

PROCEEDS OF THE MEETING OF THE FERN TOWN BOARD  
APRIL 8, 2024

Chairman Erwin called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Also present were Supervisor Drewa, Supervisor Saak, Treasurer Demko, Deputy Clark Batte and Clerk De Clark.

Constituents present were Pat Wloszczynski, Rich and Janet Wenzelow and Joe Schumacher.

Agenda

Moved by Supervisor Drewa to approve the agenda.

Motion seconded by Supervisor Saak.

Motion carried, with all voting "Aye" on a voice vote.

Minutes

Moved by Supervisor Saak to approve the town minutes from March 11, 2024.

Motion seconded by Supervisor Drewa.

Motion carried, with all voting "Aye" on a voice vote.

Treasurer's Monthly Report

Treasurer Demko presented the monthly Treasurer's Report which included account balances and interest rates.

Moved by Supervisor Drewa to approve the agenda.

Motion seconded by Supervisor Saak.

Motion carried, with all voting "Aye" on a voice vote.

Monthly Bills

Moved by Supervisor Saak to approve the agenda.

Motion seconded by Supervisor Drewa.

Motion carried, with all voting "Aye" on a voice vote.

Correspondence

There is no correspondence to review.

Madeleine Boulevard

Chairman Erwin stated that he and supervisor Saak went to the DOT in Rhinelander to discuss the status of Madeleine Blvd. He stated that they were told they needed a sealed plat which constituent Schumacher has. Chairman Erwin stated that the town needs to publish their intent in the local paper for a three-week period. He stated that the town must also spend money on the road every 10 years. Chairman Erwin stated that he has all of the necessary paperwork from Constituent Schumacher. He also stated that he would be sure to get the publication in the paper.

Aspen West Lane

Chairman Erwins stated that the town is reacquiring the road. He will be submitting for road funding for the '24-'25 maintenance season. The town will not plow the road unless there is a turn around made. Supervisor Drewa stated that he would speak to the Bechtahl's about the turnaround.

### Town Dump

Chairman Erwin stated that Supervisor Saak will be retiring from his position at the town dump at the end of April. Chairman Erwin suggested that the new hire be paid an hourly rate of \$20 and will be required to work six hours per weekend.

Supervisor Drewa stated that the town should hire at least three people for the position.

Supervisor Saak stated that he is not in favor of closing the dump on Wednesdays during the summer. Chairman Erwin stated that this issue would be revisited.

### Spring Road Tour

It was determined that the spring road tour would be on April 30<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am. Supervisor Drewa indicated that he would not be able to make this date.

Moved by Supervisor Drewa to approve April 30 @ 8:00 am for the spring road tour.

Motion seconded by Supervisor Saak.

Motion carried, with all voting "Aye" on a voice vote.

### Credit Card Limit

Clerk De Clark and Deputy Clerk Batte indicated that the credit limit for the credit card should be increased from a \$1,000 limit to a \$5,000 limit.

Moved by Supervisor Drewa to approve the agenda.

Motion seconded by Supervisor Saak.

Motion carried, with all voting "Aye" on a voice vote.

### Spring Clean Up

Supervisor Drewa reminded everyone that the spring road clean up will be the Saturday after Mother's Day weekend. The clean up will be from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm with a lunch to be held afterwards. He reminded everyone to bring a dish to pass. He will also post the date in the paper.

Moved by Chairman Erwin to approve the agenda.

Motion seconded by Supervisor Drewa.

Motion carried, with all voting "Aye" on a voice vote.

### Board Member Comments

Supervisor Drewa asked if the town hall had a generator in case the power goes out. Chairman Erwin stated that yes, there was a generator.

It was suggested that the town grade the road twice a year. Once in the spring and once in the fall. Chairman Erwin stated that this depends on the road conditions and access to the county's equipment. Constituent Pat stated that it especially needs to be done in the fall. Supervisor Drewa stated that Thompson Road needs a lot of attention. Constituent Pat stated that he will make it a priority for gravel.

Supervisor Drewa stated that he will check on the dump signs that are being made. Supervisor Saak suggested waiting until the dump hours are determined before completing the signs.

Supervisor Drewa asked if the town owns the road the boat landing. Chairman Erwin stated that yes, the town does own them. Supervisor Drewa stated that some constituents would like a trail to Loon Lake. Chairman Erwin stated that they would look at this on their upcoming road tour.

Deputy Clerk Batte asked if the town had contracted with CLS for a new door on the garage. Chairman Erwin stated that yes, they had.

Supervisor Drewa stated that Constituent Pat was concerned about the overhead door. Supervisor Drewa stated that he would contact Lindow about replacing it.

Deputy Clerk Batte stated that the annual meeting date is April 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00.

She also stated that she will advise the board when the BOR training will be available online.

Supervisor Drewa thanked the election workers for their time.

Supervisor Drewa stated that Mike Demko has the light for the flagpole.

#### Constituent Concerns

Constituent Pat stated that he would like a small 11 x 12 storage shed for signs and cones. Supervisor Saak suggested that he use the dump garage for storing these. Constituent Pat stated that he will try storing them in the garage.

#### Adjourn

Moved by Supervisor Saak to adjourn.  
Motion seconded by Supervisor Drewa.

Respectfully submitted by,

Patti De Clark  
Town Clerk