

TOWN OF UNION

MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING

Minutes of February 14, 2024

The Town of Union Board monthly board meeting was called to order by Chairman Kendall Schneider at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 14, 2024, at the Town of Union Town Hall, 15531 W. Green Bay Rd., Evansville, WI. Members in attendance included Chairman Schnieder, Supervisors Don Templeton, Rich Templeton and Mason Barber. Clerk Regina Riedel, Treasurer Jessica Nellen, Road Patrolman Josh Wiser, and Plan Commission members Ray Legris, Alvin Francis and Larry Meier were also in attendance. Supervisor Dave Pestor and Building Inspector Bob Fahey were absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ECSD Referendum Presentation – District Administrator Dr. Lutzke

Evansville Community School District Administrator Dr. Lutzke was in attendance and provided an overview of the upcoming operational referendum, District needs and potential impacts of reduced funding.

Rock County Sheriff's Deputy was in attendance to address any resident concerns. Noted that there has been an increase in theft from cars, especially in the northern portion of the county. The majority of thefts have been from unlocked cars. Sarah Tachon expressed concerns about dogs running loose on Territorial Rd.; noted by Sheriff's Deputy.

Clerk's Minutes (January 10, 2024)

Motion to approve the minutes of January 10, 2024 as written made by Don Templeton/Rich Templeton. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Jessica Nellen reported balances as of January 31. Noted that real estate tax collections and the first transportation aid payment were received in January.

Building Inspector's Report

Not in attendance; report emailed to the Board prior to the meeting (attached).

Clerk Update

No updates.

Recycling Center Update

Ray Legris reported the Center has been busier than normal, likely due to the warm weather.

Fire District Updates

No updates.

Emergency Management Update

Mason Barber reported that 31 homes were impacted by the recent storms/tornadoes. Some locations remain without power. He attended a State disaster fund meeting today at the Evansville Fire Department. To date the Town has not met the threshold to qualify for State disaster aid. The Rock County Sheriff's Department, State and Rock County Emergency Management will be holding a community gathering tomorrow night at 6:30 p.m. at the High School Auditorium to get provide the public with an update on resources, etc. following the storms.

Barber also spoke with Kevin Wernet, Rock County Emergency Management Director about communications and related updates, and there will be a briefing next week on Tuesday.

Overall, Barber felt the response was very well run the night of the storms, considering the number of people and agencies involved and the distance the damage encompassed.

Roadwork Update

Schneider discussed the Small Bridge & Culvert Program, and the requirement for Towns to conduct a culvert inventory as part of the program. After discussions with Engineer Greg Hofmeister, it seems the most efficient method of conducting the inventory is by contracting with Delmore Consulting, which is endorsed by the Wisconsin Towns Association as a preferred contractor for this project. There will be no cost to the Town for the inventory; reimbursement will come from the State.

Motion to approve Delmore Consulting to perform the required inventory of all 6'-20' culverts throughout the Town made by Rich Templeton/Don Templeton. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Regarding the ARIP application: Don Templeton will check with local ag producers and see if they would be willing to participate in the application process.

Sealcoating projects for 2024 were discussed. The approximate total to sealcoat all proposed roads would be \$144,000; Don Templeton felt the Board should prioritize the roads and decide on a select few to sealcoat. Work on Leedle Mill Bridge would need to be postponed. Additionally, Wiser stated two culverts may need replacement this year, but at least one may qualify for 50/50 cost share with the County.

Don Templeton is in favor of sealcoating Territorial Rd., as it is the heaviest trafficked road in the Town. Wiser stated Porter Rd. and Old 92 were both crack filled last year in anticipation of sealcoating this year.

Wiser asked for clarification regarding if the Board would like the bid specifications to include a price on using 3/8" black granite, which is beneficial in the winter as it warms faster and allows more efficient melting on roads. Board agreed they would like to see pricing on traditional material as well as black granite.

Motion to request bids for sealcoating on Territorial Rd., Old 92 and Porter Rd. including a request for pricing using black granite made by Don Templeton/Barber. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Riedel will prepare the RFB and publish.

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

Larry Meier mentioned that there are some residents in the Northfield Xing area that have received notices from ATC indicating that they are requesting an easement in some front yards, which may result in large trees and shrubbery being removed.

Update/Board Action: Ordinance Violations

No update, Fahey not in attendance.

Update/Board Action: Review and Approval of 2023-24 Mobile Home Park Licenses

No update.

Pay Bills

Motion to adjourn into closed session made by Rich Templeton/Don Templeton. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned to closed session at 7:33 p.m.

Town of Union Treasurer's Report January 2024

Prepared by: Jessica Nellen

Lake Ridge Bank - Checking			
Beginning Balance			\$664,635.25
	INCOME		YTD
Refuse	\$2,173.95		\$2,173.95
Scrap	\$190.50		\$190.50
Special Assessment Requests	\$105.00		\$105.00
Dog licenses	\$176.00		\$176.00
MHP Tax	\$269.21		\$269.21
Building Permits	\$130.00		\$130.00
ACH RE collections	\$2,337,933.31		\$2,337,933.31
ACH PILT	\$10,343.10		\$10,343.10
ACH Gen Transportation Aid	\$36,854.32		\$36,854.32
Subtotal	\$2,388,175.39		
Interest earned	Interest rate 5.57%	\$9,453.82	\$9,453.82
Total Deposits		\$2,397,629.21	
Total General Business		\$3,062,264.46	
	EXPENSES		
Total Expenses		(412,313.80)	
Balance 1/31/2024		\$2,649,950.66	
Lake Ridge Bank - Escrow Account			
Balance 10/16/23	\$13,072.46		
Shotliff escrow deposit	\$4,000.00		
Interest APY 0.51%	\$18.31		\$18.31
Balance as of 1/15/2024		\$17,090.77	
Wayne Disch Memorial Park fund			
Balance 12/30/2023	\$956.39		
Interest APY 0.51%	\$0.44		\$0.44
Balance as of 1/31/2024		\$956.83	
Greenwoods State Bank - Morning Ridge Rd CD			
Balance as of 8/23/23	\$23,489.17		
Matures 5/23/24	Int at maturity	\$23,489.17	
LGIP-Park & Rec Fund			
Balance 12/31/2023	\$10,781.97		
Interest-January 5.39%	\$49.23		\$49.23
Balance as of 1/31/2024		\$10,831.20	

