

TOWN OF ANDERSON
Monthly Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, December 13, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall

Call to order by Jeremy Gronski at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Annette Bethke.

Affidavit of Posting signed by Jeremy Gronski.

Motion for Approval of Agenda

Jim Loomis motioned to approve the agenda. James Mielke seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approval of November 7, 2022 Meeting Minutes

James Mielke motioned to approve the November 7, 2022 meeting minutes as written. Jim Loomis seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Burnett County District 4 Supervisor update

Ramona Moody was not able to attend the Board meeting but had emailed her report to Annette Bethke. Please see attached for more information.

Treasurer's Report

Patsy Tucker gave the Treasurer's report. The Town of Anderson has \$20,279.50 in checking and \$153,242.99 in the money market for total assets of \$173,522.49.

Fire Association Report

Nothing to report.

Chairman's Report

Jeremy Gronski motioned to approve the 2023 Town of Anderson budget in the amount of \$533,625.02. James Mielke seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The snow plowing agreement with the Town of Grantsburg was amended to include all roads south of HWY 70 and West of HWY 87. The rest of the agreement stayed the same. James Mielke motioned to approve the contract. Jeremy Gronski seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Clerks Information

Annette Bethke said that the mandatory election audit with the County went well. The Town of Anderson's election machine matched the hand counted ballots. As did all the municipalities in Burnett County. Jeremy Gronski said that we should be this information in the annual newsletter.

The Caucus date is set for January 10, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. before the January Board meeting.

Forestry Report

Nothing to report.

Capital Plan

Nothing to report.

Road Maintenance Report/Projects for the Month

Maintenance on the trucks and a lot of snow plowing so far this Winter. We have also billed out the November plowing for the Town of Grantsburg for \$2,276.19. They have already paid that bill.

Public Comment

No comments.

Administrative session

Nothing to report.

Auditing of Bills / Approve Payment of December Bills.

James Mielke motioned to approve the December bills in the amount of \$45,428.89. Jeremy Gronski seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Agenda Items for Next Board Meeting / Date: Tuesday, January 10, 2022

Jeremy Gronski would like to have a discussion regarding a zoning change. A land owner would like to start a camp ground on his property. Jeremy will check with the Jason at the county to see how this is needs to be done.

Closed session: stat 19.85(1)(c) Employee Review

Jeremy Gronski motioned to go into closed session. James Mielke seconded the motion. Motion carried. Annette Bethke took roll call of the Board member.

Jeremy Gronski motioned to go into open session. James Mielke seconded the motion. Motion carried. The Board approved a \$1.50/hour raise for Jim Bethke starting January 1, 2023. Jeremy Gronski and Annette Bethke will check into some different retirement options for Jim Bethke with a 3% match.

Motion to Adjourn.

James Mielke made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 p.m. Jim Loomis seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Burnett County District 4 Supervisor Update 12/13/2022:

Land Use Committee:

The Land Use Committee had 1 zoning change request and 1 conditional use permit come before them. The zoning change request was denied. The conditional use permit for an existing campground to expand from 94 sites to a total of 150 sites and to transition the existing tent sites and existing partial hookup sites to full hookup site was approved.

Comprehensive Planning Committee:

This committee had the first meeting on December 6th. As time goes on there will be a website created with information, updates and a survey. The website link should be included in the property tax statements from the County.

Natural Resources Committee:

Timber sale activity on the forest has continued to stay steady over the last month, however many of these sales are nearing the end. Currently we have five active sales.

Sales sold to date in 2022 is just over \$1.7 million as compared to 2021 being just over \$1.2 million

Health & Community Services committee:

The VA's office has been extremely busy the last few months with working on a lot of changes on both the Veterans Benefits and Health Administrations. The 2022 PACT Act has brought a lot of Veterans into the office, as well as some more complex billing issues coming out of the Community Care Network. Ella has doing a lot of research to help so that Veteran are not getting billed. The PACT Act has brought, TRICARE, a military medical insurance program, has made a new contract with Express Scripts, an on-line pharmacy contractor, to provide prescriptions to rural military retirees, active duty and reserve component personnel, National Guard members and their families. Express Scripts has been an option for pharmacy for all TRICARE beneficiaries in the past, but for the urgent/emergent or convenience reasons, beneficiaries were also allowed to get them locally with a small copay. This new relationship makes it financially impossible for smaller retail pharmacies to participate. Because of this, all of the local pharmacies in Burnett County no longer accept TRICARE. The beneficiaries are forced to pay out-of-pocket for medications. This has negatively impacted our rural beneficiaries.

HCS is sending a resolution to the Federal Defense Agency in charge of Pharmaceutical operation as well as our elected State official seeking help to resolve this issue for our Veterans.

Infrastructure Committee:

Cancelled due to the weather