

MINUTES FOR TOWN OF LOMIRA MEETINGS

Town of Lomira, Dodge County, Wisconsin

Town Board Meeting Minutes

Date: November 13, 2020

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: Lomira Town Hall, N10479 Cty Rd AY, Knowles, WI 53048

1. Call to Order --The monthly Board Meeting was brought to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairperson Jeff Faber. Present were: Chairperson Jeff Faber, Supervisor Todd Ringle, Supervisor Kay Mittelstadt, Treasurer Marcia Valle, Clerk Sharon Belling, Highway Superintendent Randy Dittberner. Also present were: members of the People against Springfield Solar (PASS) group and concerned residents (approx. 20 people), Tony & Sharon Del Ponte, Cindy Henry.
2. Confirmation of Open Meetings notice – The clerk verified that the meeting was properly posted at Knowles Produce & Trading Co., Equity Livestock, and the Town Hall & website.
3. Pledge of Allegiance -- The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
4. Adopt Agenda – A motion was made by T. Ringle and seconded by K. Mittelstadt to adopt the agenda. Motion carried (3-0).
5. Approve minutes from previous meeting – A motion was made by T. Ringle and seconded by K. Mittelstadt to approve the minutes from the previous meeting and dispense with the reading. Motion carried (3-0).
6. Public comments - None
7. Discussion/Action items
 - a. A motion was made by T. Ringle and seconded by K. Mittelstadt to approve Resolution #20-06 Discontinuing and Vacating a Portion of Ehrhardt Drive. Motion carried (3-0).
 - b. A motion was made by T. Ringle and seconded by K. Mittelstadt to approve an operator license for Lindsay Priest at Rock the House Pub & Grill. Motion carried (3-0).
 - c. Information was presented by the PASS group regarding the Springfield Solar Project. Some of their concerns were pipeline safety (potential hidden hazard), stray voltage (not anticipated, but already known to occur), decommission plan (gaps for future concerns), long-term unknowns, and the long-term plan. They asked the town board to stand with them and support them in fighting this with the PSC. Their final thought was that it is not good for the farming community. The town will put information regarding the PSC public comment period on their website.
 - d. The board discussed the Solar Project Joint Development Agreement with National Grid Renewables LLC. They will continue to work on items that should be included in the agreement and plan to have the town’s lawyer look at it before the next meeting.

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- e. Cindy Henry said that she is working to have Ken Henry remove his junk from her property. The board will give her until January 4th to have the property in compliance with the town's nuisance ordinance.
 - f. A motion was made by T. Ringle and seconded by K. Mittlestadt to approve the 2021 town budget. Motion carried (3-0).
 - g. Tax bill inserts will include information on Smart 911, dog licenses, keeping the road ROW free of obstructions, and will list the town's website link.
8. Correspondence/Upcoming Events - None
9. Reports
- a. Board reports— None
 - b. Treasurer's report—The October ending balance for the Money Market was \$236,176.75 and \$15,274.88 for the checking account.
 - c. Clerk's report— There were 703 voters for the Presidential election, which was an 88.4% turnout of registered voters. Sharon thanked Marcia Valle, chief inspector, and the other election workers for a job well done.
Permits issued:
Brad Dean – new home --\$1,350.00
Elsinger Properties LLC – shed – \$230.00
The final submission to the Routes to Recovery Grant program was for \$8,788.22. The remainder of the town's allotment was transferred to the Town of Theresa.
 - d. Highway Superintendent's report—Randy reported that repairs to the tractor are estimated to cost \$5,000.00
10. Approve bills and payroll— A motion was made by T. Ringle and seconded by K. Mittelstadt to approve the bills and payroll #1155-#1163 & #20122-#20163 in the amount of \$33,113.12. Motion carried (3-0).
11. Future agenda items – Solar Project Joint Development Agreement, employee handbook
12. Employee Matters – The incident involving a complaint against an employee was discussed and the matter was resolved. A motion was made by T. Ringle and seconded by K. Mittelstadt to approve a \$.25 hourly wage increase for the highway superintendent's 2021 contract. Motion carried. (3-0)
13. Adjourn – A motion was made by T. Ringle and seconded by K. Mittelstadt to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried (3-0). The meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Belling, clerk