

TOWN OF EMPIRE

Monthly Meeting

March 12, 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, March 12, 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, Norb Kolell, Nikki Pierquet, Jim Daleiden, Tom Dreifuerest, and Chris Solberg.

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 February 2025 monthly meeting were approved.

The first order of business is review and possibly approve James & Julie Immel Certified Survey. The property is located at W3201 Maple Road (T08-15-18-35-10-003-00). The Immel's asked to have 1.97 acres rezoned from General Ag to Residential. The Planning Commission recommended this proposal January 16, 2025 and the Town Board, during a special meeting immediately following the Planning Commission's meeting, approved. Supervisor Julka made the motion to approve the certified survey for James & Julie Immel, Supervisor Halbur seconded, all were in favor, motion passed.

Supervisor Halbur had nothing to report.

Supervisor Julka wanted to know wanted to know if we should have John Meier to trim brush back at intersections and ditches. Also, to research if the County has equipment that they rent for this type of work. Supervisor Julka would confer with John.

Chair Pierquet had nothing to report.

Norb Kolell wanted to make a couple of statements on the Fourth Street Road 2025 Summer update. First Norb brought everyone up to speed on how the update is going to affect the sanitary district. Secondly Norb wanted to state his thoughts on removing the bridge north of Fourth Street Road on Grandview Road. He felt that as a safety concern the Grandview / Fourth Street Road intersection is safer than the Creek / Artesian Road intersection. For that reason, he does not feel that the bridge on Grandview Road should be removed. Chair Pierquet stated that due to safety concerns we will leave the bridge on Grandview Road. Norb informed the board about a pot hole on the inside corner of Creek and Artesian. Trish Schnettler inquired about the safety of the intersection of Creek and Fourth Street Road. The Board members felt that was a pretty clear and safe intersection.

Permit Issuer Becker stated that he has been getting some proposals that require decisions to be made higher than his authority. Pete has been informing people that have these proposals to bring them to the Town Board.

Clerk Schnettler has been getting similar proposals as the Permit Issuer and has been advising these individuals to present these proposals to the Town Board. Mike Roth has plans to add a detached garage on his property. I advised Mike that he goes to the Appeals Board because this project will require a second driveway. This meeting will be after the April election.

Steven Loehr has approached me about adding on to his house to the north. Steven's concern was the set back from County Road H doesn't meet Town ordinance. There is a machine shed on the property before Steven had purchased the land. The machine shed is closer to the road than Steven's addition will be. After discussions with the County Board Chair, and the County Planner it was determined that Steven's plans do not interfere with the county's ordinance. He has the right to go ahead with his addition.

Jay Retzer would just like it in writing that a Special Use Permit is not required for any special events that he may hold at Ledgerock Distillery as per the changes he has made to put his farm and Ledgerock Distillery as one entity.

Reminder May 14th Wisconsin's Towns Association is offering new officer training in Fond du Lac, June it is available on-line.

Public comments. Tom Dreifuerst is interest in the process of possibly rezoning some of his land to sell as building lots or hunting land. Would like to avoid sub-division ordinances. Chris Solberg stated that he was Tom's agent in the sale of these properties. The Board explained the process of getting a rezone.

Deputy Clerk Morgan present the annual financial report to the Board. Colonial Gardens license is still not resolved. Waiting for the fees from 2024.

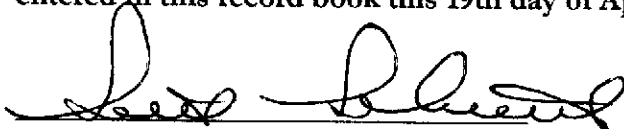
Bills were approved and paid.

On a motion by Julka, seconded by Halbur, all in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 8:12p.m.



Scott Schnettler
Town Clerk

These minutes were taken at a meeting of the Town of Empire Board held on March 12, 2025, and entered in this record book this 19th day of April 2025.



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