

TOWN OF ANDERSON
Monthly Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, July 12, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall

Call to order by Jeremy Gronski at 7:00 pm

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jeremy Gronski.

Affidavit of Posting signed by Jeremy Gronski.

Motion for Approval of Agenda

James Mielke made a motion to approve the agenda order as written. Jim Loomis seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approval of June 14, 2022 Meeting Minutes

James Mielke made a motion to approve the June 14, 2022 meeting minutes as written. Jim Loomis seconded. Motion carried.

Burnett County District 4 Supervisor update

Ramona Moody presented the update. Please see attached for details.

Approval/denial of Assessor's contract

Bob Pardun submitted a 5 year contract for the Board to approve. It is an annual compensation of \$8,000 a year for tax years 2023, 2025, 2026 and 2027. For tax year 2024 it will be an annual compensation of \$17,000. This is due to State compliance market adjustment, so assessed values are in compliance with the States values. Jeremy Gronski motioned to approve the 5 year contract in the amount of \$49,000, Jim Loomis seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Patsy Tucker gave the Treasurers report. As of June 30, 2022 the Town has \$27,904.99 in the checking account and \$257,077.08 in the money market account for a total of \$264,982.07.

Town's decision on joining the CAFO Town Partnership

After a brief discussion, Jeremy Gronski motioned to not join the Town Partnership, James Mielke seconded. Motion carried.

Decision on maintenance worker joining Wisconsin State Retirement (WRS)

This has been postponed to the August meeting. Jim Loomis and James Mielke think this is a good idea. Jeremy needs have more information about the long term effects it will have on the Town. Annette Bethke will get more information so they can look it over.

Fire Association Report

Per the Grantsburg Fire Association minutes that were sent to the Annette Bethke. There are 22 personnel on the roster. They made \$1,400 from the pancake breakfast.

Chairman's Report

Nothing to report.

Clerks Information

It was decided that Dan Woods, who mows the Town Hall lawn, will mow Logging Creek Cemetery for \$75 a time. Jim Bethke will call Dan when it needs to be mowed. James Mielke motioned to have Dan Woods mow the cemetery at \$75/time. Jim Loomis seconded. Motion carried.

Annette Bethke also reminded the Board that the August Board meeting will be Monday, August 8 due to the election on August 9.

Forestry Report

Nothing to report.

Capital Plan

The decision to get a new mower tractor has been postponed. A new mower tractor will be about \$180,000 with trade in. Currently the Town has town loans out and the Board does not want to take out a third one. In November when we go over the budget for 2023 we will discuss it then. We will also set up a Capital Plan meeting in October.

Road Maintenance Report/Projects for the Month

Jim Bethke said that currently they are finishing up the mowing of the roads and hauling gravel. He is planning on shouldering Hegge Road in the Fall. He is also in the process of getting permits for the 2 emergency culverts that need to be put in.

Public Comment

Nothing to report.

Administrative session

Nothing to report.

Auditing of Bills / Approve Payment of June Bills.

Jeremy Gronski motioned to pay the June bills in the amount of \$143,917.47. Jim Loomis seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Agenda Items for Next Board Meeting / Date: MONDAY August 8, 2022. Due to election on Tuesday August 9th.

Motion to Adjourn.

James Mielke made a motion at 7:50 pm to adjourn the meeting. Jim Loomis seconded. Motion carried.

Burnett County District 4 Supervisor Update 7/12/2022:

Land Use committee: Land Services is considering changing the application deadline for public hearings to the 15th of each month with the public hearing to be held approximately 6 weeks later, instead of 4 weeks, to better align with Town Meetings with hopes of being able to have better input from the Towns. This change would go into effect in January.

Infrastructure Committee: Building Maintenance Manager and IT have been working on installing the new Audio-visual system for the County's meetings.

The satellite facility in the Town of Anderson is under construction for equipment storage and a salt shed. The funding for the facility will come from the State of Wisconsin.

A couple of the 2022 County Highway Improvement Projects include:

CTH D reconstruction between N Williams Rd and CTH M (Town of Wood River) – Paving complete. Shouldering, guardrails, and line painting to be complete by end of July.

CTH O reconstruction from Jimmy Carter Road to 3 miles west (Town of Anderson) – Ditching and gravel surfacing work ongoing.

The CTH O paving bid was 30% higher than budgeted amount. It was decided to forego the paving work until 2023 in order to secure adequate funding in the 2023 budget.

Burnett County Natural Resources Committee:

In May, a hired company planted 70,000 trees on County Forest Land in eight hours.

There has been quite a bit of dumping taking place on County Forest Land.

June 3 and 4 they had the plant and seed sale distribution. Everything went well. They reported the plants looked extremely healthy and our customers were very pleased.

Cindy has been working on fencing projects for 2 bee yards that have been damaged by bear attacks. Also, they have started to get reports on corn damage caused by geese. This damage usually starts early in the season as the geese begin eating the kernel, and thus, kill the plant. Along those lines she is issuing new deer shooting permits. Hay appraisals are being done. Timber sales year to date are \$765,216.73 as compared to 2021 being just over \$1.2 million.

Update on Public Safety Jail project: The bids came in high at \$3.6 million over the projected budget. The County Administrator worked with existing contractors and bid winners to make some changes to the plans that resulted in cost reductions of approximately \$1.5 million in order to make the project budget work. Using sales tax, ARPA funds and investment interest revenue will provide for the remaining funds necessary in the cost of the project. This will bring the cost of the project to just over \$37 million. The projection does not show any inflation relief anytime soon. Groundbreaking was held on June 8th.

Administration Committee: No report as meeting was cancelled in June. Next meeting date is July 18th.

Health & Community Services committee: No report as next meeting date is delayed to July 20th

Burnett County Board of Supervisors: Next meeting date is July 21st.