

TOWN OF UNION

MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING Minutes of Wednesday, August 14, 2024

The Town of Union Monthly Board meeting was called to order by Supervisor Mason Barber at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 14, 2024 at the Town of Union Town Hall, 15531 W. Green Bay Rd., Evansville, WI. Members in attendance included Supervisors Barber, Don Templeton, Rich Templeton; Clerk Regina Riedel, Treasurer Jessica Nellen, Road Patrolman Jeff Wethal; and Plan Commission members Derek Blume, Larry Meier and Ray Legris. Chairman Kendall Schneider and Supervisor Aaron Tachon were absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Clerk's Minutes (July 10, 2024)

Motion to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2024 Board meeting as written made by Rich Templeton/Don Templeton. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote, with Barber abstaining as he was not in attendance at the meeting.

Treasurer's report

Treasurer Jessica Nellen reported balances as of July 31, 2024 (attached). Reported that ATC easement funds were received, and have been deposited into the general checking account.

Building Inspector's report

Building Inspector Bob Fahey was not in attendance; report was received via email, and read in by Barber (attached).

Clerk Update

Clerk Regina Riedel reported that the Primary election went smoothly, with higher turnout than expected. The air conditioning in the Town Hall has not been working, and she is working with George Howell to get it repaired.

Don Templeton inquired about the status of the grant request for the culvert replacement on Union Road. Riedel reported the request was not approved during the first rounds of approvals, but is has been resubmitted for consideration during the second round of approvals.

Recycling Center Update

Ray Legris reported that they have established a location for saving aluminum scrap metal (not cans). The metal dumpster will be managed in house going forward, staff will work directly with the hauler vs. working with a middleman as has been done in the past.

Fire District Updates

Don Templeton reported that the Brooklyn Fire District had set a date for the joint municipality meeting, but the date fell through. A new date will be set at the upcoming August meeting.

Barber attended the Evansville Fire Department's 150 year celebration last Saturday; a number of area districts attended as well and it was a good event.

Emergency Management Update

Barber is in the process of updating Town contact info for Rock County, including Jeff Wethal's information.

Roadwork Update

Jeff Wethal reported performing shouldering and tree trimming in recent weeks.

Derek Blume asked when sealcoating would be scheduled; Rich Templeton has spoken to Fahrner who had initially thought Wednesday or Thursday of this week, but the forecasted rain

may push the work into next week. Riedel will notify residents via social media regarding the work and possible road closures/detours.

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

Larry Meier stated the Helgesen pit on Hwy. 14 seems to be being filled in quite quickly lately, wondering if there's any rumors about future usage of the land? Blume has heard it may be annexed by the City as parkland.

Board Action: Park Board Request for Project Funds

Park Board has received 2 bids for installation of a walkway at Wayne Disch Park from the parking area to the pavilion, Larry Meier worked with contractors to develop the bids:

- Butch's Concrete & Excavating in Evansville, \$4,950 for concrete with drainage issues addressed.
- W.N. Yoss Construction, Janesville, \$4,200 for asphalt and drainage.

The Park Board would prefer to go with the concrete option, as they believe it would hold up longer and be easier to maintain. ATC easement funds and existing park funds should cover the cost.

Meier noted there will be some landscaping issues to address after the work is completed. The walk would need to be closed in winter, and the Town would need to order appropriate signage.

Don Templeton agrees that concrete would be a better option, but feels that the Yoss bid includes more.

Wethal noted that he has concrete experience, and would be happy to look at the project and see if it could be done in-house at significant cost savings to the Town. Agreed by Board to postpone taking action on accepting bids, and have Wethal review the project.

Board Action: Review and Approval of 2024-25 Mobile Home Park Licenses

Don Templeton and Fahey have been to Birchwood and Valhalla, and reported that both parks have met requirements and corrected outstanding zoning violations. As long as they have paid required fees and their applications are in order, licenses can be issued.

Midway Village is in process, the prk is working with Riedel and Nellen to secure a complete application and payments. Fahey has stated zoning violations are resolved.

Motion to approve licenses for Birchwood and Valhalla now, and for Midway upon receipt of payment and application made by Don Templeton/Rich Templeton. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Update/Board Action: Ordinance Violations, Mobile Home Park Licenses

Croft Road properties have both failed recent inspections.

Pay Bills

Motion to adjourn made by Don Templeton/Rich Templeton. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Town of Union Treasurer's Report July 2024

Prepared by: Jessica Nellen

Lake Ridge Bank - Checking			
Beginning Balance			\$716,743.80
	INCOME		YTD
Refuse		\$3,144.19	\$17,431.12
Tires		\$5.00	\$220.00
Scrap		\$107.28	\$579.98
Liquor/Operator License		\$850.00	\$3,490.00
Building permits		\$715.00	\$4,675.00
MHP Tax		\$244.91	\$3,443.03
Special Assessment requests		\$210.00	\$1,260.00
Easement payment		\$4,900.00	\$4,900.00
ACH - General Transportation Aid		\$36,854.32	\$110,562.96
ACH - Fire Dues		\$11,834.78	\$11,834.78
ACH - Exempt Computer Aid		\$66.51	\$66.51
ACH - Video Service Prov Aid		\$1,632.54	\$1,632.54
ACH - July Shared Revenues		\$13,229.27	\$13,229.27
Subtotal		\$73,793.80	
Interest earned	<i>Interest rate 5.61%</i>	\$3,681.10	\$37,390.62
Total Deposits			\$77,474.90
Total General Business			\$794,218.70
	EXPENSES		
Total Expenses			(77,715.82)
Balance 7/31/2024			\$716,502.88
Lake Ridge Bank - Escrow Account			
Balance 6/28/2024		\$8,369.56	
Interest APY 0.25%		\$1.78	\$34.07
Balance as of 7/31/2024			\$8,371.34
Wayne Disch Memorial Park fund			
Balance 6/28/2024		\$958.38	
Interest APY 0.25%		\$0.22	\$2.15
Balance as of 7/31/2024			\$958.60
Greenwoods State Bank - Morning Ridge Rd CD			
Balance as of 5/23/24		\$23,776.91	
Matures 5/23/25	Int at maturity		\$23,776.91
LGIP-Park & Rec Fund			
Balance 6/30/2024		\$11,074.27	
Interest-July 5.42%		\$50.82	\$343.12
Balance as of 7/31/2024			\$11,125.09

