

**TOWN OF ANDERSON**  
**Monthly Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday July 11, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall**

Call to order by Jim Loomis at 7:01 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jim Loomis.

Affidavit of Posting signed by James Mielke.

**Motion for Approval of Agenda**

James Mielke motioned to change numbers 4 and 5 around on the agenda that the Carl Thomfohrda would go before the Burnett County District 4 Supervisor update. Jim Loomis seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Approval of June13, 2023 meeting minutes**

Jim Loomis motioned to approve the June 13, 2023 meeting minutes as written. James Mielke seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Approval of June 13, 2023 Special meeting minutes**

Jim Loomis motioned to approve the June 13, 2023 Special meeting minutes as written. James Mielke seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Carl Thomfohrda, Rural Mutual Insurance**

Carl Thomfohrda went over the insurance coverage that the Town currently has. He suggested that we increase our deductible to \$1,000 from \$500 and to increase the coverage of the buildings.

James Mielke made a motion to change our deductible to \$1,000, to increase the building coverage to \$479,025 and to eliminate the loss payables listed on the current policy that no longer apply all effective August 1, 2023. Jim Loomis seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Burnett County District 4 Supervisor update**

Ramona Moody gave the Burnett County District 4 Supervisor update. Please see attached for more information.

**Approval/denial of letter of interest for paving bids**

James Mielke motioned to approve the letter of interest for paving bids as written. Jim Loomis seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report**

Patsy Tucker gave the Treasures report. The Town of Anderson has \$20,583.25 in checking and \$217,956.46 in the money market for total assets of \$238,519.71. The reconciles with all bank statements.

**Fire Association Report**

Nothing to report. Mike Lee is the new representative for the Town of Anderson at these meetings.

## **Chairman's Report**

Nothing to report.

## **Clerks Information**

- a. Discussion of ARPA funds** – Annette Bethke explained that the Town as approximately \$36,857.52 of ARPA funds left to spend. We can use this for anything except payroll or contributions to retirement accounts.
- b. Discussion regarding lean-to over main hall door** - Jeremy Gronski has started the lean-to and said it would be done by the end of July 2023.
- c. Approval/denial or more discussion on the short term room tax** – Jim Loomis motioned to deny the short term room tax. James Mielke seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## **Approval/denial of financing of a new grader**

Jim Loomis motioned to purchase the new grader and to use Community Bank of Grantsburg for financing. Jeremy Gronski seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jeremy Gronski motioned to use \$25,000 of the ARPA money as a down payment for the grader. James Mielke seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## **Road Maintenance Report/Projects for the Month**

Bell Timber contacted Jim Bethke about thinning our trees by 25%. They would be cutting it in about 10 years.

Jim Bethke is continuing to haul gravel and mow the ditches. The paving of the two sections of roads for this year has been prepped and should be paved by the end of July.

## **Public Comment**

Nothing to report.

## **Administrative session**

Nothing to report.

## **Auditing of Bills / Approve Payment of June Bills.**

James Mielke motioned to approve paying the June bills in the amount of \$36,021.50. Jim Loomis seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## **Agenda Items for Next Board Meeting / Date: Tuesday, August 8, 2023**

Annette Bethke will look into setting up a special budget meeting to re-allocate funds for the new grader.

## **Motion to Adjourn.**

James Mielke motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 pm. Jim Loomis seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## Burnett County District 4 Supervisor Update 7/11/2023:

All departments are working on the proposed 2024 budget and will be coming before the appropriate committees in the coming months.

Land Use Committee: The committee met on July 11<sup>th</sup>. They held a public hearing on the proposed agriculture district Chapter 30 changes. This was approved to move forward to the County Board meeting on July 20<sup>th</sup>.

Land Services has issued a total of 741 permits through June 30, 2023. 372 were for land use permits – of which 45 are new dwellings.

Comprehensive Planning Committee: The committee met on July 10<sup>th</sup> and reviewed part of the focus groups proposed changes. The next meeting is scheduled for July 31<sup>st</sup> to finish the proposed changes and to discuss existing and future land use mapping methods.

Natural Resources Committee: Natural Resources Committee will be having a public hearing on various agricultural related items in Chapter 18 Livestock Facility Siting at the next meeting, July 13<sup>th</sup>.

Health & Community Services committee:

HCS committee met earlier today. They held a public hearing for public input on the proposed 2024 Health and Human Services Public Participation Plan.

HHS continues to discuss their 2024 budget and are hoping to address the proposed budget at the August HCS committee meeting.

Infrastructure Committee: The highway department has been busy with patching potholes, spray patching, crack seal and are currently replacing 1 to 2 town culverts per day.

County Road O reconstruction from Jimmy Carter Road to 3 miles west (Town of Anderson) – Design plans at 90%. Asphalt bids was received. They met with DNR to discuss wetland impact, and get appropriate permits. DNR Storm Water Permit application noted Bald Eagle nest within 600' of project limits. All work must hold until at least July 31, 2023. Blacktopping of CTH O has to be pushed to 2024.