

TOWN OF RIDGEVILLE
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
April 16, 2024

Board Members in attendance: Chairman; Keith Giraud, 1st Supervisor; Greg Larson, 2nd Supervisor; Jerry Haney, and Clerk; Rita Williams and Treasurer; Kathy Cale.

The Regular Monthly Meeting was called to order by Chairman, Keith Giraud immediately following the Annual Meeting that started at 6:00 PM.

1. Pledge to the American Flag

The pledge to the American Flag was recited at the beginning of the Annual Meeting so it was not repeated.

2. Public Comments will be taken during the agenda item.

There were no public comments as no residents were in attendance.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Monthly Board Meeting on March 11, 2024

The minutes of the March 11, 2024 meeting was read and reviewed. They were approved with a motion from Jerry Haney and seconded by Keith Giraud. Motion Carried.

4. Discussion and Set Up of Clean Up Days for Town of Ridgeville Residents: Tentatively Set for May 3rd-4th, 2024 (Note: County Hazardous Waste Clean Up Day – April 27, 2024)

Clerk Williams noted that she had already set up the time for the Town's Clean-Up Days, she called and confirmed the times with the County. As normally we have it the weekend after the Hazardous Clean Up Day.

Additional Information Noted: Chairman Giraud read a letter from Stafford Rosenbaum LLP Attorneys requesting that we send them any records that we have on any Hazardous Materials that we may have dumped of at the Sand Creed Landfill back in 1977-79 when the current Landfill was closed. We do not have any records, but it was noted that Ridgeville did not dump anything that was hazardous during that time.

5. Discussion/Work on Policy for Culvert Replacement/New

Chairman Giraud presented to the other board members additional wording that should be added to the Driveway Ordinance to cover the Field Access Driveways. The Ordinance will be revised and reviewed/approved at the next board meeting in May.

6. Discussion/Work on Policy Mailbox Replacement/New

After some discussion it was decided to make a policy on mailbox replacement/snow removal. The following is a tentative policy to be approved.

If Road Patrolman acknowledges damage was their responsibility - due to conditions beyond the control of the township they may agree to replace.

Any other damages occurred by general snow removal beyond patrolman responsibility will be owner's responsibility for replacement i.e., wet heavy snow, poor quality mailbox construction or material, conditions beyond patrolman control.

7. Continued Discussion on Keats Road Work

There was some discussion on making Keats a Class B Road pending the application process. We will have to check on what needs to be done to make it a Class B Road. We will discuss at the next board meeting.

8. Discussion on Mowing Tractor

A quote on a mowing tractor from Hillsboro Equipment Inc. was handed out. After some discussion it was decided to revisit the issue after we have received more information. It was noted that the quoted tractor would be safer than the tractor we have at the present time. We will talk to Tractor Central and possible get more competitive bids.

9. Road Patrolman Report

Patrolman Martin asked if we thought we were going to be able to do Keats Road. We are not sure at this time what is taking place as far as the road is concerned. After some discussion, Darren will get a list of a couple other roads that could be repaired/fixed if we are not able to do Keats. Maybe we will have to spot fix Keats and do some additional work on the culverts. Martin noted that Lighthouse and Lilac are in need of work. He also noted that he needed to work on a culvert on Jeep Road.

Darren also mentioned that there was a belt out on the Peterbilt and it needs some work. He also noted what he would probably need to do on the salt shed to make it compliant. We will also make a 2 Year Plan for Incline Road

10. Treasurer's Report for March 2024

Treasurer Kathy Cale gave her report for March 2024. She reported \$140,932.82 in the General Fund in Madison. Here at the Norwalk Bank is \$28,091.64 in the Checking Account, \$13,753.50 in the Regular Savings Account, \$27,619.04 in the Lignite Savings Account, \$127,998.03 in the ARPA/FEMA Savings Account, \$21,363.27 in the Equipment Account and \$214.97 in 1st Community Credit Union-Sparta for a grand total of \$359,973.27 in currents operating funds. The report stood approved as read.

11. Approval of Bills Paid/To Be Paid

The bills paid and to be paid for April 2024 were reviewed. There was a motion from Jerry Haney and seconded by Greg Larson to approve the payment of the bills for the month. Motion Carried. This includes Check # 15305, dated 3/18/24 through Check # 15338, dated 4/16/24 for a grand total of \$19,867.85.

12. Set Next Meeting Date for Board Meeting

The next meeting has been set up for May 13th at 6:00 PM.

There was a motion from Jerry Haney and seconded by Greg Larson to convene to closed session. Motion Carried.

13. Closed Session-Convene in closed session per WI Statutes 19.85 (c) for the purpose of Negotiating Wages and Benefits and Employee Annual Review and Employee Performance Policy (Those attending will be 3 Board Members, Clerk, Treasurer and Road Patroman Martin)

14. Return to Open Session- Any recommendations or decision made in closed session will be announced now or at a later board meeting.

15. Adjourn Meeting

The meeting was adjourned with a motion from Keith Giraud and second from Jerry Haney. Motion Carried.

Rita Williams
Clerk