

Town Board Meeting; May 12, 2025

*Minutes subject to corrections/changes until approved by Town Board.

BOARD PRESENT: Chair Kevin Timm, Supervisors Chad Morris & Daren Schieldt

STAFF PRESENT: Clerk Jill Murphy

Call to Order: Chair Timm called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Notices were posted.

Minutes: Motion made by Morris/Schieldt to approve minutes of the April 14th Comprehensive Plan public hearing. *Motion* carried. Motion made by Morris/Schieldt to approve minutes of the April 14th town board mtg. *Motion* carried.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's April financial report was presented by Clerk Murphy. Motion by Morris/Schieldt to approve. **Motion** carried.

Shelby Fire Dept.: Chief Holinka was unable to attend. Schieldt read email statement sent by Holinka. As of last week, SFD responded to 167 calls; which is roughly 1.3 calls per day. We are on pace to have 475 calls for service. This is about 50 more calls than 2023 (our most in one year). In April we responded to 36 calls; 34 were in the Town of Shelby and 2 were Greenfield. One of those calls in Greenfield was for a large grass fire on County Rd M and Hintgen Rd. on 4/5/25. On 4/19-25 we held a live burn training on an acquired structure. We completed 20 room fires. On 5/10 SFD assisted in the Mississippi River Clean Up. This month we are training on Auto extrication, and river rescue. Fire danger is currently at a high level. I talked with Kevin Timm about not issuing any more burn permits. The residents that already have them can burn, but no new ones. I anticipate the danger to get worse before the next expected rain on Thursday. There may be a burn ban issued. If so, I will contact board members.

School District of La Crosse; Dr. Aaron Engel, superintendent, is gathering information from residents across the school district about the visioning process for the district's future. Stated surveys w/ 10 questions have been sent out to district residents. Engel asked a number of questions and gathered thoughts from the towns people.

Mobile Home Park Permit Renewals: Permit applications renewals for 3 mobile home parks; Golden Valley, Brookview, & Coulee Manor for June 1, 2025 - May 31, 2026. A resident of Golden Valley mobile home park shared her concerns regarding the ravine behind her trailer. Stated it has been eroding every year further into her backyard. She has reached out to the park manager and stated nothing has been done to combat the erosion problem. Timm stated he will drive and take a look at the area and decide how to proceed. Timm will also reach out to his Coulee Manor contact about the permit renewal application and fee that has not been received by the town. Clerk stated application was sent out over a month ago and the treasurer has also telephoned the contact on file. Motion to approve the mobile home park permit renewal applications made by Morris/Schieldt. Motion carried.

St. Joseph Ridge Lion's Club Park Shelter Land Contract: Timm read contract for the land lease agreement between the Town of Greenfield and the St. Joseph Ridge Lions Club. The lease agreement shall be for 50 years. The town will receive \$25 per shelter rental to offset some of the utility costs now that the shelter will be open all year for rental. The club will take over purchasing of and stocking the toiletries needed for the facility. Ken Schlimgen stated the town should maybe add in an addendum stating that town board members should have the ability to enter the premises. Motion made by Morris/Schieldt to approve the land lease agreement upon the addendum being added to the contract. Motion carried.

Roads & Equipment: Timm stated the first layer of paving is done on the park shelter parking lot. Shaping and seeding of the surrounding grounds will then be finished. 1st rental date is this Sat. may 17th. Shelter has 8 tables/96 chairs with lots of walk-around room. 1st layer put down to fix sink hole on Schams Ave., Kloss rd. will have 2 sink holes/lg. potholes fixed. No schedule yet for this year's other remaining road projects.

*Citizen Concerns: Ken Schlimgen, County Supervisor, stated the county is in the process of doing a housing study concentrating on where to put housing in rural areas. County is also looking at a county farm; having up to a year study on if and how the farm could be developed for housing. County is mainly concentrating on areas in rural settings where there can be more development of housing without affecting the agricultural land. The areas of land being looked at are more in the West Salem school district; with a concern by county in respect to not overwhelming the school district. Ron Clark, property owner on Elizabeth Way, showed the board pics of his property lost to an on-going erosion problem. Timm and town worker will view issue. Kathy Nelson spoke on behalf of Nancy Kroner on the recent blood drive. Had 35 units collected with 1 person unable to give due to machine breakdown. This was one of the bigger blood drives the town has had; Versiti Center is impressed with the amount of people giving and will be adding more workers to accommodate the numbers. Timm thanked all the volunteers that make this happen. Next blood drive will be on October 6th.

** Preceding the mtg.it was noted that James Olson reached out to the town stating there is no intention on his part of wanting to build a subdivision on Bendel rd.

Motion made by Morris/Schieldt to adjourn. **Motion** carried. Adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Jill Murphy, Town Clerk