Meenon Town Board

Meeting Minutes

March 20, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. by Chairman O’Brien.

Present: O’Brien, Strese, Sybers, and Eytcheson.

The meeting was posted in accordance to Wis. Stats. 19.84 Open Meeting Law.

Public Comments: None

Approval of agenda order: Motion by O’Brien to move Police Report to #5 and move #5 to #7, seconded by Sybers. Motion carried.

Police Report – Officer Mangen was present and discussed what had been happening in the township during the last month. He indicated that everything is going well. They are seeing more UTV and ATV’s on the roads and they are working on writing more tickets. Officer Mangen indicated that they help the County Officers on all Meenon calls.

Next meeting will be held on TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2023.

Mark Krause, Michael Waltzing and Jean Waltzing were present to follow-up on the Whitetail Wilderness Campground request. O’Brien indicated to them that the township can not put deed restrictions on private property, we cannot tell them what to do, what do they want the Board to do with their request? Much discussion on this topic. O’Brien told them that the county requested they go back to Oakland and then to Meenon. We are not going to act on the Oakland request. Meenon will not allow the campground to expand into Meenon. The land they are talking about is zoned RR1, it will not be changed. We cannot rezone it to RRC. Strese requested we table this until we have legal information on what we can do. O’Brien indicated that he spoke with counsel from WTA and they told O’Brien that the initial campground is in Oakland township, if they were to add onto the campground in Meenon, we would be allowing a new campground. Motion by Sybers to table until April, seconded by Strese. Motion carried.

BOR and Open Book Dates – Bob would like us to schedule the BOR for Monday, May 15th and adjourn to a later date in October.

Ed Dedman (Burnett County Tourism Coalition and Burnett County Development Association) was present to discuss Short-Term Rental Room Tax in the County. Mr. Dedman indicated that the short-term rentals listings has grown in Burnett County over the last year. The Committee is has contracted with a turn-key service provider to offer their services to all municipalities in Burnett County. This service will: identify and audit; software setup and implementation; registration and education; customer service and implementation success and revenue assurance, monitoring, reporting and management. BCTC will provide those services at no charge if BCTC is the designated Tourism Entity for each municipality. The room tax that is applied will be distributed as follows: 70% to Burnett County Tourism, 25% to the municipality and the rental unit will keep 5%. The municipality may use the 25% as wanted, there are no limitations. The township will have to adopt an ordinance which will be provided by the BCTC.

Minutes of the February 20, 2023 meeting were approved as presented. Motion by Strese, seconded by Sybers. Motion carried.

Treasurers report was presented by the Clerk. Motion by O’Brien to accept the Treasurers report, seconded by Strese. Motion carried.

Supervisors Report: Strese indicated that Sybers was doing an experiment on ice covered roads, he was putting down salt/sand and then brine and both he and Sybers indicated that it worked really well on the ice. Potholes – if we can get the trailer from the County, Randy will help. Chris will try to fill some of the potholes with sand. The State is going to put a culvert on Midtown Road.

Chairman’s Report: LRIP is completed. Moline and Old 35 needs to be tended to, the culvert is too small.

Employee discussion – we need to work on this.

There will be a special meeting on Wednesday, March 29th, 4:30 p.m. at the Old Ingalls Clinic on Main Street in Webster for the purpose of discussing the possibility of purchasing the building with Oakland Township to be used as a Town Hall for both townships. There is also interest from outside agencies to rent some of the space which brings funds in each month.

Siren School District sent some information to be shared with anyone who would like to read through it. They are having a referendum at the April 4th election.

Items for next month: Whitetail Wilderness Campground, Town Hall, and regular meeting items.

Bills Paid.

Meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.