

TOWN OF ANDERSON
Monthly Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes
Tuesday May 9, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall

Call to order at 7:00 pm by Jeremy Gronski.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jeremy Gronski.

Affidavit of Posting signed by Jeremy Gronski.

Motion for Approval of Agenda

Jeremy Gronski motioned to approve the agenda as written. James Mielke seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approval of April 10, 2023 meeting minutes

Jeremy Gronski motioned to approve the April 10, 2023 meeting minutes as written. James Mielke seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approval of bids for paving

Tyler from Monarch Paving Company presented the Board with a sealed envelope that had a paving bid in for a quarter mile of paving of Heritage Road from HWY 87 to cul-de-sac and half of a mile of Assemble Road from Lang Road to Hickerson Road. The Board agreed to bid of \$26,205 for Heritage Road and to \$61,816 for Assembly Road. Jeremey Gronski motioned to approve the total paving contract of \$88,021. Jim Loomis seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Monarch Paving Company was the only bid the Town of Anderson received.

Claudia Lee – discussing short term room rentals

Claudia wasn't able to make the meeting so Ed, who is the VP of Tourism, presented regarding short term rental room tax program. This is a room tax that would be put on the Airbnb and Vrbo that are operating in Burnett County. This tax would be collected by Localgov a tax collection service. 25% of the tax collected would come back to the town to be used how it's needed by the town. The town would need to adopt an ordinance to join the program. The town does not have to join right away and would be able to join later if they want to. The town would not be responsible for collecting the tax or for sending out any information. This would all be done through the tourism office or through the tax collection agency. Right now the Town of Anderson has 3 short term rental places registered with the County. Ed said there would be more information being mailed to the towns in late May.

Burnett County District 4 Supervisor update

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

Treasurer's Report

Patsy Tucker gave the Treasurer's report. The Town of Anderson has \$15,106.28 in checking and \$210,236.33 in the money market for a total assets of \$225,342.61. This reconciles with the monthly bank statements.

Approval/denial of shop lighting

James Mielke presented a bid for putting in lighting in the back half for the workshop. The lighting would be LED tubes. Jeremy Gronski made a motion to approve the bid of \$383.23 to have the lightening put in. Jim Loomis seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Fire Association Report

Nothing to report.

Chairman's Report

Jeremy Gronski gave an update of the town Officials Workshops training that he and Jim Loomis attended in Cable, WI. He said that the University of Wisconsin had done the manual and he thought the training was good and they were given good information for both the Board members and the clerks. He suggested that James Mielke take the training next year.

Clerks Information

Nothing to report.

Road Maintenance Report/Projects for the Month

Jim Bethke said that he is getting ready to haul gravel and to clean up the road right-a-way by trimming trees.

- a. Approval to move forward on purchase of a grader in the Fall.

The Board will have a special Capital Plan meeting to discuss this. This meeting will be held at 6:30 pm on June 13 2023 before the June Board meeting.

Public Comment

Paul Baxter presented the Board with an outline of some things to consider when looking at selling land or providing an easement on town land. This use due to some items that came up at the April Annual Meeting. The Board thanked Paul for this information as it will be helpful in further discussion.

Administrative session

Nothing to report.

Auditing of Bills / Approve Payment of May Bills.

Jeremy Gronski made a motion to approve the May bills in the amount of \$27,047.88. James Mielke seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Agenda Items for Next Board Meeting / Date: Tuesday, June 13, 2023

If we receive the information regarding the short term rental tax, Annette Bethke will put on the agenda for the Board to discuss and approve/deny having an ordinance.

Motion to Adjourn.

Jeremy Gronski made a motion to adjourn at 8:20 pm. James Mielke seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Burnett County District 4 Supervisor Update 5/9/2023:

Land Use Committee: The committee met on May 2nd. A Conditional Use Permit for chickens in an RR-3 zone was approved in the Town of Meenon. The committee approved Geographic names for 8 waterbodies located in Burnett County per the request. The proper names already appear on the Burnett County GIS maps but the DNR needs proper approval to change their maps. Tia reported parcel mapping in the Town of Anderson (East) is ongoing, with 700 parcels in 30 sections mapped to-date. Sonja Rikkola – Real Property Lister, has been approved to fill the vacant Burnett County Treasurer’s position by the County board due to Judy’s retirement.

Comprehensive Planning Committee: The full committee met on May 2nd and reviewed the survey and the recommendations from the Focus groups. The survey yielded 1,039 responses. With 47% reporting they are full-time residents, 50% reported they are seasonal and 3% reported they are non-residents. Of these 98% reported they own their property and 2% reported they rent. The full survey and comments can be found at:

<https://www.burnettcountywi.gov/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/5477>

The Focus groups began the next step of Policies and Recommendations Review of the County’s Comprehensive Plan May 8, 9 & 10. The full committee will meet again on June 13th.

Health & Community Services committee: May is National Foster Care Month. Burnett County currently has 3 licensed foster homes. The Health and Human Services Department continues to be busy with caseloads, referrals, developing a Burnett County Public Health Strategic Plan for the future which includes community outreach for many issues, such as Tick prevention, Tick Borne Illness education, home covid tests, mental health, and suicide prevention education.

Infrastructure Committee: They are hoping to have the new card reader system for the airport fuel system in this month. This has been on backorder for more than a year.

Mr. Faught, Maintenance Facility Manager, has been busy organizing and moving old files to maximize storage space and has been busy with his 2023 project list.

The Highway Department has hired most of the seasonal workers for the summer. One highway employee is nearing completion of CLD training. The CDL training program was implemented in 2022 and has gone very well. This will be the second employee to complete the program.

The road crew has been busy with patching potholes, spray patching, crack sealing and cleanup of woody vegetation. Fencing at the Trade River property is complete. Reconstruction of County Road O from Jimmy Carter Road to 3 miles west design plans are 90% complete and bid opening for asphalt is currently out.

Natural Resources Committee: The Conservation Division is already getting reports of crop damage to the alfalfa fields. Tree sales went well, everything sold out. Interns will start this month, to help with the Aquatic Invasive Species program and some ag/land & water program. They have had a lot of interest in well water sampling for the Groundwater Inventory Project. Timber sales are picking up. They will also review the WI Geological and Natural History Survey Groundwater Inventory contract and review a resolution for the creations of the Round Lake District.