

**TOWN OF LEMONWEIR
MINUTES OF THE TOWN BOARD
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BUDGET PREP MEETING—The Lemonweir Town Board will hold a budget prep meeting at 6:00p.m. on October 10, 2023 to discuss budget preparations for the 2024 town budget. The regular town board meeting will follow at 7p.m. This notice was published on 10/5/23 in the Juneau Co Star-Times and posted on 10/4/23 at the Town Hall, Hamm Brothers and Walsh Grain Farms.

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MONTHLY BOARD MEETING, Town of Lemonweir, Juneau County, State of Wisconsin, met on October 10, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 7:13 p. m., by chairman, John Burch. Supervisors present were: Jon Gosda and Carl B. Miller. Robert L. Smith and Matthew Vaughan were unable to attend. The following notice regarding this meeting was posted in the 10/5/2023, edition of the Star-Times and posted at the Town Hall, Walsh Grain Farms and Hamm Bros.:

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MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, October 10, 2023
At the Town Hall
(N3935 19th Ave.)
7:00 p.m.

- Call To Order
- Public Comments & Concerns
- Minutes Of Last Meeting
- Discussion and possible action relating to 2023 ETZ 2063 Ordinance Changing ETZ Zoning District for W5309 Hwy G
- Discussion and possible action to adopt Chapter 14-Ordinance Governing Town-owned Cemeteries
- Officially Appoint Cemetery Board and Set meeting date
- CRAM Report
- Road Committee Report—Pavement Ratings and Discussion/Action On Road Work Recommendations For 2024 Budget including possible TRIP grant project
- Road Report—Current Road Work, Culverts And Any Other New Road Issues
- Ambulance Report--Including 2024 Budget Discussion And Possible Action
- 2024 Town Budget Prep—any other discussion on Budget Items
- Administrator's Report: Office Operations, Fire Calls, Payment Voucher, Correspondence & Zoning Permits & BOA Variances
- Adjournment

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PUBLIC COMMENTS were called for by the chair: Steve Thomas announced that he was running for County Board for another term.

Carl Miller asked about the county raising the sales tax another 1% to fix roads noting that the county was wasting money.

MINUTES of the September 12, 2023 Board meeting were approved as mailed on **motion** by Gosda/Miller. All yes votes.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION RELATING TO 2023 ETZ 2063 ORDINANCE CHANGING ETZ ZONING DISTRICT FOR W5309 HWY G: Carin Leach explained that this was a rezoning for the Brown property on CTH G E. A rezone requires a public hearing and other meetings, however due to the upheaval at City Hall the new zoning administrator wasn't

informed in time regarding the city members of the ETZ Committee that the last one had resigned and therefore we did not have a quorum or a proper meeting of the ETZ Committee. A rezoning is supposed to be reviewed by the City Plan Commission and Joint-ETZ Committee and those bodies make their recommendations to the city council and the town board. The ETZ Committee meeting has been rescheduled for October 24th. Tonight's vote by the town board if in favor should be contingent on the ETZ Committee recommendation of being in favor of the rezone. The Brown parcel is only 1-acre and is currently zoned Agriculture. It is contiguous to the ER-1 District which encompasses the Weidling Subdivision and is the logical zoning district to rezone to. The Brown's plan to tear down the old house and build a new one which triggers the rezoning.

A **motion** by Miller/Gosda to approve the rezoning of the Brown property from AG to ER-1 contingent upon the favorable recommendation from the ETZ Committee. All yes votes, motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO ADOPT CHAPTER 14-ORDINANCE GOVERNING TOWN-OWNED CEMETERIES:

Discussion points: 11.05 – is this covered by Perpetual Care; Fees—to be updated after the committee meets

A **motion** by Miller/Gosda to adopt the ordinance as is to take over the Rose Cemetery effective January 1, 2024. All yes votes, motion carried.

OFFICIALLY APPOINT CEMETERY BOARD AND SET MEETING DATE: Carl Miller, Dave Anderson, Matt Vaughan, Guy Smith and Carin Leach are the appointees. A **motion** by Miller/Gosda to approve these appointments. All yes votes, motion carried.

A meeting of this board will be tentatively scheduled in January.

Liability Insurance was briefly discussed regarding McGowan. Carin will talk to the Rural agent to see if McGowan's farm insurance regarding custom work for others is sufficient.

CRAM Report: Chairman Burch gave the report stating that Lemonweir would pay approximately \$11,000 for 2024. Other discussion asked if the CRAM program was worth being a part of as the grant monies are less and less each year. John will research.

ROAD COMMITTEE REPORT—Pavement Ratings and Discussion/Action on Road Work:

Dave Anderson reported. The following roads are being considered for the 2024 road project list:

K-L Townline Rd: CTH N to townline (north of CTHN): suggested double seal coat

Volling Lane: after first ¼ mile—needs wedging to Shady Ln—then cross-crack & dip fill and chip seal between wedges

Shady Lane: wedging needed with cross cracks & dip fill and chip seal to cul-de-sac

19th Ave: CTH N to Emerson Rd – chip seal

Emerson Rd: 19th Ave to Cemetery – cross cracks

47th St: Hwy 58 to 17th Ave –dip fill and cross cracks

51st St: wedge wheel tracks and crack fill lateral cracks

Morrissey Rd: guardrail repair and shouldering at Hwy 12

Dave also noted that Scott Construction is willing to lay down recycled blacktop if we buy it from the City for shouldering

John Burch reported the pavement ratings have been done. No action was taken at this time.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2024 BUDGET INCLUDING POSSIBLE TRIP GRANT PROJECT:

No roads were chosen for a TRIP grant project at this time.

The 15th Ave curve project was discussed and determined to be cost prohibitive at this time. This issue was tabled until further notice.

ROAD REPORT—Current Road Work, Culverts and Any Other New Road Issues:

Chairman Burch strongly suggested the town invest in additional signage as he took note of signage when doing the pavement ratings.

Bellson and Gasser's have finished with the 47th St curve repairs and 51st patch. Dave will pick up signs near these areas.

It was mentioned that the culvert on Cassidy Rd near Wilke's was dipping the road and needs to be checked. Dave will check this culvert.

AMBULANCE REPORT—including 2024 Budget Discussion and Possible Action: Liz Anderson reported the budget numbers for Lemonweir were down by \$9603 for 2024 due in part to the 11 new municipalities joining Mauston. The number of calls, assessed value and population all figure into the equation. The October meeting has been rescheduled to October 25th instead of October 23rd.

2024 Town Budget Prep—any other discussion on Budget Items: the fire department contract was briefly discussed regarding the amount for 2024. Carin reported that the Mauston contract amount for 2024 was 5% more than 2023 which is stated in the contract. She also noted that the levy will be increased by \$2217 which is allowed by the state figuring net new construction less personal property aid bringing the proposed levy to \$312,328. The Hwy portion of the budget has been increased due to the rise of the per mile rate x 2. This allows for the state highway aids and the town to match them. It also better reflects town spending for roads. No other input was given.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Office Operations—along with working on the 2024 budget, ETZ, cemetery mapping, website etc the town newsletter has to be done soon to go to the printer. Carin asked for any input on the newsletter. It was suggested to have something regarding the cemetery and website in the newsletter as well as a reminder regarding plowing snow across the town roads.

Showed receipts of \$4,516.50, and a balance of \$380,898.45 after reserves are deducted as of September 30, 2023.

Correspondence:

1. FROM: Mauston Fire Dept; RE: August & September fire call reports: Lemonweir had 3-calls total in those two months; Lyndon will have a report after they do their year-end
2. FROM: LSFD; RE: Dance & Fundraiser 10/21/23 at the firehouse 6:30pm-12 midnight
3. FROM: Bank/Mauston; RE: Collateral Register – Current Face: \$1,255,000
4. FROM: DL Gasser; RE: Quote for 19th Ave bridge approaches--\$17649.23. This is for both sides and town provides full road closure for the day. Pricing based on 2024 paving season.

5. FROM: WisDOA; RE: Population estimate as of 1/1/2023 is 1,662 in which 1,338 of the population is of voting age.
6. FROM: WisDOT; RE: 4th Qtr GTA \$38,105.14 deposited 10/2/2023
7. FROM: WisDOT; RE: 2024 GTA estimate calculation \$152,420.50
8. FROM: US Dept/Interior; RE: parcel #290181351 Ho-Chunk Land
9. FROM: JuneauCoZoning; RE: CSM for Al Hickey—this land vision was not approved by the Town and is pending

The administrator presented bills in the amount of \$78,772.34, for payment. **Motion** by Gosda/Miller to authorize payment. All yes votes.

ZONING-Permits were issued to: Tom & Ashley Miller (shed); Harry Ziemek (covered patio); Albert Neve (home addition by variance); Matt Vaughan (new home); Knap Janusz (garden shed)

Carin reported the Board of Appeals met September 25th and granted a variance to Alberta Neve. It was noted that Mrs. Neve was fined \$500 for building without a permit and also fined by the building inspector for the same reason.

ADJOURN - The meeting was adjourned on **motion** by Gosda/Miller. All yes votes.

APPROVED BY TOWN BOARD 11/14/2023

ATTEST: _____

Carin E. Leach
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