TOWN OF EMPIRE

Monthly Meeting September 11, 2024

Board Chair James Pierquet called the monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Empire to order at 7:30 pm on Wednesday, September 11, 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, Nadine Arndt, Mike Tursky, Sandy Surita, Chris Hartwig, and Terry Campbell.

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 August 2024 monthly meeting were approved.

The first order of business is review and possibly raise our \$1,000 road bond requested by our permit issuers. After discussion between the Chair and the Supervisors about the cost of road repairs and accountability a motion was raised. Supervisor Julka made a motion to raise our road bond from \$1.000 to \$2,500. Supervisor Halbur seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed. Effective January 1, 2025.

The second order of business is to review and possibly raise the \$500 performance bond. Permit Issuer Peter Becker stated that by utilizing SafeBuilt as our inspection service there hasn't been much of need for the bond. Supervisor Julka made the recommendation that we review the prices for our permits and then come back to the performance bond. The value of the performance bond could be affected by the price of the permits. It was decided to table the performance bond discussion until after a new permit structure is approved.

The next order of business is review and possibly adopt the Wisconsin Uniform Building Code Schedule of Permit Fees for 2023. After much discussion is was decided to have the board members review the information provided by SafeBuilt before the next meeting. At the next meeting the board members will decide what items will be used from Wisconsin Uniform Building Code Schedule of Permit.

Permit Issuer Becker had nothing to report.

Supervisor Halbur stated that he received a request for the brush to be cut back on the corner of Taft Rd. and Golf Course Drive. Supervisor Halbur asked if the Clerk had sent letters to the property owners on the south end of Grandview Rd. north of Couty Highway H. The Clerk stated he sent the letters out the previous Friday after the Chair had signed them.

Supervisor Julka stated we should notify Ron Boda about his driveway project. The project has been going on for approximately two years and Julka has been receiving comments from individuals in the area.

Chair Pierquet stated we received a notice from the county about logging being done in our township. The logging is taking place on Walnut Road and Fourth Street Road. Received an email from WDOT. Chair Pierquet tried to reach out to the individual but hasn't received a response. Chair Pierquet received a call from an individual that was concerned about the condition of Grandview Road and possibly put a speed limit on the road.

Clerk Schnettler stated open book went well uneventful. September 10, 2024 the Clerk attend the Fond du Lac County hearing for Shoreland zoning variance requests. There was a zoning request for the crushing site located at W4368 & W4370 Highway 23. The board rejected the request for the variance change.

Deputy Clerk Morgan had nothing to state.

Chris Hartwig and Terry Campbell are interested in purchasing 4 lots on Fourth Street Rd. and Patricia. They will need to bring the land up to building standards. The recommendation from the Deputy Clerk was for them to contact Fond du Lac County because the land is a flood plain and may be in Shoreland Zoning.

Mike Tursky inquiring about multi-family homes in the Town Empire on the north side of Mill Road. The Clerk explained the rezoning process to Mr. Tursky.

Bills were approved and paid.

On a motion by Julka, seconded by Halbur, all in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40p.m.

Scott Schnettler Town Clerk

These minutes were taken at a meeting of the Town of Empire Board held on September 11, 2024, and entered in this record book this 19th day of October 2024.

Scott Schnettler Town Clerk