

TOWN OF ANDERSON
Monthly Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes
Tuesday October 10, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall

Called to order by Jim Loomis at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jim Loomis.

Affidavit of Posting signed by James Mielke.

Motion for Approval of Agenda

Annette Bethke asked to have the approval of the minutes for the special Board meeting on September 12, 2023, added to the agenda after the approval of the September 12, 2023 Board meeting minutes. James Mielke motioned to approve the agenda with changes. Jim Loomis seconded. Motion carried.

Approval of September 12, 2023 meeting minutes

Jim Loomis motioned to approve the September 12, 2023, Board meeting minutes as written. James Mielke seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approval of September 12, 2023 Special Board meeting minutes

James Mielke motioned to approve the September 12, 2023, Special Board meeting minutes as written. 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.

Treasurer's Report

Patsy Tucker gave the Treasurer's report. The Town of Anderson has \$32,512.39 in checking and \$83,202.74 in the money market. This is total assets of \$115,715.13. This reconciles with all bank statements.

Fire Association Report

Nothing to report.

Chairman's Report

Nothing to report.

Clerks Information

Annette Bethke said that the Town of Grantsburg had finalized the purchase of the grader and dump truck and that she had received payment for them. The Town of Grantsburg will make arrangements with Jim Bethke to pick them up.

Road Maintenance Report/Projects for the Month

Jim Bethke said that there is a cell tower that will be going in on private property on County Line Road. He is continuing to grade and work on roads. He is looking at pulverizing two roads next year. This will be in preparation for black topping one and having one sit for black top the following year. Then next year he will pulverize another road for black topping the next year.

Public Comment

Cheryl Burst asked about what was going on with the land next to hers. There is a lot of noise, and they are clearing a lot of land. They have been putting in driveways as well. Jim Bethke said that he wasn't sure what the landowner was doing. He had talked to them and said that the driveway could not be put in as they were crossing other peoples land and that he needed their permission in order to do that. James Mielke is trying to find out what is happening and if the landowner has pulled any permits.

Patsy Tucker had received an email from the public library asking to have stuff put into the tax mailing. This is expensive and time consuming. Annette Bethke will email the person back and let them know that putting information in the tax mailing isn't possible and that she would be willing to have something listed on the website.

Kevin Louis asked if Alsted Road would be paved next year. Jim Bethke said no but it might be pulverized.

Administrative session

Nothing to report.

Auditing of Bills / Approve Payment of September bills.

James Mielke motioned to approve paying the September bills in the amount of \$25,627.44. Jim Loomis seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Agenda Items for Next Board Meeting / Date: Tuesday, November 14, 2023

Nothing at this time.

Motion to Adjourn.

Jim Loomis motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. James Mielke seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Burnett County District 4 Supervisor Update 10/10/2023:

Comprehensive Planning Committee: The committee met on October 9th. Northwest Regional Planning continues has completed the County's interactive map for municipal boards to review. This timeframe for review has been extended from Oct 1st to Nov 10th for the municipalities to review the existing land use classifications. NWRP will also be sending out information regarding the future land use map to each municipality. This should give directions in how each town can update their land use map if they choose to do so. This will follow Wisconsin Statute 66.1001(4). The towns will have 90 days to complete this process. If the towns do not complete the future land use map update in this timeframe, the county will use the town's outdated future land use maps in each towns comprehensive plan. Next meeting will be December 12th @ 9am.

Land Use Committee: The committee met on October 3rd. They held a public hearing on the County's zoning change request on 36 parcels in order to eliminate the A1 zoning district. The parcels are located in the Town of Rusk – Re-zone from A-1 to A-2. One resident appeared and requested their parcels be changed to A-4 instead of A-2. The committee approve the zoning request to A-2 and an amendment per the resident request to A-4.

There was discussion on the postponed Conditional Use Permit #CUP-23-15: Northwestern WI Electric Company – Solar Generation Facility in F-1. This will come before the committee's November meeting.

Health & Community Services Committee: HCS committee met earlier today. The HHS department continues to implement the WIC merger that was approved by the county board last month. In addition to the regular duties, they are also working on training and cross-training in various departments.

Infrastructure Committee: County Building maintenance worked with Highway Department to replace that were not part of the new construction project but needed to be replaced ASAP. This was a huge disruption to their work schedule as this was a last-minute project. They spent a lot of time setting up and adjusting access routes to and from the Government Center due to the construction and have begun preparing rooms for the Sheriff's Department temporary move. The contractors broke the main electrical line to the septic system treatment and pumping station. Building maintenance worked with them until the line was temporarily repaired. The Highway department has been busy patching potholes, spray patching, Tree debris clean up, shoulder work on County & Town projects and mowing has been ongoing. They replaced a couple culvert on Highway 87, Monarch was back in September and properly patched the areas where the culverts were replaced. The new truck arrived last week and is getting final set up for use.

Natural Resources Committee: The conservation department has been busy with the Wildlife Damage program doing crop appraisals. Bear damage to the corn crop has slowed down for now, but is expected to jump back up once the corn fields have dried and the crop has matured. Deer damage to both corn and beans is starting to increase now that the crops are maturing. They have been doing shoreline site visits. Landowners are getting anxious to complete their projects before winter. Timber sale activity continues to be steady as contractors finish hauling on a number of jobs. There are currently nine active sales. Sales sold to date: for 2023 was \$992,934.50 as compared to 2022: \$1,703,743.92

They continue to work with Jeremy Koslowski from the "The Climate Trust" to better understand the opportunities for a carbon project on the Burnett County Forest. Nick did some preliminary plot work for them to give them a better understanding of what Burnett County can offer.