

TOWN OF EMPIRE

Monthly Meeting

January 8, 2025

Chairman James Pierquet called the monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Empire to order at 7:30 pm on Wednesday, January 8, 2025, 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, Joe Ziegler, Jeff Butzke, Nadine Arndt, Liz Roy, Matt Baumhardt, Jason Guelig, Doug Hoerth, Ashlie Jordan, Brian Sarauer, Don Cayen, David Prunty, Jim Daleiden, Alex Bartelt, and Steve Henry.

Chairman James Pierquet announced that a quorum was present and asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes.

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

The first order of business is to have Bob Benike, representing Rural Insurance, review the Town's Insurance coverage. The Town's deductible on buildings has been \$500 Bob advised upping to \$1000, the Chair agreed. The Town's deductible on vehicles and equipment has been \$500 Bob advised upping to \$1000, the Board members agreed. These two changes will save the approximately \$590 per year.

The second order of business is to review and possibly approve Ashlie Jordan & David Prunty Certified Survey Parcel Numbers T08-15-18-20-08-002-00 and T08-15-18-20-08-003-00. The surveyor explained that this is simply a lot line adjustment. David is going to take over the agriculture land and all of the out buildings with the exception of one. Ashlie is going to take over the house and the outbuilding due north of the house. Supervisor Julka made a motion to approve the survey. Supervisor Halbur seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion passed.

The next order of business is to revisit tabled the recommendation from the Planning Commission about the zoning ordinance amendments proposed by Jason Guelig. Board members stated that after conferring with the attorney that they have no further questions. Brian Sarauer stated the importance of increasing the distance from the crushing site to 1,500 feet for the safety of the surrounding residents. Nadine Arndt read a statement about the benefits of recycling and the importance of being responsible where the recycling is being done. Another resident stated their concern about all of the homes in the vicinity of where the recycling had been previously done. Chair Pierquet stated that after conferring with the Town's attorney and listening to the recommendation made by the general public, we would like to ask for motion to deny the change of the existing ordinance. Supervisor Julka made a motion to deny changes to current ordinances that we have on hand. Supervisor Halbur seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion denied.

The next order of business is to Decide and possibly choose the WTA Board of Review Meeting to attend and who will attend. After a brief discussion it was decided to attend the WTA training March 22, 2025 at the Farm Wisconsin Discovery Center in Manitowoc, Wisconsin.

The next order of business is to Review and possibly act on the application for the license for the Mobile Home Park located at W3085 Artesian Rd. Deputy Clerk Morgan explained that the mobile home park is possibly in the process of change in ownership. Deputy Clerk Morgan did not see any reason, during the past year, why the mobile home park should not be issued a license. Deputy Clerk Morgan proposed that the license be issued to the address and not to a name until the sale of the business has been completed/resolved. Supervisor Halbur made a motion to allow the application for the mobile home park located at W3805 Artesian Rd. Supervisor Julka seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Permit Issuer Becker stated that he has issued one permit and has two scheduled in the immediate future.

Supervisor Halbur had stated that he was notified of a mailbox on Hilltop Drive that was hit by a snow plow. Supervisor Halbur went to review the situation; he stated the it was a simple resolution.

Supervisor Julka had nothing to report.

Chair Pierquet said that he contacted Northeast Stormwater Consortium they are going to come and make a presentation. It was recommended by our attorney to join to provide information to help control stormwater and prevent erosion.

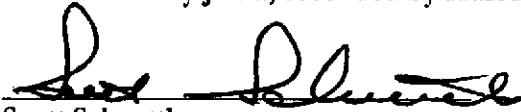
Clerk Schnettler reminded everybody that the caucus will be the following Saturday at 1:00pm. There will be a Plan Commission meeting January 16th at 6:30pm. January 23rd 10-Year Comprehensive Plan informational meeting at 6:30pm.

Deputy Clerk Morgan stated that he had documentation from the bank that needs signatures. The documents are to set up reserve accounts for equipment and reevaluation.

No comments from the public.

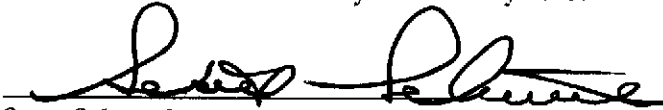
Bills were approved and paid.

On a motion by Julka, seconded by Halbur, all in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 8:28p.m.



Scott Schnettler
Town Clerk

These minutes were taken at a meeting of the Town of Empire Board held on January 8, 2025, and entered in this record book this 21th day of February 2025.



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