

TOWN OF EMPIRE
Monthly Meeting
May 8, 2024

Supervisor Richard Julka called the monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Empire to order at 7:30 pm on Wednesday, May 8, 2024, 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 Richard Julka and Ted Halbur, Supervisors, Scott Schnettler, Town Clerk, Gail Schindelholz, Treasurer, Mike Morgan, Deputy Clerk, Peter Becker, Permit Insurer, Tom Schindelholz, Trish Schnettler, Jim Daleiden, Dwight Paulin, Jim Baumhardt, Tim Baumhardt, and Bill Plucker from Scott Construction.

Chair Pierquet called the meeting to order and announced that a quorum was present.

On a motion by Julka, seconded by Halbur, the minutes of the April 2024 monthly meeting were approved.

The first order of business was to have David Grahl to present the proposed building plans for the JP Grahl property located W3754 Maple Rd. David Grahl was not present.

The second order of business was to open, review, and possibly award bid for cold wedge and seal coating 2.66 miles of the town's roads. Scott Construction was the only company that submitted a bid. Due to budget constraints the Board agreed on Artesian Road (Mountain Rd. to East - 4,500 ft. by 21 ft. - \$87,880.00), Empire Lane (Kings Ct. west to 2nd corner - 1,400 ft. by 21-22 ft. - \$21,525.00), and Empire Lane ("UU" east to corner - 600 ft. by 21 - 22 ft. - \$17,910.00). Supervisor Halbur motioned to approve the cold wedging and seal coating for Artesian road and the two sections of Empire lane to be completed by Scott Construction. Supervisor Julka seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion passed. Start is anticipated to be approximately mid July.

Next order of business was Jeff Butzke from Compass Surveying, LLC. would like to present/discuss a certified survey for Brad and Julie Lenz to the Board. Jeff explained the survey and answered any questions from the board. Supervisor Julka made a motion to approve the Certified Survey for the Brad & Julie Lenz property. Supervisor Halbur seconded the motion. All were in favor the motion passed. Jeff Butzke to the signed original with him.

Next order of business was to review the Craig Hansen from Graef would like to present / discuss a certified survey from the Wisconsin Highway Department. The Board reviewed a survey for this property at last months meeting but there has been a change. The property line has moved 12 feet to the north giving the property owner to the south 12 more feet. Graig Hansen was not in attendance but said if the survey was approved, he would make arrangements to get the original signed. Supervisor Julka made a motion to approve the latest version of this survey. Supervisor Halbur seconded the motion. All were in favor motion passed.

Next order of business was to Review and possible approve continuation of our membership to Wisconsin Towns Association (WTA). Supervisor Halbur made a motion to continue the Town's membership with the Wisconsin Town's Association. Supervisor Julka Seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion passed.

Review and possible approve continuation of our membership the Wisconsin Towns Association's (WTA) 2024 Town Advocacy Council (TAC). Supervisor Julka made a motion to pay the TAC membership fee of \$686.00. Supervisor Halbur seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion passed.

Sign a continuation contract with the Fond du Lac County Humane Society for accepting ant stray dogs from the Township. The contract looked very similar to the contract previously signed with the exception of a new director. Supervisor Halbur made a motion to sign and approve the Animal Acceptance and Maintenance

Contract with the Fond du Lac Humane Society. Supervisor Halbur seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion passed.

Set a Board of Review meeting date. To stay compliant with the State Statutes it was decided to hold the Board of Review Meeting to Adjourn on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 at 6:30pm at the Town of Empire Town Hall. Supervisor Julka made a motion to hold the Board of Review Meeting to Adjourn on May 21, 2024 at the Town of Empire Town Hall. Supervisor Halbur seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion passed.

Chair Pierquet wanted to have a discussion about the condition of Pine Road. There has been a lot of heavy truck traffic on the road, between "H" and Cedar Road, hauling gravel from the pit to the biogas plant in the Town of Eden. Jim Baumhardt provided an estimate to reconstruct the road of \$198,289. The estimate includes pulverizing the current road surface, 4" of hot mix paved, and a 2-foot shoulder on each side. Chair Pierquet asked if Baumhardt, the operator of the quarry, would be willing to contribute the road reconstruction. Baumhardt stated that if the work was done in the next year or two, they may be willing to pay \$50,000.00 and possibly the cost of the shouldering. Baumhardt estimated the cost of the shouldering would be approximately another \$10,000.00.

Chair Pierquet stated that there is on drainage concern up on Ridgeview Ct., Hilltop sub-division. with a steep driveway.

Permit Issuer Becker stated. Two new homes for the month of April and two new homes for the month of May.

Supervisor Julka stated that there is a House on Grandview Road, Zoned R-1, that has a horse on their property. The house is on a 1.13-acre lot. Zoning ordinance states that in order to have livestock on a lot zoned R-1 the lot needs to be at least 2 acres. This property owner also owns the lot to their north. That lot is also 1.13 acres. Chair Pierquet suggested that the Town send the land owner a letter explaining the situation and referring to the ordinance. Informing the land owner that combining the two lots would resolve the issue.

Supervisor Halbur had a few people reach out and wanted to know when bulky pick-up would be. Supervisor Halbur informed them that it would May 8 & 9.

Clerk Schnettler is going to order fire numbers for new construction and replacement. Also order road signs for replacement. Recycling report complete. Board of Review training filed with the state.

Dwight Paulin presented a proposal to build a shed on his property. The placement of the shed would encroach on the set back ordinance. Chair Pierquet stated that Dwight request a variance change at the next Board of Appeals meeting.

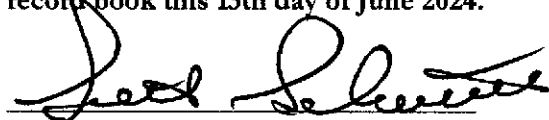
Bills were approved and paid.

On a motion by Julka, seconded by Halbur, all in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.



Scott Schnettler
Town Clerk

These minutes were taken at a meeting of the Town of Empire Board held on May 8, 2024, and entered in this record book this 13th day of June 2024.



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