

OTTAWA TOWN BOARD

Meeting Minutes October 14, 2024

The meeting of the Ottawa Town Board was called to order by Chairman Rupp.

Roll call attendance was taken and Town Supervisor Ahrens, Jones and Wiedenman were present.

Supervisor Jones made a motion to accept the Treasurer's monthly financial activity report. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Wiedenman and carried.

Supervisor Wiedenman made a motion to accept the Building Inspector's monthly activity report. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Ahrens and carried.

Public comment was held. The following residents spoke:

Mike Anderson, Scuppernong Dr, shared that KMREC is dissolving. He feels this is unacceptable and plans to start a new rec program. This will include kids from Dousman, Summit and Ottawa. They would like to continue utilizing Ottawa Park. He would like the board to consider giving them priority for use of the fields at Ottawa Park as KMREC had before.

Public comment was closed.

The next item on the agenda was for discussion on future sports teams at the Town of Ottawa Park. Mike Anderson shared an introduction of who they are. As coaches of KMREC they are committed to the kids. He will be reaching out to Joel, who is the coordinator, to make sure they have everything in order by next spring. They are committed to keeping this league. Chairman Rupp stated that they would need to fill out a facilities use agreement. Supervisor Jones add that KMRA did so every year, and there is a blank copy on our website. Mike Anderson thanked them and appreciates the support. Chairman Rupp asked Supervisor Jones if he was disbanding KMREC. Supervisor Jones answered yes. After 36 years with no one stepping onto the board, it's time to move on. If they want any help, he will be glad to help. Mike Anderson responded that would be fantastic, any information that can be shared to help them would be great.

Kathleen Harrison, Lisa Ln., asked what the intention was for dissolving KMREC? Was there intent to hand things over, the equipment? Would the kids be informed of another option or was the intent to have no option? Supervisor Jones stated there are lots of intentions. The main intention was that we had to do something drastic to get people to help and to give the parents time to find a new rec organization. We had coaches, but no one wanted to show up to be on the board. We had to do something drastic. We are willing to help someone starting a new organization and donating the equipment.

Kathleen Harrison responded that she has volunteered, her husband has volunteered. There was no communication to any coaches or parents that KMREC was going to disband if no one steps up. Supervisor Jones stated that they have reached out the last four years. They get volunteers,

but no one will join the board. Kathleen relayed that some of the emails didn't inspire people to go join the board with this person.

Chairman Rupp asked Supervisor Jones if there will be any funds that will be transferred to the new organization? He replied that they haven't had a meeting, but they do have funds and he has considered giving that money back to the Town/Villages. If this new league is established and real and valid, he might consider that. He would ask the Town leaders first, although he doesn't know yet how much it will cost to close down KMREC. It may be costly with accountants and lawyers.

Mike Anderson spoke that they are initially going to begin the new rec league with T-ball, baseball and softball. He would like to work with Supervisor Jones regarding help with setting things up with any paperwork for a non-profit. They are very serious about keeping this rec league here in Ottawa.

John Geske, Sand Hill Ln, asked if the entry fees covered the costs or was the league subsidized? Supervisor Jones responded the league was subsidized by Ottawa, Dousman and Summit of \$7500/yr. which covered the cost of insurance to exist. There's a minimum amount of insurance that is required. Mr. Geske asked what the insurance covers? Supervisor Jones responded they have liability insurance in case they got sued. It also covered the KMREC Board members in case they got sued. They had a high-level medical insurance in case somebody didn't have medical insurance. Kim Anderson asked if you have to have this insurance if the kids parents are signing the waiver forms? Supervisor Jones stated that he was not sure if it is required, but did not want anyone coming after their board if someone thought a fence wasn't the right height. Mike Anderson stated that this doesn't need to be answered tonight. The first thing he wanted to do was to secure a place to play ball.

Kim Anderson stated how beautiful everyone always says the Park is. She doesn't ever want the park sitting unused. So, for it to not be used, she thinks, what a shame. Chairman Rupp stated hopefully Supervisor Jones and you all can talk about a future team.

Supervisor Wiedenman asked what contact information they have today, if anyone wants to reach out and get involved? Mike Anderson answered yes, he will make sure the Town has that information.

Kevin Harrison, Lisa Ln., asked if anyone else has reached out to the Town? No, but Supervisor Jones stated that he did contact Community Ed and contacted the Villages and Town and let them know, and the parents were notified. Several in the audience said no, they were not notified. Mike Anderson found out from community leaders.

Laura Bowen, Hwy D, asked about how to get precedence for use of the fields? Supervisor Jones said that a facility use form is used to request the fields.

Supervisor Ahrens thanked them for coming in and stepping up.

Chief Bowen gave an update on the WLFD. He shared that there will be an awards ceremony on Thursday, December 12, 2024 and information on that will be forthcoming.

The next item on the agenda was for a presentation from Mukwonago schools on their referendum. There was no one present from the school.

The next item was to appoint Supervisor Ahrens as the new Park Supervisor. Supervisor Jones made a motion to appoint Supervisor Ahrens as the Park Supervisor, the motion was seconded by Supervisor Wiedenman and carried.

The next item was for the 2025 road program. The board went through the answers to questions they asked of the Town Engineer. Supervisor Wiedenman made a motion for Chairman Rupp to reach out to the Engineer with additional questions and edits. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Ahrens and carried.

A date was discussed for the 2025 proposed budget hearing and special meeting of the electors. Supervisor Wiedenman made a motion to have the meetings on November 6, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Jones and carried.

Discussion was had regarding the Park sign. Chairman Rupp met with Mike Kilsdonk, Park Manager, and Chad Laibly regarding restoring the current sign. The restoration would be guaranteed for 20 years. Supervisor Jones spoke about the metal sign he has a quote for. Supervisor Wiedenman made a motion to table this item to the November board meeting to get a proposal and warranty from Chad Laibly. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Ahrens and carried.

The next item was for the Town of Eagle snow and ice contract renewal. After some discussion, Supervisor Wiedenman made a motion to approve the contract. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Jones and carried.

The next item was for Book's Landscaping contract renewal. Chairman Rupp explained that Paula Books had resigned, but after speaking with her, Paula has decided to present a contract for one more year. Chairman Rupp asked Clerk Geyman to hold onto that quote until this meeting. Supervisor Wiedenman made a motion to approve renewing the contract with Paula Hosch-Books for one more year. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Ahrens and carried.

Under Lakes update, Supervisor Wiedenman shared that School Section Lake is planning to have their Annual meeting on October 30, 2024. Chairman Rupp shared that we are currently reviewing/updating the Mill Pond dam and six bridges in the SCOUR reports.

Under Park update, Chairman Rupp share some catalog and grant information with Supervisor Ahrens.

Under Cemetery update, Chairman Rupp shared that she is currently working with County and our Attorney on understanding our next steps to clean up the property lines at the Cemetery.

Clerk Geyman shared that the Town may have to have a survey done. This should be taken care of sooner rather than later. Clerk Geyman will continue to try to get in touch with the survey company that did the previous plat of survey to see if they are still in business.

Supervisor Jones made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 9, 2024 meeting. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Wiedenman and carried.

Supervisor Jones made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 11, 2024 meeting. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Wiedenman and carried.

Supervisor Wiedenman made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 25, 2024 meeting. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Ahrens and carried.

Under correspondence the following was shared: Civic Plus survey, Village of Dousman regarding Halloween on Main sponsorship.

Supervisor Wiedenman made a motion to pay bills as listed, in addition to payroll and associated withholding payments for L Geyman, M Barnhart, Poll workers, cardmember services and WE energies and John's disposal, as well as to hold payment for Prestwick Group until further confirmation from Supervisor Smukowski is made. His motion was seconded by Supervisor Jones and carried.

A motion was made by Supervisor Jones and seconded by Supervisor Wiedenman to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Clerk/Treasurer, Town of Ottawa