

Monthly Town Board Meeting – February 11, 2020

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Mukwa Town Hall, E8514 Weyauwega Road, Northport

28 in Attendance

Chairman Curns called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Notification of this meeting was given to the Press on January 31, 2020 and the final agenda was posted in the three designated places on February 7, 2020.

Roll call of Officers: Jim Curns, Chairman – Present; Lee Shaw, Supervisor 1 – Present; Matt Manske, Supervisor 2 – Present; Brenda Grove, Treasurer – Present; Jeannette Zielinski, Clerk – Present.

All Meetings/Hearings will adhere to Robert's Rules of Order Pursuant to Town of Mukwa Ordinance 10-05.

Approve: January 14, 2020 Monthly Town Board Meeting Minutes: Motion was made by Supervisor Shaw with a second by Supervisor Manske to approve the January 14, 2020 Monthly Town Board Meeting Minutes as printed. Motion carried

Treasurer: Approve Monthly Treasurer's Report: Read by Treasurer Grove. Motion was made by Supervisor Shaw and seconded by Supervisor Manske to accept the January 31, 2020 Treasurer's Report as read & printed. Motion carried.

Budget/Vouchers: Approval & Payment of Vouchers: Motion was made by Chairman Curns to approve payment of Vouchers 27885 through 27923, with Exception of Void Checks #27884 & #27896, dated January 15, 2020 through February 11, 2020, & Direct Withdrawal of Social Security, Medicare & Federal Tax of \$992.58; for a total of **\$70,969.89**. Second to Chairman Curn's motion was made by Supervisor Manske. Motion carried.

Public Forum - Town of Mukwa Residents: Ken Jaeger – Knight Road: Mr. Jaeger asked the Board if they were aware that a culvert on Jennings Road (about ¼ mile west of New London) was really bad – Board member will look at that right away. **Chris Martinson – New London School Board Candidate** – Mr. Martinson was present to advise that he will be on the April ballot, reminded that he previously served for three years. **John Heideman – New London School Board Candidate** – Mr. Heideman, current School Board member was present to advise that he will also be on the April ballot & introduced himself to those present.

Animal Control Officer: (a)Animal Report Forms/Veterinary Invoice/s: None **(b)Citation Letter/s:** None

Building Inspector Report: Report read by Supervisor Shaw who made a motion to accept the January Building Inspector's Report as written. A second to the motion was made by Supervisor Manske. Motion carried.

Raft Inspector: The Board had been advised that the Raft Inspector was considering retiring, but that he had decided to do inspections for this year. Wolf River Preservation Association President, John Faucher was present to make a recommendation for replacement, if needed. Mr. Faucher applauded the efforts of Mukwa Raft Inspector Dave Reinert for working with raft owners to ensure that rafts are kept in good repair. It was noted that during WRPA river clean-up that no barrels from Mukwa rafts were found.

Plan Commission: Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 4th at 6:00 p.m. to be held at the Mukwa Town Hall. Follow-up letters were sent to land owners who did not attend the January 8th Meeting. Plan Commission Chair Shaw noted that he had already received six phone calls in response to the letters.

New London Fire Department – 2% Fire Dues: Chairman Curns contacted an attorney at Wisconsin Towns Association to further discuss this issue. Towns Association agreed that this payment should be included in the New London Fire Department's contract with the Towns they serve. It was noted that the Town currently pays the NLFD an annual fee of around \$36,000 plus we are in year nine (9) of paying for a water tanker truck for an additional payment of over \$7,000. Advised that this should be a Memo of Understanding between the Fire Department & the municipalities.

City of New London/Public Works - Brush Drop-Off Contract: Chairman Curns was advised that the Contract was still being reviewed by the City Attorney. Will add to March Agenda.

Operator License Approval – Log Cabin: Chairman Curns approved the issuance of Operator Licenses for Maureen Brizzolara, Tiffani Howard, Linda Mentzel & Kara Kietzmann with a second to the motion made by Supervisor Manske. Motion carried.

ATV/UTV Routes: Many residents, non-residents, & ATV/UTV group members were present to discuss this with the Board. John Faucher who is also a New London City Council member advised on how the City is handling this issue. At this time, the City is not open to ATV/UTV use, but is also listening to the ATV groups. Mr. Faucher noted that several Council members believe that this topic should not be decided by the Public Works Board & that the entire Council should vote. Mr. Faucher also advised that he is going to recommend that this issue get added to a ballot so that residents can give guidance to the City. The Board allowed open discussion to ask questions & get information. Chairman Curns did an informal "poll" by asking those present who was in favor of allowing ATV/UTV use on Town roads & the majority of residents present were in favor. (Noting, that many ATV Club members were present & this did not reflect the entire Town.) After further question/answer a resident advised that they would be open to adding this question to the April ballot. Clerk Zielinski advised that at this time, it was too late to add a question to the ballot as there is a time limit on when additional items can be added. However, since those present did not want to wait until the November Election, that the Town could create a separate question "ballot" asking residents to answer the question – "Are you in favor of allowing ATV/UTV use on Town Roads?" The residents present agreed that this would be acceptable. The Board advised that this is just an informational question to help gauge how Town Residents feel about this topic and the information obtained will be used to advise the Board whether to adopt an Ordinance.

Roads: (a)Monthly Report: Maintenance reported that aware of bad potholes on Broadway, but unable to get patch mix at this time.

(b)Road Equipment-Report/Repairs/ Purchases Needed: Wing on grader is fixed.

(c)Railroad Crossing Removal Agreement – Discussion/Possible Action: Continued discussion from January Meeting – Chairman Curns noted that during discussion with County Highway Department regarding this issue it was mentioned that the Town could have the option of paving over the tracks.

(d)Waupaca County Highway Department – Bridge Inspection Approval/Signature: Motion to approve & sign the Waupaca County Highway Department Bridge Inspection contract was made by Supervisor Shaw with a second to the motion made by Supervisor Manske. Motion carried.


Meetings/Training/Waupaca County Zoning Hearings: Attended: (1)Chairman Curns & Supervisor Shaw attended the January 16th @ 9:00 a.m. – Waupaca County Planning & Zoning Ordinance Revisions Information Meeting – Courthouse, Room 1068; (2)Chairman Curns attended the January 25th training in Shawano & Supervisor’s Shaw & Manske attended the February 8th training in Kimberley for the Wisconsin Towns Association Training for Board of Review. **Upcoming:** (1)February 20th @ 6:00 p.m. - Waupaca County Towns Association Quarterly Meeting – Waupaca County Highway Department, Waupaca; : (2)March 5th @ 12:30 p.m. – Wisconsin Asphalt Pavement Association Seminar – Liberty Hall, Kimberly; (3)March 5th @ 6:00 p.m. – Wolf River Preservation Meeting – Fremont Village Hall

Election Reminder: Primary to be held on Tuesday, February 18th for Supreme Court Justice

Correspondence Received:

Motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Shaw. Second made by Supervisor Manske. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,


Jeannette Zielinski, Municipal Clerk