

TOWN OF WILLARD BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
BOARD OF REVIEW-SECOND MEETING

July 10, 2023

Chairman Bob Nelson called the meeting of the Board of Review to order at 6:00 P.M. The assessment role is not yet complete. Motion by Taft, seconded by Bentley and carried to adjourn the meeting to October 25, 2023.

The regular monthly meeting was called to order by Chairman Bob Nelson at 6:03 P.M. Those in attendance were Mark Taft, Linda Bentley, Bob & Mary Jane Nelson, Joe & Shannon Barrois, Vern & Linda Denzer, Thane Page, Scott Rood, Cody Smith, Derrick Austin, Tyler Mast, Steve Lukawski, Dave, Sharon and Bruce Geincke, Gary Schaffer, Kevin & Robert Andres, Mike & Jeanette Fijalkiewicz, Joe Fosbinder and John Matazynski. Also in attendance was Marty Borer, the new Town of Washington Chairman and his wife Mary.

**AGENDA:** There were no changes to the agenda.

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

**PUBLIC INPUT:** Joe Fosbinder told the board that the town property (1 acre) that adjoins his property is his property and that the town cannot use it according to a 1905 agreement. It says the property, if no longer used for school purposes, reverts back to the original owner. He said the town cannot use that property for a "jump station" for the Sheldon Fire Department.

Several citizens asked when the electors authorized the construction of a fire "station" and who is going to pay for it. There was concern about the cost raising their taxes with the revaluation of their property.

Dave Geincke asked what the town intends to do about the property he owns that the property owners across the street are using for a drive way.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** June receipts were \$6,028.37; disbursements were \$17,596.31 resulting in an ending balance of \$127,295.72. The Contingency fund balance is \$45,356.03 and the Equipment fund balance of \$27,593.39. Total of all accounts is \$200,245.14. The ARPA funds balance is \$11,992.75. The \$3,000.00 from the ARPA fund was a contribution for the fund raising for the helicopter pad to be constructed at Rocque Ridge located on the county line between Rusk and Chippewa Counties. Motion by Bentley, seconded by Taft 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 issued a permit to Maynard Sensenig for construction of a deck on his home on Broken Arrow Road and a steel roof permit to Brad O'Donnell at W9340 Highway D. Motion by Bentley, seconded by Taft and carried to approve the permits issued.

She also reported that the new Rusk County Plat Book is available and that we can also order a town map for \$45.00 plus set up. Motion by Bentley, seconded by Taft and carried that the clerk order a town map and purchase a plat book.

**BUILDING/OTHER PERMITS:** Luke Biske requested a permit for construction of a 60' x 40' home with a 2400 square foot attached garage and a 32' by 16' car port to be constructed at N405 Cote Road. The land use permit was included but the fee of \$310.00 was not included. Motion by Bentley, seconded by Taft and carried to approve the permit and issue when the fee is paid. Joseph & Hailey Schneider requested a permit for construction of home at W9531 Stansbury Road. The land use permit and fee were included with the application. Motion by Taft, seconded by Bentley and carried to approve the permit.

David Waldenburger requested a permit for construction of a new home at N238 Whispering Pines Drive without the land use permit which is in progress. Motion by Bentley, seconded by Taft and carried to approve the permit and issue upon the land use permit being approved

**OLD BUSINESS: Update on fire station building/cell tower construction:** The cell tower site has been staked out by the contractor and anticipate construction to start by the middle of this month.

**Fire Jump Station:** The area to be used for the station will be east and north of the town hall and town shop. The site preparation which is being done without charge by a member of the Sheldon Fire Department is also a town resident. There was audience concern about the feasibility of having a new station and how much the taxes will go up.

Supervisor Bentley gave some history of the Town of Willard she had found. The town was created on March 18, 1907 when it was separated from what are now the Town of Marshall and Town of Washington. There were 4 schools in the township and the "Willard Center School" building was located here and later moved to Deertail Creek Road in Grant Township. The Wilson Graded School was located what is now considered Dogville (corner of County Highway I and Blueberry Road). There was also Sunnyside School and Old Roy School, Motion by Taft, seconded by Bentley and carried to continue the plans for the jump station to be located on the site behind and north of the existing buildings.

**Silver Springs Road:** The Clerk had received a communication late this afternoon from the Attorney and the board has not had time to review his recommendations. A copy of the Attorney's suggestions was given to Thane Page. Motion by Taft, seconded by Bentley and carried to table to the August board meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:** There was no new business

**County Supervisor's Report:** Jim Meyer was not in attendance.

**Board Member Reports/Concerns:** There were none.

**Set August Agenda:** Silver Springs Road update; jump station update.

**Adjourn:** Motion by Taft, seconded by Bentley and carried to adjourn at 7:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jane Nelson  
Clerk

