

TOWN OF WILLARD BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 10, 2022

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bob Nelson at 6:00 P.M. with the pledge to the flag. Those in attendance were Mark Taft, Bob & Mary Jane Nelson, Cody Smith, Shannon Barrois, Vern and Linda Denzer, Scott Rood and Jim Meyer. Linda Bentley was excused.

AGENDA: There were no changes to the agenda.

MINUTES: Motion by Taft, seconded by Nelson and carried to approve the minutes as printed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: December receipts were \$747.41; disbursements were \$13,145.91 resulting in an ending balance of \$60,163.87. The Contingency fund balance is \$12,329.98 and the Equipment fund balance of \$21,971.99. Total of all accounts is \$94,465.84. The ARPA funds balance is \$15,568.90. Motion by Taft, seconded by Nelson and carried to approve as presented.

APPROVAL OF BILLS TO BE PAID: Motion by Taft, seconded by Nelson and carried that the Town of Willard pay the bills as presented.

CLERK'S REPORT/APPROVE PERMITS ISSUED: The Clerk had no report.

BUILDING/OTHER PERMITS: There were no permit requests.

PUBLIC INPUT: There was no public input.

OLD BUSINESS: There was no old business

NEW BUSINESS: Approval of MOU with Rusk County on purchase of ICE voting machine:

The clerk explained that Rusk County took some of their ARPA funding to purchase the new ICE voting machines for all municipalities. We were the only township that had budgeted for the purchase of the machine and had ours delivered in 2021. County Clerk Connie Meyer explained to the County Board that they should reimburse us for the machine to be fair and this MOU was the document needed from all municipalities for the county to purchase the machines for them. Motion by Taft, seconded by Nelson and carried to sign the MOU.

Rusk County Junior Fair sponsorship: We had a letter from the fair association asking us to assist with the costs to keep the fair going for the youth of the county. Motion by Nelson, seconded by Taft and carried to donate the same as we did last year.

Sheldon Fire District Request for ARPA funds: Enbridge Pipeline gave the department a 2011 pickup truck for their use in their work. The truck will be used to transport the enclosed trailer that will haul their UTV with tracks which they purchased with a DNR grant. They also have converted the trailer to a place for the fire fighters to come in to warm up in the winter and to cool down in the summer. They still need money to finish insulating the trailer and are asking the fire district members for some of their ARPA money to be able to complete the project. Motion by Taft, seconded by Nelson and carried to approve taking ARPA grant money to pay our portion of the project.

Rip Rapping Whispering Pines Loop access shoreline: Brian Strozck called and said he is doing some rip rapping for property owners on the Loop and he noticed that our access area shoreline is washing away and that he would be willing to do the project with granite rock for \$20.00 per foot. The access is 50' wide. Motion by Nelson, seconded by Taft and carried to have Brian take care of it for us.

COUNTY BOARD SUPERVISOR REPORT: Mr. Meyer said that the animal shelter is the only one in the state that is owned and operated by the County, all other shelters are operated by organizations. He said the shelter manager is doing a good job in trying to get expenses in order and solving other problems that need to be taken care of. The City of Ladysmith is responsible for 40% of the expenses.

He also said that there were some large pay increases for specific county employees that he didn't agree with; that there are some problems in the zoning office with not being able to keep up with the amount of work they have. Mr. Taft had heard from some people in the community that there is very little communication between the county zoning office and the towns.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS/CONCERNS: No one had anything to report.

SET NEXT AGENDA: Next meeting will be on February 14, 2022 beginning at 6:00 P.M. Agenda items will include Committee Appointments, Assessor presentation on non-compliance.

Motion by Taft, seconded by Nelson and carried to adjourn at 6:21 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

Mary Jane Nelson, Clerk