

OTTAWA TOWN BOARD

Meeting Minutes April 8, 2024

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

Roll call attendance was taken and Town Supervisors Graham, Jones, Smukowski and Wiedenman were present. Chairman Rupp congratulated Supervisor Jones and Ahrens on their recent election to office.

Supervisor Jones made a motion to accept the Treasurer's monthly financial activity report as presented. His motion was seconded by Supervisor Smukowski and carried.

Supervisor Graham made a motion to accept the Building Inspector's monthly activity report as presented. His motion was seconded by Supervisor Jones and carried.

Chief Bowen from the WLF D gave his report. They will be having an open house at station #1 on Monday, May 20th. New draft of the burn ordinance should be sent to Clerk Geyman by the end of April to circulate to the Board members for consideration in May.

Under public comment, Norm Hausser, Waterville Rd, spoke that he is concerned with the new sports field going in down the road in Dousman and the future of our park. He asked if pickleball is still an option? He asked, would it be wise to have a park committee that people who are full of energy could be involved in about increasing activity in the park.

Mr. Hausser also spoke to wanting to update the compost area with cement blocks, some concrete and bin walls. How much are we going to want to spend on that project if he disappears, with a new guy coming in? Will they do what he's doing?

Chris Knapp, Moraine Hills, spoke regarding the noise ordinance. They have a lot of ATV noise that they, and eight of their neighbors, all report. They were told by the sheriff that our ordinance is unenforceable. He would like the board to include more specific and to ATVs hours limit from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and to keep the sound decibels down. ATV sound levels are different on a trail vs. a residential area.

Steve Theobald, Moraine Hills, agreed with Mr. Knapp's statement. He said the noise from this neighbors ATV is like NASCAR, it's so loud. Most people live in the town because it is nice, peaceful place to live –in their neighborhood, it's been taken away from them.

Howard Jeanson was present with the Town's 2023 financial report. He specifically went through three pages with the board which included assets, liabilities, fund balance and general fund budget. Mr. Jeanson is retiring this year, and he will miss everyone. The board thanked him for all of his work through the years.

The Sheriff was present. He answered a brief question regarding a noise complaint.

Chairman Rupp shared that the attorney would like us to remove item #7 from the agenda. Only things that the Plan Commission approves should come to the Town Board.

The next item on the agenda was a request from Mark and Ann Bretl for a portable slalom course and ski jump on Pretty Lake. This request has been the same for 27 years. Supervisor Jones made a motion to approve with the five conditions as listed. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Graham and carried.

The next item was to review our noise ordinance. Chairman Rupp handed out the Village of Summit's noise ordinance that the attorney recommended. The board also had our ordinance along with the Town of Genesee, Town of Eagle and Village of Dousman in their packets. Given the fact that there is a new one from Summit shared tonight, the board would like more time to read and review. Supervisor Jones made a motion to table this to the May 13, 2024 board meeting. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Smukowski and carried.

The next item was to revise section 9.01(2) of Regulating Hunting and Discharge of Firearms. Supervisor Jones did look into DNR hunting regulations on what it states is a firearm. He also found the regulations stated no hunting within 100 yards of a building meant for human occupancy. Supervisor Graham made a motion that we draft an ordinance that states that we follow WI DNR hunting regulations with the addition that it is illegal to hunt with a Town defined firearm within 100 yds of a building devoted to human occupancy on lands the hunter does not own, including public lands and public waters, without permission of the owner occupant of the building. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Smukowski and carried.

The next item was for ARIP road grant information. Supervisor Smukowski did send a letter to our representative and has not received a response. He will try again.

Supervisor Smukowski gave an update on roadside brushing. The work will begin April 9, 2024 and once the specified 10 areas are complete, he will revisit with Northwest Services if more can be done within the limits approved by the board.

Chairman Rupp shared that her and Supervisor Jones attended the free brushing sample. Their price is \$1-1.5/ft. maybe next year the board can get a quote.

The next item was for consideration of a Municipal CPA for 2024. The Clerk had one proposal and waiting on one more. Next month she will bring more information and asked if anyone would like to be involved in meeting with them. Supervisor Jones suggested the Clerk contact other municipalities for recommendations. Supervisor Graham made a motion to table this to the May 13, 2024 board meeting. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Jones and carried.

The next item was for possible rescind of a motion from March to do a bid proposal for crack filling. Chairman Rupp shared that she asked the attorney if we need to bid out crackfilling, and he informed her no, we could do RFP (request for proposal). She drove the roads with Jeff from Crackfilling, inc. and would like to know if the board would like to pay our Engineer to drive the roads with Crackfilling, inc also to have for next year. Supervisor Graham said no, the Engineer will already be driving roads for our presentation in June regarding our extended road program.

Chairman Rupp handed out a map of the areas being done this year. Supervisor Jones made a motion to approve the sections on the map highlighted in yellow be crack filled for under \$25,000 with Crack filling, inc. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Graham. Supervisor Jones made a motion to have Chairman Rupp work w/Jeff from Crackfilling, inc. to look at additional roads that may be appropriate for crack filling for this year and get a separate proposal. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Smukowski and carried.

The next item on the agenda was for a replacement camera on the recycle building. Clerk Geyman discussed the quote and email from Brew City. Supervisor Graham made a motion to approve the purchase of the bolide camera, or an upgraded LTS camera, total installed cost to be under \$1,000 provided it works with our current system. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Jones and carried.

The next discussion was for the outbuilding maintenance plan. Discussion was had regarding the painting quotes. Supervisor Smukowski made a motion to approve the quote from Schlueter Bros. for \$9,500. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Graham. The motion carried with Chairman Rupp abstaining. Discussion was had regarding the oil building and siding for one side of the building. The board asked Supervisor Smukowski to get some quotes.

Discussion was had regarding the new recycle building signage. Supervisor Jones made a motion to have Supervisor Smukowski look into design styles. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Smukowski and carried.

Supervisor Smukowski spoke of the issues with water in the basement. This needs to be addressed, but not until after we fix the leak in the roof. Supervisor Jones made a motion to table this until further roof issues are decided. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Smukowski and carried.

Supervisor Jones made a motion for Supervisor Smukowski to get quotes on asphalt and metal for complete roof, and inquire if insurance would cover any of this. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Graham and carried.

Discussion was had regarding having the fascia on the building painted. Since Schlueter Bros will already be here painting the recycle building, we can get a quote from them. Supervisor Jones made a motion to approve having Schlueter paint the fascia with a cost limit of \$2,500. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Graham and carried.

Prior to the meeting, Supervisor Jones discussed with Supervisor Wiedenman options for repairing the Hunters Lake access damage. Supervisor Jones made a motion to purchase oak trees, waterbags as well as boulders to place at the access. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Graham and carried.

There was no new information from Supervisor Jones on the park sign. Clerk Geyman gave information on a sign quote from Bauer Sign, Supervisor Jones stated he would follow up on that. Supervisor Jones made a motion to table this item to next month. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Graham and carried.

Under lakes update, Supervisor Jones shared that he emailed all three lakes to let them know what would be needed from them in order to be added to an agenda for wake surfing, including surveying the residents and DNR water tests.

Under park update, Supervisor Jones shared that building a pickleball court is not on the table anymore, the group turned us down. Clerk Geyman shared that the park is open for the season.

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

Under correspondence, WLFD intermunicipal agreement draft update, emails Supervisor Graham received opposing ATV road routes and a letter opposing ATV road routes. Supervisor Jones asked the board when they could get together for a workshop on ATVs, he had discussed with Supervisor Wiedenman previously to get his schedule. The board discussed and decided on April 29th at 4:00 p.m.

Further correspondence from Waukesha County road striping, Struck & Irwin, OASC. Chairman Rupp also brought up paying the attorney to attend and go over parliamentary procedure with the board.

Supervisor Graham made a motion to pay bills as listed, in addition to payroll and associated withholding payments for L Geyman, M Barnhart, cardmember services, John's Disposal, Election Inspectors and WE energies. His motion was seconded by Supervisor Jones and carried.

A resolution, 4-24, in honor of Brad Graham's service to the community was read aloud. Supervisor Jones made a motion to adopt resolution 4-24. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Smukowski and carried unanimously.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lori J. Geyman, WCMC
Clerk/Treasurer, Town of Ottawa