

# TOWN OF EMPIRE

## Monthly Meeting

June 11th, 2025

Chairman Richard Julka called the monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Empire to order at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, June 11th, 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 Scott Schnettler and Ted Halbur, Supervisors, Nikki Pierquet, Town Clerk, Gail Schindelholz, Treasurer, Mike Morgan, Deputy Clerk, Peter Becker, Permit Insurer, Tom Schindelholz, Trish Schnettler, Eric VandeZande, Jim Baumhardt, Mike Gigante, Kathy Hass, Tanner Gremminger, Marie Oelke, Bill Plucker, Jim Daleiden, Graham Goebel.

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

Supervisor Schnettler had one correction to be made to the minutes after that correction was noted, Supervisor Schnettler made a motion to approve the minutes Seconded by Halbur the May 2025 monthly meeting minutes were approved

The first order of business was to open bids for Pine road Northeast Asphalt was the only bid. Baumhardt Sand and Gravel also presented an agreement to help with the cost of repair to Pine Rd. They will Give \$25,000, complete the shouldering, Any EBS that may happen, and Geogrid or fabric if needed. Northeast Asphalt and Baumhardt sand and gravel answered questions about Culverts. A motion was made by Supervisor Halbur to accept the bid from Northeast Asphalt using H oil for \$201,461.25 and the possibility of replacing needed culverts after they have been looked at. The motion was 2nd by Supervisor Schnettler, all were in favor, motion passed

The next Bid From Scott Construction was opened; they were the only bidders for the chip sealing and cold mix wedging presented. The board motioned to approve the chip seal and cold mix wedging for Tower Rd, Glacier Ct, Empire Dr, and Maple Rd(UU to Marsh). For a total of \$133,535.00 Supervisor Halbur motioned to approve Scott Construction bid for the above roads. Supervisor Schnettler 2nd the motion, all were in favor, motion passed

Next Tanner Gremmenger talked to the board about his plan to remove some unlicensed vehicles in the next month and asked about building a fence to hide the rest of the vehicles. The board asked that he get the privacy fence up in the next 6 months. Tanner said he would work on the fence and get rid of a few vehicles.

Next we talked about the letter that was sent to the residence about the yard waste being put on Joe Mirtz land. Homeowners have contacted Chairman Julka about the letter. Noone was at the meeting to discuss it further.

Next Kathy Hess talked with the board about the windmill contract coming due in 2026. They want to extend the contract. She wanted to let the board know they would like to extend the land owners contract another 20 years with the possibility of a 20yr extension.

Once the land owners get their contract together alliant will be contacting the town to start working on our contract with them.

Next discussion was had about the letter sent to Mark Peachy about his camper being used to live in longer than 2 months. He was not present to discuss but it looks as if someone is still living in it Supervisor Halbur was going to stop and talk to him.

The sandblasting of the Peter Built will be added to the July agenda because we didn't have estimates to discuss yet.

Next it was discussed and decided if the town would hire Cedar Corp to help file the Farmland preservation zoning ordinances. Supervisor Schnettler Motioned to have Cedar Corp for approximately \$4,000 update the farmland preservation zoning ordinance and map review and have them file it with the state. Supervisor Hulbur 2nd the motion,all were in favor, motion passed.

Next on the agenda is to discuss and approve the CSMs for Michael and Melissa Hierl. Supervisor Schnettler motioned to approve the CSMs as presented. Supervisor Halbur 2nd the motion,all were in favor, motion passed

Next a motion was made by Supervisor Halbur to approve Nicole going to clerk boot camp on June 17th. Supervisor Schnettler 2nd the motion all were in favor, motion passed.

Next on the agenda were to approve and sign resolution 08-2025 Ordering a special election for Municipal Judge for Lakeside Municipal Court. Supervisor Halbur motioned to approve the special election on November 4th. Supervisor Schnettler 2nd the motion,all were in favor, motion passed.

Next on the agenda was the 2nd resolution 07-2025 Appointing a Temporary Municipal Judge for Lakeside Municipal Court.Supervisor Schnettler made a motion to approve Troy Damsteegt as temporary Municipal Judge for Lakeside Municipal Court. Supervisor Halbur 2nd the motion,all were in favor, motion passed.

The final item on the agenda is to approve the Red Cabin at Green Acres liquor license once proper paperwork has been provided. Supervisor Schnettler made a motion to approve Red Cabin Liquor licenses for the 2025-2026 year. Supervisor Halbur 2nd the motion,all were in favor, motion passed.

### Report on Town Correspondence

Permit Issuer Becker stated he didn't have anything to report

Supervisor Halbur asked if Chairman Julka had talked to Gary Kraus about the signage on seven hills road. Chair Julka will call him.

Supervisor Schnettler was asked to present to the board with a diagram about a drainage issue in the whitetail subdivision. The board concluded this wasn't something that the town would help with and the subdivision would have to take care of that privately.

He mentioned he was asked about putting up deer crossing signs.

Supervisor Schnettler also mentioned he sent an email thanking Sheriff Waldschmidt and officer Bednarek for being present at the start of our board of appeals meeting.

Chairman Julka mentioned he talked to East Central Regional planning about the WISLER. They agreed to grade our roads again this year. They will do it at no cost and upload it to the WISLER site for us.

Clerk Pierquet asked about a Tree on Grandview Rd that needs to be cut down. We need the address to send a letter to the homeowner So John Meier can go cut the tree. Supervisor Schnettler remarked he forgot Nick Brattz called him about a drainage issue. Chairman Julka was going to take a drive past and check the area and talk to John Meier about it.

Public comments.

David Cook asked the board questions about buying land next to the house he currently rents and wants to buy in order to add an addition onto the house and meet proper setbacks. The board advised him on this and what would need to be done after he purchased the land and the home.

Marie Oelke asked questions about what would need to be done to divide land on Ernst Dr into lots. The board suggested we put her on the July agenda for her to present what she would like to do.

Bills were approved and paid.

A motion was made to adjourn by Supervisor Halbur, seconded by Schnettler, all in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00p.m.

Nicole Pierquet

Town Clerk

These minutes were taken at a meeting of the Town of Empire Board held on June 11, 2025, and entered in this record book on this 9th day of July 2025.

Nicole Pierquet

Town Clerk