

# **TOWN OF UNION**

## **MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING Minutes of Tuesday, November 15, 2022**

The Town of Union Board monthly board meeting was called to order by Chairman Schneider at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 15, 2022, at the Town of Union Town Hall, 15531 W. Green Bay Rd., Evansville, WI. Members in attendance included Chairman Schneider, Kim Gruebling, Don Templeton, Dave Pestor. Clerk Regina Riedel, Treasurer Jessica Nellen, Building Inspector Bob Fahey, Road Patrolman Josh Wiser, and Plan Commission members Alvin Francis, Larry Meier and Derek Blume were also in attendance. Supervisor Mason Barber was absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

### **Clerk's Minutes (October 11, 2022)**

Motion to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2022 meeting as written made by Gruebling/Templeton. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Jessica Nellen reported balances as of October 31, 2022 (attached).

### **Building Inspector's Report**

Building Inspector Bob Fahey reported permits issued during October (attached).

### **Clerk Update**

Clerk Regina Riedel reported that the general election was held on November 8. Voter turnout was just over 1,100, with just under 250 absentee voters. The high voter turnout resulted in the Town running out of ballots in the evening, requiring a trip to the County Clerk's office for additional ballots. This did not delay voting, as voters were able to utilize the ExpressVote machine which uses different ballot styles, until additional paper ballots were received. Overall it was an extremely busy day with lines out the door at times, but there were no major issues and all electors were respectful and patient.

### **Recycling Center Update**

Josh Wiser reported no complaints or issues.

### **Fire District Updates**

Kim Gruebling will be unable to attend the BFD meeting this week, Dave Pestor will attend in his place.

Gruebling reported that BFD would like to make an adjustment to the current agreement with municipalities. The BFD currently has a fund which provides periodic length of service payments to members with 20+ years of service. These payments are made from interest earned on the fund, not from the fund principal. The BFD has proposed including EMS members with 20+ years of service in this payment. Gruebling explained that approving this change is a no cost change for member municipalities, as it is paid out from interest only. Gruebling has no objections to the change, and Board agreed.

Motion to approve changes to BFD agreement made by Gruebling/Schneider. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

### **Emergency Management Update**

Mason Barber is the Town representative; not in attendance to provide an update.

### **Roadwork Update**

Pestor stated that Wiser was on vacation part of last week. Signage has been installed to enact the speed limit reduction on a portion of Old 92. Removal of dead/diseased trees flagged throughout Town has been completed. Rock County Public Works has finished paving over the new culverts on Bullard Rd.

Todd Needham, Batterman Engineering, was in attendance to discuss the Bullard Rd. reconstruction project and what their firm can do to facilitate the process. Town has LRIP funding for the road from Hwy. 14 to Territorial Rd. Batterman has been retained by the Town of Porter to assist in the reconstruction of their portion of Bullard Rd. Needham explained that Batterman handles design, bidding and construction management. Needham met recently with Pestor and Wiser and reviewed Bullard Rd., discussing its current condition and possible reconstruction options. The group also took a look at cold mix asphalt paved roads within the Town, as Needham was not as familiar with the process and Wiser and Pestor thought it was a process worth considering for Bullard Rd. Needham estimates the half mile of work on Bullard Rd. will run between \$200,000 – 250,000 given current construction and material costs. He will have cost estimates ready for the December Board meeting.

### **Public Comment (5 min max per item, no action will be taken on any issues)**

Judy Whalen is appreciative of work done by the Town to get fiber optics installed in the Town, noting that it has made a significant improvement in the ability of residents to conduct business out of their homes.

### **Public Hearing/Board Action: Review and Approval of Request from Noah & Becky Hurley, 129 N. Madison St., Evansville, WI for a land division and zoning change for parcel 6-20-92, 28.5 acres, located in Section 11. The purpose of the request is to divide the parcel in to 2 parcels. Requested parcels are 22.1 acres zoned A2, and 6.3 acres zoned A3.**

Public hearing opened at 7:03 p.m.

Applicant Noah Hurley was in attendance. The Plan Commission recommended approval of the request at their last meeting.

Templeton asked if there were any further splits of the parcels planned; Hurley stated there are no further splits planned. The parcel to the north is to be sold and a home built on it.

Public hearing closed at 7:04 p.m.

Motion to approve request from Noah & Becky Hurley, 129 N. Madison St., Evansville, WI for a land division and zoning change for parcel 6-20-92, 28.5 acres, located in Section 11 to divide the parcel in to 2 parcels; one parcel at 22.1 acres zoned A2, and one parcel at 6.3 acres zoned A3 made by Gruebling/Pestor. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

### **Discussion/Board Action: Mobile Home Park Ordinance Violations & Licensing**

Fahey stated that citations were sent out via certified mail on November 8. He believes the court date is in December. Templeton questioned whether they will be reinspected prior to the court date; Fahey stated that he would reinspect after the court date.

### **Discussion/Board Action: Updates to Brush Ordinance**

Attorney has reviewed the brush ordinance and sent a draft back for consideration. Pestor has questions and concerns regarding the draft received; Schneider suggested Pestor talk with the attorney to receive clarification on issues and report back next month.

### **Discussion/Board Action: Reduction of Speed Limit on N. Old 92**

Pestor has received requests from residents of a portion of N. Old 92 to lower the current speed limit from 45 mph to 25 mph. The Town is unable to lower the speed limit to 25 mph without WI

DOT approval, but could lower it to 35 mph. Templeton felt the change was unnecessary given the rural nature of the road and the lack of effective enforcement by RCSD and EPD. Fahey agreed that lack of enforcement is an issue and felt that reducing the speed limit on that particular portion of the road was unnecessary.

No action taken.

**Discussion/Board Action: Operation of Illegal Dog Kennel Within Town**

The residents were a no-show at the recent court hearing, prompting a judgement of guilty by failure to appear.

Neighboring residents should continue to send any evidence of operation to Gruebling and Fahey so additional citations can be issued as deemed appropriate.

Motion to request Fahey issue citations for October 21 and 22, 2022 made by Gruebling/Pestor. Motion carried via unanimous voice vote.

**Board Action: Appointment of Board of Adjustment Alternate Members**

Residents Sue Pestor and Jason O'Connor are both interested in serving as alternate members of the Board of Adjustment.

Motion to appoint Sue Pestor and Jason O'Connor as alternate members of the Board of Adjustment made by Gruebling/Templeton. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

**Discussion/Board Action: Permits & Fees for Street Openings, Fiber Optic Installations, Etc.**

Agreed to table issue until December Board meeting, as Barber was not in attendance.

**Pay Bills**

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn and pay bills was made by Gruebling/Templeton. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

15535 Francis Rd, Evansville, WI 53536

Other Notes:

# Town of Union Treasurer's Report October 2022

Prepared by: Jessica Nellen

<b>State Bank of Cross Plains - Municiple Account</b>			
Beginning Balance		<b>\$395,431.29</b>	
	<b>INCOME</b>		<b>YTD</b>
MHP - taxes	\$1,310.92		\$13,177.75
Refuse	\$2,260.10		\$22,420.54
Scrap	\$225.50		\$1,813.75
Special Assessment Letters	\$45.00		\$300.00
Building Permits (Jul-Sep)	\$2,652.30		\$2,652.30
Variance	\$400.00		\$800.00
ACH Gen Transportation Aid	\$36,066.16		\$144,264.62
Subtotal	\$42,959.98		
Interest earned	<i>Interest rate 2.50%</i> \$859.16		\$3,409.99
Checking account interest	\$34.61		\$123.16
Total Deposits		<b>\$43,819.14</b>	
Total General Business		<b>\$439,250.43</b>	
	<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Total Expenses		(51,652.63)	
ARPA Funds		28,400.04	
SBCP Available Balance 10/31/2022		<b>\$359,197.76</b>	
<b>State Bank of Cross Plains - Checking Account</b>			
Balance as of 10/31/2022		<b>\$16,500.00</b>	
<b>State Bank of Cross Plains - Escrow Account</b>			
Balance 9/30/2022	<b>\$4,027.88</b>		
Interest APY 2.50%	\$8.72		\$35.67
Balance as of 10/31/2022		<b>\$4,036.60</b>	
<b>Wayne Disch Memorial Park fund</b>			
Balance 9/30/2022	\$1,553.59		
Interest APY 0.22%	\$0.29		\$0.82
Balance as of 10/31/2022		<b>\$1,553.88</b>	
<b>Greenwoods State Bank - Morning Ridge Rd CD</b>			
Balance as of 6/30/2022	\$23,608.88		
Matures 12/23/2025	Int pd 6&12	<b>\$23,608.88</b>	
<b>LGIP-Park &amp; Rec Fund</b>			
Balance 9/30/2022	\$10,163.17		
Interest-October 2.42%	\$25.11		\$94.16
Balance as of 10/31/2022		<b>\$10,188.28</b>	