharon Weisenberger, Todd and Catherine Heller, Eric Moll, and Adam Raschka 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 Kayartz/Kershaw to approve the Town Board minutes of November 15, 2022 as presented. All in favor by call of roll.

Building Permits Report: Provided for review.

Road Report: Nothing new to report.

Cemetery Report: There were no lot sales or funerals. Sexton Cawley plowed the cemetery on December 15th.

Solid Waste & Recycling Center Report: No complaints at the December 7th meeting.

Building & Grounds Report: Nothing new to report.

Sheriff's Report: There were 133 calls in November.

Correspondence: Emailed received from Sara Kehrli, Wildlife Biologist for WDNR stating concerns with condition of Ontario Street and how it affects Swan Lake Wildlife Area. Ms. Kehrli has not responded to phone calls. Town Clerk was instructed to add to next month's agenda.

Outside Meeting Attendance Report: Supervisor Pate reported that he attended the Columbia County Ad Hoc Broadband Committee meeting and the Columbia County Board of Appeals meeting.

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

Public Comments: None.

Treasurer's Report: Motion by Kayartz/Kershaw to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried by call of roll.

Payment of Current Bills: Motion by Kershaw/Kayartz to approve payment of bills with checks numbered 16367 through 16409 and elec. draws 22-47 through 22-50 in the amount of \$48,639.57. Motion carried by call of roll.

Investment Report: Supervisor Kayartz reported on current rates and the reinvestment of funds with Bank of Wisconsin Dells at 4.07% for 24 months.

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Pardeeville District Ambulance Service: Linda Henning, Joe Rataczak, Patricia Riley, and Mitch Manthey were present to represent the PDAS. The Town was presented with a five-year agreement for consideration. PDAS Director Linda Henning addressed the Town Board and answered questions. The Town will have more information on the proposed Aspirus agreement after the City of Portage Council meeting in January. Motion by Kayartz/Kershaw to table until January meeting. All in favor by call of roll.

Amend Agenda: Motion by Pate/Kershaw to amend the agenda to allow time for Lynn Bradley from General Engineering Company to arrive. All in favor by call of roll.

Solid Waste Permit Applications: Applications for permits to dispose of solid waste in the Town were received and paid for by Waste Management of Lake Delton, City of Portage, and Pellitteri Waste Systems. Motion by Pate/Kayartz to approve as presented. All in favor by call of roll.

Mobile Home Park License: Motion by Pate/Kayartz to approve license renewal for 2023 as presented. All in favor by call of roll.

ADA Voting Equipment Replacement: Motion by Kayartz/Kershaw to approve purchase of EspressVote ADA Voting System to replace aging AutoMark device. All in favor by call of roll.

Resolution for Advisory Referendum Question: This proposed advisory referendum question is intended to gauge public interest in allowing ATVs/UTVs on town roads. Motion by Kershaw/Pate to approve Resolution 2022-R3 as presented. Motion carried by call of roll; Pate opposed.

PSC Broadband Expansion Grant Program: Adam Raschka of Charter Communications was invited to speak on the expansion of broadband to the areas that were left out of the 2022 project. Supervisor Pate prepared maps to identify approximately 309 homes being left out of the 2022 broadband expansion project, he also stated that the maps may not be completely accurate. Adam Raschka stated that it is unlikely that any grant funds would be awarded to the Town after reviewing speed and availability data on the Digital Opportunity Fund maps and PSC maps. The possibility of a broadband expansion partnership between the Town and Charter Communications was discussed in order to work towards getting Charter fiber in the remaining areas of the town. The next steps would be to finalize maps and an address list to identify the remaining proposed project areas and get estimates for total build cost, and then negotiate with the Town for a portion of the costs. Town Clerk was asked to add to next month's agenda.

ARPA Funds: Town Clerk was asked to add to next month's agenda.

Broadband Forward Community Model Ordinance: Town Clerk was asked to add to next month's agenda.

Landfill Monitoring: Lynn Bradley was not present. Supervisor Kershaw spoke with her recently and reported that she recommended leaving the monitoring at twice per year to avoid the additional expense of testing for Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs). Collection of VOC data wasn't a requirement at the time the landfill was closed but would likely be required before the DNR would approve any change in monitoring frequency. No action will be taken to change the frequency of the landfill monitoring.

Adjourn: Motion by Kayartz/Kershaw to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. All in favor by call of roll.