

TOWN OF WILLARD BOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 11, 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, Linda Bentley, Bob & Mary Jane Nelson, Shannon Barrois, Vern and Linda Denzer, Scott Rood, Chris & Brenda Olson, Pauline Moulton, Diane Pedersen, Michelle Reis and Cody & Ryan Smith .

AGENDA: There were no changes to the agenda.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT: June receipts were \$27,923.32; disbursements were \$16,723.25 resulting in an ending balance of \$144,179.50. The Contingency fund balance is \$28,43.21 and the Equipment fund balance of \$15,899.85. Total of all accounts is \$188,517.56. The ARPA funds balance is \$31,874.62. Motion by Taft, seconded by Bentley and carried to approve as presented.

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

CLERK'S REPORT/APPROVE PERMITS ISSUED: The clerk reported that the tape recorder was no longer working and suggested that we do not replace it; there was no objection. She had approved the extension of a building permit issued in 2021 to John Piotrowski to June 2023. Motion by Nelson, seconded by Bentley and carried to approve the clerk's report.

BUILDING/OTHER PERMITS: Jim and Nancy Bates requested a permit for construction of a storage building at W9498 Woodlawn Drive. They understood that we cannot issue a permit until we receive a land use permit from Rusk County. Motion by Taft, seconded by Bentley and carried to issue the permit upon receipt of the land use permit.

Michelle Ries requested a conditional use permit for her property at W9490 County Road D for a Vacation Rental By Owner. She had not yet had the state inspection done and it was explained that she needs the county to do the inspection and then she can come to the board to request the permit.

PUBLIC INPUT: Pauline Moulton presented a petition with 17 signatures of property owners near or adjacent to the Ries property requesting the board deny the conditional use permit because this is a retirement residential area and that the property should not be used to rent to tourists. There are lots of problems with tourist rentals in a quiet residential area. Diane Petersen whose home is just to the west of the subject property and she has to close windows and blinds when there are people there because of noise. The outlot across highway D is a safety hazard as they have seen small children crossing the road without adult supervision and she is concerned that this is an accident waiting to happen with the heavy traffic on D. She also had concerns that they are currently renting the property out without state approval and wanted to know what could be done about that.

The Board told the residents that the signatures and petitions will be kept on file but they should have other data, not just signatures, and the board cannot deny a permit only because the neighbors do not like it.

OLD BUSINESS: Landscaping/flag pole changes: Mr. Taft presented a proposal from Northcountry Landscape for a 16' x 16' cement slab with 6' x 6' walkway and placement of two new flag poles and relandscaping the area around the town sign for \$3000.00.

Chairman Nelson said he will check into getting two new flag poles so we could display the US and the Wisconsin flags. Motion by Taft, seconded by Bentley and carried to complete the project as presented using ARPA funds for payment.

NEW BUSINESS: Bids for town hall driveway resealing: Monarch presented a bid for regrinding, adding gravel and new black top for \$29,000.00.

Scott's Construction of Lake Delton will double chip seal with 3/8" stone topped with 3/8" granite for \$5,000.00. Motion by Taft, seconded by Bentley and carried to use Scott's Construction for the project.

COUNTY SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: Mr. Meyer was unable to attend

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS/CONCERNS: There were none.

SET NEXT AGENDA: Next meeting will be on August 8, 2022 beginning at 6:00 P.M. Agenda items will include conditional use permit from Ries'.

Motion by Taft, seconded by Bentley and carried to adjourn at 6:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jane Nelson, Clerk