



TOWN OF GREENFIELD
LA CROSSE COUNTY, STATE OF WISCONSIN
N1800 Town Hall Road, La Crosse WI 54601

Town Board Meeting; Wednesday, March 8, 2023

BOARD PRESENT: Chair Tom Jacobs, Supervisors Kevin Timm & Chad Morris

STAFF PRESENT: Clerk Jill Murphy & Treasurer Danny Kjos

Call to Order: Chair Jacobs called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Notices were posted.

Minutes: Motion by Timm/Morris to approve. **Motion** carried.

Treasurer's Report: February 2023 financial report was presented. Motion by Morris/Timm to approve. **Motion** carried.

Shelby Fire Department: Chief Holinka was unable to attend. Chair Jacobs stated board has been in talks with Chief Holinka concerning fire rings/pits. Have to have an ordinance that can be enforceable, with reasonable limits. Based on Shelby's ordinance, it allows up to a 3 ft diameter ring with flames not exceeding 4 ft. in height. No pallet burning with clean wood burning only. Residents would receive a lifetime permit at no cost. Need a complaint system in place for the ordinance. Daren Schieldt stated the town original ordinance affects the sanitary district only. Question about the ordinance in place for the whole town. Schieldt suggested the town adopt Shelby ordinance esp. for consistency for the members of the fire dept. Jacobs stated town is not ready tonight to put ordinance together.

Discontinuation of Benson Road: None of the 3 property owners were present and thus unable to speak on the 3 conditions needed to be met for the rd. to be vacated as stated in the resolution. The 3 conditions were read by Jacobs. Houlihan stated he may have to write to property owners to make sure the conditions are met before the board signs the resolution. Item tabled until April mtg.

Clements Road: Jacobs stated in closed session a motion was made to authorize Att. Houlihan to negotiate/make offers to the property owners whose land will be used for the right of way. 2 of the 5 property owners are willing to do land swaps, \$ offers will be made to the remaining 3. Jacobs stated no time line of when road will be completed, would like the project to get done as soon as possible. Timm is working with Ron Chamberlain to possibly apply for grants for this road and others. First, the right of ways need to get done, the road then needs to be certified per Fred Hilby stating its built up to specs., then can apply for the grants. Tom Hillschiem had a discussion with Houlihan about his land. Hillschiem stated parts of homeowner's concrete driveways were taken out when the new gravel road was put in. Another resident stated a 2 ft. crack has now developed in his driveway from where the concrete was cut and corner is chipped. Jacobs stated will have the engineer look into these matters concerning damages.

St. Joe's Lions Club; Annual Events temporary Class "B" Liquor License Request: Lion's Club presented an application for annual liquor license for 4 events to be held in 2023; Apr. 23 Spring Fling, July 8 Fireworks, Sept.23 Softball Tournament, Nov. 3 Club Fundraiser. Motion by Jacobs/Morris to approve. **Motion** carried.

Mason Herlitzke; Info. needed for La Crosse Co. Conditional Use Permit: Seeking approval for hosting 3 outside basketball tournaments on his property on Ten Mile Circle at the end of May 2023. Frances LeJune has concerns about all the traffic going by his home during the event and expressed the speed problem that exists now. Copy of Impact statement addressing traffic, speed was given to the town board, Herlitzke stated he will be bringing in recycled black top to keep down the dust on the gravel rd. Motion by Timm/ Morris to approve a one yr. conditional use permit. **Motion** Carried.

Fire Pit Ordinance: See minutes in the Shelby Fire Dept. section.

Lawn Mowing Ordinance: Clerk asked for ideas from attendees about what to include in the ordinance. Daren Schieldt asked about neighborhoods/subdivisions with covenants; Jacobs stated covenants would take precedent over the ordinance. Was a discussion regarding the difference between the village, subdivisions, and the agricultural lands. Schieldt and Jacobs both stated a fine may not do anything; the better approach would be to mow and give them a hefty charge. Morris stated first giving the homeowner a warning letter and giving a week to rectify the situation. If nothing is done, then the town patrolmen would go and mow it. Lawns with native plants, wild flowers, etc. would not be affected. Tall grass and weeds only. If a resident were to get a letter and were in disagreement, Bobbi Hundt stated that this would be the time to come and talk to the town. Hundt also stated Mike with the sanitary district has a problem walking thru the tall grass and weeds and encounters bees hidden in it when reading the water meters. A proposed ordinance will be posted to be voted on at the next mtg.

Roads: Timm stated Scott Roesler is driving roads with Manthy/Scott's and aim is to get an estimate for fixing every road in the township and then coming up with a long-term strategy for the road repairs. Residents stated patching on Clements rd. is needed and asked if the town could get brine to place over the gravel on the rd. to help with the dust. Timm stated will have town worker Scott ask the county if they have any leftover brine, they to get rid of, if yes then this could be placed on the rd. Resident also asked if the workers could raise the wing blades up on the plows so that the gravel doesn't get pushed into the lawns.

***Citizen Concerns:** Barry Nelson asked the town board to figure out where the extension of Park St. is going to be and get it marked off as soon as possible to stop further mess of the area. Talk heard by a few residents that a relative also wants to build on the property off Park St. raising concerns how this might affect the cul-de sac and route to the Sanitary lift station. Ernie Komperud asked if the town could get moving on their decision for possibly allowing UTV traffic on the town rds. Morris stated it was discussed by the board that it wants to wait to hear the county's decision on the issue first before making their decision to allow it or not. Ken Schlimgen stated the county board was informed that the sheriff's dept. will not enforce any UTV rules, only respond to accidents. Enforcement would fall under the DNR. UTV club is looking for contingency of rules throughout the towns, with county stating it may have to have an ordinance which all the towns could adopt. Resident stated she has a safety concern regarding hill coming off Lost Ridge Rd., onto hwy. 33. This area is slippery and is contributing to accidents of cars going into the ditch, buses stuck, and buses refusing to go on the rd. Stated not always getting plowed on a timely manner. Jacobs stated road can't be changed due to utilities and putting in a guard rail would impede snow removal. Will have talk with town worker to get the rd. plowed asap. Timm stated he will talk with Ron Chamberlain and Fred Hilby on ideas for some protection along the rd. Clerk stated there are 2 candidates running for the town board supervisor #2 seat and asked if anyone would be interested in attending a question-and-answer session. Not enough interest shown.

Motion made by Jacobs/Morris to adjourn. **Motion** carried. Adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jill Murphy
Town Clerk

Check Book Balance as of 1/31/2023 **\$ 64,075.79**

Incomes:

Account	Details	Amount
Cell Phone	Darrel's Phone	\$ 12.15
Dog License Income	Dog Registrations	\$ 657.00
Inter-Account Transfer	Savings to Checking for Property Tax February Settlement	\$ 743,886.97
Interest Income	Interest Income	\$ 50.25
Misc Income	Bitco Insurance Reimbursement	\$ 865.00
Mobile Homes	Pinewood Properties - Brookview and Golden Valley - 3 months	\$ 3,733.02
Mobile Homes	Coulee Manor	\$ 77.57
Recycling Income	Resident - Jan 2023 Collection	\$ 193.00
Total Incomes		\$ 749,474.96

Expenses and Disbursements:

Account	Details	Amount
Admin Expense	Tostrud & Temp - QuickBooks fees Q4	\$ (195.00)
Admin Expense	La Crosse County Zoning - Tax Envelopes	\$ (124.00)
Admin Expense	Mileage and Supplies - Jill Murphy	\$ (91.18)
Admin Expense	Coon Valley Tax Service - 1099s	\$ (50.00)
Bank Fees	Payroll	\$ (20.00)
Cell Phone	Jill Murphy	\$ (50.00)
Clerk Salary	Jill Murphy	\$ (1,938.89)
Dog License	La Crosse County Clerk Batch payment	\$ (1,672.00)
Equipment Maintenance	Titan Machinery - End Loader	\$ (2,641.58)
Equipment Maintenance	Universal Truck - 2018 Intl	\$ (1,134.78)
General Admin	Sam's club Mater Card - Gas for Truck, Stamps, CVTF, US Cellular	\$ (742.46)
Landfill Contract	La Crosse County - Solid Waste	\$ (3,369.06)
Main Fire Dept	Coon Creek Fire - 1st installment 2023	\$ (1,250.00)
Mobile Home	La Crosse Schools - Mobile Home Permit Fee Sharing	\$ (4,015.54)
Other Tax Payment	Overpayment - Labedz	\$ (197.82)
Other Tax Payment	Overpayment - Porter	\$ (111.63)
Payroll Taxes	Payroll Taxes	\$ (2,904.66)
Property Tax Payment	West Salem Schools	\$ (247,336.48)
Property Tax Payment	La Crosse Schools	\$ (189,253.81)
Property Tax Payment	La Crosse County	\$ (184,632.71)
Property Tax Payment	Western Technical College	\$ (66,419.67)
Property Tax Payment	St Joseph Sanitary District	\$ (35,019.62)
Property Tax Payment	Westby Schools	\$ (27,597.74)
Public Works Wages	Scott Roesler	\$ (2,766.55)
Public Works Wages	Rodger Oxford	\$ (2,514.76)
Public Works Wages	Darrel Servais	\$ (92.06)
Recycle Contract	Hilltopper	\$ (6,208.10)
Recycling Misc	Ken Hoeth - Reimbursement for Recycling Cover	\$ (506.30)
Recycling Misc	Rock Oil Refining - Oil Filters	\$ (90.00)
Recycling Misc	Ace Hardware - Key	\$ (5.97)
Recycling Utilities	Vernon Electric	\$ (122.29)
Recycling Wages	Steve Wichman	\$ (524.30)
Recycling Wages	Kenneth Hoeth	\$ (413.91)
Recycling Wages	Tom Ludwigson	\$ (331.13)
Recycling Wages	Kenneth Hoeth	\$ (331.13)
Recycling Wages	Clothing Allowance - Ken Hoeth	\$ (200.00)
Recycling Wages	Clothing Allowance - Steve Wichman	\$ (55.19)
Road Maintenance	La Crosse County Hwy Dept - Sand	\$ (11,019.04)
Road Maintenance	Allied Fuel Coop - Fuel	\$ (1,344.33)
Road Maintenance	Rent A Flash - Road Sign	\$ (22.54)
Street Lighting	Vernon Electric	\$ (76.90)
Town Hall Maintenance	Bob Hurd	\$ (461.75)
Town Hall Maintenance	Bernie Buchner - Backflow Valve	\$ (240.00)
Town Hall Utilities	Xcel Energy - Town Hall, Park, Street Lights	\$ (1,051.93)
Town Hall Utilities	Midwest Natural Gas	\$ (447.00)
Town Hall Utilities	St Joseph Sanitary District	\$ (322.75)
Town Hall Utilities	MCS Network - 2 Months	\$ (68.50)
Treasurer Salary	Danny Kjos	\$ (654.77)
Trust Fund	Wis. Dept. of Employee Trust Fund	\$ (948.54)
Total Expenses		\$ (801,588.37)

Check Book Balance as of 2/28/2023 **\$ 11,962.38**

MM #800569 Fire Protection and First Responders		
Beginning Balance 1/31/2023	\$	5,106.62
Interest	\$	7.83
Ending Balance 2/28/2023	\$	5,114.45
Savings- Property Tax -11015220		
Beginning Balance 1/31/2023	\$	946,440.94
Property Tax Collections	\$	265,260.68
February Settlement	\$	(743,886.97)
Ending Balance 2/28/2023	\$	467,814.65
New Truck Fund-MM 803268		
Beginning Balance 1/31/2023	\$	2,092.44
Interest	\$	3.21
Ending Balance 2/28/2023	\$	2,095.65
Sign Fund (ARPA) Account- #40344		
Beginning Balance 1/31/2023	\$	102,481.95
Interest	\$	-
Ending Balance 2/28/2023	\$	102,481.95
Total Bank Funds as of 2/28/2023	\$	589,469.08

Commercial Loan - #47493 - Town Complex - Next payment Due 3/1/2023 (\$20,040.93)		
Beginning Balance 1/31/2023	\$	360,544.43
Ending Balance 2/28/2023	\$	360,544.43
Loan #51268 Tractor- Next Payment Due 3/15/2023 (\$11,321.86)		
Beginning Balance 1/31/2023	\$	74,102.53
Ending Balance 2/28/2023	\$	74,102.53
Loan Total:	\$	434,646.96