

TOWN OF EMPIRE

Monthly Meeting

May 10, 2023

Chair James Pierquet called the monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Empire to order at 7:30 pm on Wednesday, May 10, 2023, at the Empire town hall. Notice and agenda of this meeting was sent to the Town's official newspaper, the Reporter, and a copy is on file with the Town Clerk.

Present at the meeting were James Pierquet, Chair, Richard Julka and Ted Halbur, Supervisors, Scott Schnettler, Town Clerk, Gail Schindelholz, Treasurer, Peter Becker, Permit Issuer, Mike Morgan, Tom Schindelholz, Norb Kolell, Bryce Retzer, Grant Grinstead, Mike Immel, Bob Benike, Brad O'Brien, Aaron Cohn, and Trish Schnettler.

Chair Pierquet announced that a quorum was present.

On a motion by Julka, seconded by Halbur, the minutes of the April 2023 monthly meeting were approved.

The first order of business was to open and review the bids for pulverizing and overlay of Mary Hill Park Dr. Two bids were received each bid had two options. One option was pulverizing with a 2" overlay and the other was pulverizing with a 3.5" overlay. Kartechner Brothers LLC. Pulverize/reshape & pave 3.5" - \$145,132.50, mill 2" existing asphalt pave 2" HMA - \$90,943.25, Northeast Asphalt profile mill 3.5" asphalt (2 lifts) - \$89,276.70, 2" profile mill 2" asphalt (1 lift) - \$59,642.60. Chair Pierquet announced that the bid was awarded to Northeast Asphalt for the 3.5" option.

Mike Immel from Rural Insurance reviewed the town's insurance policies to the board. Immel was notified that we will be building a new salt shed, he advised that we notify his office when the construction begins to ensure that it is covered during construction. Immel announced that Bob Benike will be the town's insurance agent moving forward as Immel is entering a well-deserved retirement.

The Clerk submitted the Liquor/Beer license renewal application for 2023-2024 from the Red Cabin at Green Acres. Supervisor Julka moved to accept the license application. Halbur seconded and the motion carried.

The Clerk submitted the Liquor/Beer license renewal application for 2023-2024 from Erica Delaiden who intends to operate as "The Hive". Supervisor Halbur moved to accept the license application. Julka seconded and the motion carried.

Chair Pierquet appointed Josiah Hess Commissioner of Mary Hill Park Sanitary District commencing on this date and ending June 24, 2026, or until his successor takes office.

The Clerk presented Resolution 2023-5-1 designating Norb Kolell as the Town representative on the Outlying Sewer Group (OSG). Supervisor Julka moved to adopt the resolution as presented. Supervisor Halbur seconded, and the motion was approved with all Board members voting in favor.

Chair Pierquet appointed Bryce Retzer to the Town Plan Commission to fill the term of Scott Schnettler, commencing on this date and ending August 1, 2023, or until his successor takes office. Supervisor Halbur seconded.

Chair Pierquet called to review and act on a quick claim deed for a piece of Town owned property at St. Mary's Springs. At some time in the past there was a right-of-way owned by the Town on The Spring's property currently the piece of property is paved over. Supervisor Julka moves to sign the quick claim deed. Supervisor Halbur seconded, and the motion was approved with all Board members voting in favor.

Chair Pierquet called to review and act on the Certified Survey for 36.61-acres located at W4839 4th St. Rd. The survey was updated to include HWY 151 and to define the property lines. Supervisor Julka moved to approve the Certified Survey. Supervisor Halbur seconded, and the motion was approved with all Board members voting in favor.

Chair Pierquet requested an update on the Nadine Arndt complaint. Deputy Clerk Morgan has composed an email to send to the Town's attorney. The land was zoned residential/agricultural. Jason Guelig submitted a rezoning request to the Town to have the property zoned "Industrial" last September. Because the property is in the City Growth Area, the clerk at the time submitted the request to the City for comment. The City apparently misplaced the request and did not respond until December of 2022. The city opposed the rezoning and Guelig was informed of this.

Chair Pierquet allowed Grant Grinstead, representing Vir-Clar Farms, to address the board about possible ditch work on the south side of Reinhardt Rd. west of the former schoolhouse and east of HWY K. Grinstead presented the Board with pictures of ditch after the most recent rain. The Board discussed concerns with gas lines on that side of the road, if there is enough pitch, how HWY K's ditch and pitch affect the ability to dig a ditch deep enough, and a power/telephone pole on the west side of the field. Grinstead agreed not to plant within thirty-three feet from the centerline on the road and if a culvert needed to be installed, he would assume the costs. Chair Pierquet stated that further investigation of the pitch and grade and possible collaboration with the County would be required to help determine a resolution.

Peter Becker, Permit Issuer, reported that there was one new building permit for a replacement home, and he would have an appointment the next day for a permit for another home replacement. Neither home would require a new address. There was discussion about the demolition of the Melissa Lorigan (former David Bray) property earlier this year. Peter said that no permit was issued. Supervisor Julka suggested that Lorigan should obtain a permit as record that the property was demolished.

Chair Pierquet opened the meeting to public comment. Supervisor Julka wanted to discuss some used snowplow trucks that will be up for bid. The trucks were published in the May 2023 issue of the Wisconsin Towns Association magazine. Located in Spring Green 2015 Peterbilt very similar to what we currently have. The reason for the sale is they don't have anyone to drive it. This possible purchase would be a cost saving option to ordering a new truck that may not be ready until 2025. Chair Pierquet requested that a notice to be published in the towns local paper, The Reporter, for BIDS FOR COLD MIX PAVER WEDGING AND HOT OIL CHIP SEAL COATING to be opened at the special meeting May 22, 2023, 7:00pm at The Empire Town Hall. Brad O'Brien requested a copy of the winning road bid for Mary Hill Park Dr.

Bills were approved and paid.

On a motion by Julka, seconded by Halbur, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Scott Schnettler
Town Clerk

These minutes were taken at a meeting of the Town of Empire Board held on May 11, 2023, and entered in this record book this 22nd day of May 2023.

Scott Schnettler
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