

**MINUTES OF THE MARCH 1, 2021 TOWN BOARD MEETING
TOWN OF WINCHESTER, VILAS COUNTY**

Chairman Discianno called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM on Monday March 1, 2021 at the Winchester Municipal Building. Attending in person were Chairman Discianno, Supervisor Wainio and Clerk Wainio. Supervisor Brownwell and Treasurer Sell attended via Zoom. 5 residents attended in person. Lakeland Times reporter Brian Jopek and 18 other individuals observed the proceeding via Zoom.

Supervisor Wainio moved to accept the agenda at the discretion of the Chair, seconded by Chairman Discianno. The motion was approved 2-0.

Chairman Discianno made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 1st regular meeting along with the special meeting held February 4, 2021. Supervisor Wainio seconded the motion; approved 2-0. Supervisor Wainio motioned to approve the Treasurer's report as given by Treasurer Sell. Chairman Discianno seconded the motion which was approved 2-0.

SUPERVISOR REPORTS:

Supervisor Brownwell

Library: The Library Board did not meet in February. Library staff Betty Forster and Blaze Burton are hosting a candidate Facetime on March 18th.

Transfer Site: Supervisor Brownwell was contacted by Eagle Waste regarding snow that slid off the roof between the transfer site building and the recycling compactor. The Town Board will need to look at modifications to avoid this condition in the future. Block heaters were purchased to keep the compactor hydraulics function during the extreme cold.

Lakes Committee: No report.

Supervisor Wainio

Fire Department: The department provided additional hospital transports in February and assisted Manitowish Waters with a fire during the month. Fire Department members did additional training with the extrication equipment, simulating an individual caught beneath a snowplow. No additional information was received on the replacement entrance door ordered from Pukall Lumber. After further research the Fire Chief has determined that it will be more advantageous to purchase a new engine rather than a tanker.

Planning Commission: Met in person at the Town Hall on February 22nd with Andrew Faust to review the current draft of the 2030 Land Use Plan. When the final draft of the plan is approved by the Planning Commission it will be forwarded to the Town Board to schedule a public hearing.

Cemetery Committee: Did not meet in February.

Chairman Discianno

Brian Jopek has requested notification of agendas and meeting dates for the Planning Commission. The 2010 Peterbilt plow truck was sold to the Town of Boulder Junction for \$43,000.00 after a special meeting on 2/4/21. Supervisor Wainio noted again that the lights in the town garage were lit after hours. Chairman Discianno noted that the crew may have to turn them off manually until the problem can be rectified.

Correspondence: None received.

Old Business

- 1) *Road/Lane Name Changes:* None since the February meeting.
- 2) *Disposition of Library metal shelving:* Supervisor Wainio made a motion to list them for sale on the State of Wisconsin or elsewhere unless they can be utilized at the town garage or in the town office. Supervisor Brownwell seconded the motion which was approved 3-0.
- 3) *Upgrades to the South Turtle Boat Landing:* In February 2020 Coleman Engineering presented an estimate of \$11,000 for repairs which did not include making the site ADA compliant. Funding may be available if the property is upgraded to include ADA access, but an engineering study must be completed prior to applying for the funds. The 2021 budget does not currently include this expense, so Supervisor Brownwell motioned to proceed with necessary repairs, and table discussion of upgraded until the next meeting. Chairman Discianno seconded the motion which was approved 3-0.
- 4) *Culvert Installations:* The culverts have been purchased per action taken at the February 1st meeting, and will be delivered in late Spring or early Summer. Three separate bids will be advertised following DNR B&N processes.

New Business

- 1) *Amended Emergency Services Ordinance*: Supervisor Wainio made a motion and Chairman Discianno seconded to approve the amended Emergency Services Ordinance as read. The motion passed unanimously 3-0.
- 2) *Purchase of a boom for the front-end loader*: Chairman Discianno made a motion to table any action until after the budget is reviewed which was seconded by Supervisor Wainio. The motion was approved 3-0.
- 3) *Purchase of a new fuel tank for town garage*: Chairman Discianno is waiting for an estimate from Walt's Petroleum for an 1100-gallon double wall tank. Supervisor Wainio made a motion to table for further information which Chairman Discianno seconded and was approved 3-0.
- 4) *Electrical and concrete needs for new fuel tank*: No discussion or action was taken due to lack of information.
- 5) *Kitchen stove repair or replacement*: Supervisor Brownwell will research whether repairs can be made and cost to replace with a new/used stove.
- 6) *14058 Second Street Property*: Chairman Discianno has received calls on the condition of the property. Clerk Wainio will contact the County Treasurer regarding status of past due taxes.
- 7) *Review of ATV/UTV Survey*: Planning Commission member Lee Stengele gave a report on the surveys which were returned vs. those mailed. 1012 were mailed, 550 were returned properly for tabulation. 278 voted against, 224 in favor, 48 voted as undecided, 18 were not counted either because the survey had been altered, returned undeliverable or late. 444 surveys were not returned. Supervisors Wainio & Brownwell thanked Lee Stengele for the time he spent on tabulating the data. Joe Crownhart questioned whether the survey results would be available for public review. Supervisor Wainio explained that the results are public record and available for review, except for the actual surveys which will need to be reviewed for possible redaction. Supervisor Wainio made a motion to accept the results of the survey, which Chairman Discianno seconded and was approved 3-0. Mr. Stengele noted that the totals of each question do not equal the number of surveys returned because many respondents did not answer everything. Supervisor Wainio made a motion to accept the results of the survey. Chairman Discianno seconded the motion which was approved 3-0.
- 8) *ATV Ordinance*: Supervisor Wainio verified that the ordinance presented on the Town website was the wording approved at the February 1, 2021 Town Board Meeting. Chairman Discianno made a motion to accept as written and posted. Supervisor Brownwell seconded, Chairman Discianno called for the vote at which point both Chairman Discianno and Supervisor Brownwell voted to approve. Supervisor Wainio pointed out that discussion should have been called before the vote. Supervisor Wainio noted that the ordinance would not go into effect until after posting and road signage as required by Wisconsin Act 123, and reminded everyone that in March 2022 the then standing Town Board could review the situation and update, amend or suspend the ordinance. In person comments were made by residents Joe Crownhart, Craig VanArk, Carol Hochhalter, Mike Potts and Darrell Smith, along with Marjean Schuelke, Kay Wegner, John Grimmer, Mark Walisch, and Anne Nesgaard attending via Zoom. After discussion Chairman Discianno rescinded his motion stating that he did not understand that he was voting on approving the ordinance. Supervisor Brownwell rescinded his second at which time Supervisor Wainio made the motion to approve the ordinance as presented, Supervisor Brownwell seconded. The motion was approved 2-1, with Chairman Discianno voting no.
- 9) *Storage of personal items at Old Transfer Site*: Chairman Discianno informed the others that the owner of the boat removed it from the old transfer site on Sunday February 28th.
- 10) *Future Agenda Items*: Replacement of water heater at the park, Lions Lease of storage building at Old Transfer Site and signage of town roads for ATV/UTV usage.

The meeting was adjourned to public participation at 9:15PM. Darrell Smith was advised Jay Woolf is working on the proposed Ordinance Officer position, Mark Schuelke inquired on the South Turtle lake boat landing proposed upgrades.

At 9:20PM the meeting was reconvened. Supervisor Wainio made a motion to approve February 2021 disbursements numbered 29810 through 29863 amounting to \$627,626.23. Chairman Discianno seconded 2-0-1.

Chairman Discianno adjourned the meeting at 9:23PM

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Wainio, Town Clerk