

**MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 4, 2021 TOWN BOARD MEETING  
TOWN OF WINCHESTER, VILAS COUNTY**

***Pending Approval from the Town Board***

Chairman Discianno called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM on Monday January 4, 2021 via Zoom. Attending were Chairman Discianno, Supervisor Brownwell, Supervisor Wainio, Clerk Wainio and Treasurer Sell.

Supervisor Brownwell moved to accept the agenda at the discretion of the Chair, seconded by Supervisor Wainio. The motion was approved 3-0.

Supervisor Wainio made a motion to suspend approval of the minutes until the next meeting which Supervisor Brownwell seconded and was approved 3-0.

Supervisor Wainio motioned to approve the Treasurer's report as given by Treasurer Sell. Supervisor Brownwell seconded the motion which was approved 3-0.

**SUPERVISOR REPORTS:**

**Supervisor Brownwell**

Between the normal seasonal lull and COVID, Supervisor Brownwell noted that he did not have much to report besides his attendance at the Landfill Venture Group meeting. He reported that the current landfill has a life expectancy only until 2027 so they are already working on the process of permitting, etc. for the 77 acres recently donated to the group from the County. The additional land will add another 52-53 years to the life of the landfill. Supervisor Brownwell learned that 70% of the water goes to water treatment plants with 30% used at the site. In the future it is planned that only 10% will be used at the site with 90% going to treatment plants.

**Supervisor Wainio**

*Fire Dept:* With the assistance of the P.I. and M.W. departments we saved a home in Winchester in the last month. The department held their regular administrative meeting along with training in December along with various Ambulance requests.

*Cemetery Committee:* No meeting held.

*The Planning Commission:* Continues to work on the 2030 Land Use Plan. The ATV survey should be in the mail by the end of the week and a link to the draft ATV ordinance is on the website along with information regarding the post cards sent out by an outside group referencing the ATV issue.

**Chairman Discianno**

Has contacted Jake from Pitlik and Wick assured Chairman Discianno that Brunell and Strebe Roads will be crack sealed in the Spring.

Lakes States Roofing will be providing the Town with an estimate for Snow Guards by the end of the week.

Reinders will be planting the donated tree this coming Spring, they simply ran out of time last year.

The Sand Shed and new Town Garage were inspected by Dan Shanahan the State Commercial Building Inspector December 18<sup>th</sup>. Other than the approaches on the North & South ends of the garage, everything is fine. Chairman Discianno advised Mr. Shanahan that we have already entered into a contract to have concrete poured for the approaches this Spring.

Chairman Discianno is working with Xcel Energy to determine what is needed to place Christmas decorations on our light posts in the future.

Mary Quass and Chairman Discianno are on additional information to be added to the website. Anyone with suggestions should contact Chairman Discianno.

**Correspondence:** None except for quotes Supervisor Wainio forwarded to the rest of the Board which are on the agenda and a request from the Bonding Company asking the status of the Municipal Building remodeling. Chairman Discianno will return the request advising that it is complete.

**Old Business**

1) *No road/lane changes*

2) *Computer for Town Crew:* Supervisor Brownwell expects to receive the donated laptop within 1-2 weeks. He will bring it to our IT man John Eppes to check it out and install any necessary software.

3) *Sale of 2010 Peterbilt Plow Truck:* Bill Sell is getting a list of specs together if we need to advertise to sell the truck. Clerk Wainio will contact the Village of Rosholt to see if they are still interested.

**New Business**

1) *Culvert Purchases:* Supervisor Wainio reviewed the price quotes good for 30 days received from Metal Culverts, Inc. on the projects planned for 2021. Project #1 is a 50' X 60" culvert replacement on

Old O @ No Man's Creek, Project #2 is a: 40" X 60" culvert replacement on Papoose Lake Road and Project #3 is 2-40' X 98" culvert replacements on Bruette Road.

Supervisor Wainio will contact the company to verify the company will delay delivery of the culverts until the Spring when we will be able to begin installation. The Town would like to be able store the new culverts near the project sites.

Chairman Discianno made a motion to purchase the listed polymer coated culverts at a cost of \$34,034.15. Supervisor Brownwell seconded the motion which was approved 3-0.

2) *2021 Road Projects*: Supervisor Wainio made a motion that through Delmore Consultants we bid out the 3 culvert projects: #1 Old O at No Mans Creek; #2 Papoose Lake Rd at Papoose Creek and #3 the double culvert replacement at Bruette Rd and the Turtle River. Chairman Discianno seconded the motion which was approved 3-0.

3) *Future Agenda Items*: South Turtle Boat Landing/Coleman Engineering; Flagpole installation this Spring; Power for lighting the flagpoles.

The meeting was adjourned to public participation at 7:42PM. Noting that Arlene Kellett was in attendance via Zoom, Supervisor Wainio requested permission to store the culverts that will be used in the Bruette Rd project on her adjacent property. Ms. Kellett indicated that she would be agreeable to the proposal.

At 7:48PM the meeting was reconvened. Due to the fact that no one was physically at the Town Hall and could review the disbursements report, Supervisor Wainio made a motion to suspend approval of the vouchers to the next meeting. Supervisor Brownwell seconded the motion which was approved 3-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:49PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Joan Wainio, Town Clerk