

TOWN OF WILLARD BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 13, 2023

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, Cody Smith, Shannon Barrois, and Chris Olson

AGENDA: There were no changes to the agenda.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT: February receipts were \$196,758.71; disbursements were \$465,25.11 resulting in an ending balance of \$161,941.64. The Contingency fund balance is \$30,329.98 and the Equipment fund balance of \$15,931.56. Total of all accounts is \$208,203.18. The ARPA funds balance is \$14,992.75. 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 had a request from a resident to rent the town hall for her grandchild's birth on April 8th. There were no objections and the fee would be \$50.00 with \$25.00 being returned if there is no property damage. They expected about 30 family members to attend. There were no permits issued.

BUILDING/OTHER PERMITS: There were no permit requests

PUBLIC INPUT: There was no public input.

OLD BUSINESS: There was no old business,

NEW BUSINESS: Change the regular March meeting to the third Tuesday in April: This is the same night that newly elected officials are sworn in and also the town annual meeting.

Motion by Nelson, seconded by Taft and carried to approve the change in meeting date.

Supervisor Bentley will see that the dates are changed on the website and on Facebook.

Public Works Employee wages: There was a motion by Bentley, seconded by Taft and carried to raise these employee's wages by \$2.00 per hour retroactive to March 1, 2023.

Set date for town planning meeting: The board decided to meet on Monday, April 10, 2023 at the town hall at 5:15 P.M. to discuss the needs of the town and discuss the ideas for the future.

COUNTY BOARD SUPERVISOR REPORT: Mr. Meyer was not in attendance.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS/CONCERNS: The Chairman brought up the calls from residents on East Silver Spring Road about the snow plowing (lack of) and mailboxes being hit. He had checked with the Towns Association and found that the town must have a contract with all of the residents to continue with us taking care of the road. The attorney said that "taxpayer's dollars cannot be used for plowing private roads and the residents on the road must pay for this service." The board decided that we will prepare a contract for each resident and send it to them with a letter then have them attend a meeting in August to discuss what the residents intentions will be for 2023-2024 snow season.

Supervisor Taft said he will attend the Board of Review Workshop being held in Eau Claire on April 28th.

Cody Smith informed the board that he had heard the town trucks will need to have bright green flashing lights on them when working. He has seen some in Chippewa County but did

not know if this is a new law or whatever. The board asked the Clerk to check with the DOT to see if there has been changes in the law.

SET NEXT AGENDA: Next meeting will be on April 10th, 2023 beginning at 5:15 P.M. which is a **planning meeting. The next regular meeting will be held on April 18th, immediately following the town annual meeting.** Agenda items will include oath of office and open gravel bids.

Motion by Taft, seconded by Bentley and carried to adjourn at 6:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

Mary Jane Nelson, Clerk