

TOWN BOARD MEETING FOR WATERFORD
415 N. MILWAUKEE ST.
APPROVED/OFFICIAL MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 13, 2023

1. Town Board meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by Chair Nicolai. Present: Supervisors Ulander, Schwartz, Gauerke, and Szeklinski. Also present: Attorney Dubis, Chief Johnon, Lieutenant John Nelson, DPW Director, Ken Hinz, TVFC Lieutenant Graf and Secretary Flintrop, WWMD Commissioner Bill McCormick, and residents of the Town.
 2. Chair Nicolai led the Pledge of Allegiance.
 3. Printed Minutes: **Supervisor Schwartz motioned to approve the Town Board meeting minutes dated October 9th, and Special minutes dated October 9th, October 12th and October 30th, 2023, as presented, seconded by Supervisor Schwartz. Vote taken: 5-0. Motion carried.**
 4. Treasurer Report/Payment of Claims- Chair Nicolai read the Treasurer's report. **Supervisor Szeklinski motioned to approve the Treasurer's report and pay the claims, as presented, seconded by Supervisor Schwartz. Vote taken: 5-0. Motion carried.**
 5. Correspondence: None
 6. Committee Reports:
 - a) Police Dept. Report- Lt. Nelson reported 175 actual calls. Drug take back October 30, received 9 boxes totaling 198 lbs. New lockers were delivered and installed. Lockers were purchased with donation funds. Police were able to secure a refrigerator, and office chairs from Community State Bank for \$50.00 each chair. Ken Sweeny Well Drilling, in Franklin, donated \$550.00 to cover the cost of the chairs. During Trick or Treat, parole officer rode along with officers and performed sex offender house checks. TVFC provided CPR/AED/Narcan training. Gauerke indicated he had received an email from Officer Schweitzer requesting attention to and the possibility of more signage for the area by the DNR parking lot on Marsh Rd. as there have been numerous accidents at the same location. Hinz will look into.
 - b) Tichigan Vol. Fire Co- Secretary Cassidy Flintrop reported 27 Calls, 18 EMS, 3 fire calls, 2 car accidents & 2 boat incidents. CPR and first aid classes coming up.
 - Discussion & possible action re: ordinance relating to access on private/public roads to ensure safety: TVFC is wanting an ordinance that would require private roads to "be maintained with approved clearances." – Graf and Flintrop unable to answer questions pertaining to what the ordinance request. TVFC to provide a list of the roads in question.
 - Discussion & possible action re: key lock box system "Knox Box": Atty. Dubis was not certain why the TVFC needed permission from the Town. Tanya Maney, 6911 Big Bend Rd., questioned who would be liable if a theft were to occur. Attorney Dubis stated that is what insurance is for. **Supervisor Ulander motioned to table both ordinances, seconded by Supervisor Szeklinski. Vote taken: 5-0. Motion carried.**
 - c) Waterford Fire & Rescue- 11 EMS calls.
 - d) WWMD- Bill McCormick reported that they had planned for transition and Luke Francois is now the Treasurer as Margaret Shoptow retired. During the 2024 budget meeting a part-time administrator was added.
 - e) Park Dept.- Ken Hinz reported that the park is closed for the season.
 - f) Road Dept.- Ken Hinz reported that he will look into a grant for Buena Park Rd. including a walkway and that it would be a joint project with the Village but that they will not be able to share the grant with the Village of Waterford. Grant meeting set for Wednesday of this week, possible 50/50 grant and Hinz will speak with the Village regarding the project and stated that it would not make sense to do it if the Village
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does not want to participate. **Supervisor Gauerke motioned to award the Town Line Rd. bid to Payne & Dolan, seconded by Supervisor Szeklinski. Vote taken: 5-0. Motion carried.** Hinz noted that there is a 140' culvert on 36 and Kramer, that is in the State ROW that needs to be addressed. Road is half Town and half Village, but the Town does not maintain or plow. State is indicating the culvert repair is the Town's responsibility. Chair Nicolai to contact Representative Wittke and discuss implication of the ROW policy.

- g) Town Planning Recommendations-
- No November Planning meeting

7. Old Business:

- a) Root-Pike Watershed Initiative Network for DNR NR216 Contract Renewal- **Supervisor Gauerke motioned to approve, seconded by Supervisor Schwartz. Vote taken: 5-0. Motion carried.**

8. New Business:

- a) Parking on Beach Dr./The Watering Hole- Chair Nicolai stated that the Town currently has an ordinance on the books that prohibits parking on any Town roads. There are no unwritten rules allowing for parking on Beach Dr. Chris Sackman, 5630 Island View Ct. and proprietor of The Watering Hole, stated he does let the Police and Town know when they are having special events and that he has live music twice a month. He stated that not many cars are parking on the road at a time. Lt. Graf, TVFC, stated that this has been a problem in the Town and understands why the Town has this ordinance. Supervisor Ulander stated that the ordinance needs to be enforced and that parking was one of the reasons the Hilltop was denied. Karen Zierath, 6632 Canal Ln., stated that she lives on the south side and cannot see traffic and has to turn into oncoming traffic. Leroy Zierath stated that there are times when people try to park on his concrete. Rayana Kaul, 6616 N. Tichigan Rd. expressed concerns over construction vehicles parking on N. Tichigan Rd. Lt. Nelson indicated that she should contact the Police if she feels they are creating a safety hazard. Julie Plantz, 28848 Beach Dr., handed a letter to the Board and stated that she has called the police but nothing was done. She called on Halloween and the responding officer knew nothing about the special parking. Jean Maney, 28840 Beach Dr., noted that the drivers aren't just parking on the road but their property and feels the current ordinance should be enforced and that special events should have to go before the board and get approved. Shelly Massman, 28906 Beach Dr., noted that every 4th of July they get permission from the neighbors and they do not have issues. She indicated that they visit the bar and like many people, the bar was there when she purchased her home and that was a reason she purchased her home.
- b) Request from WSD #1 for increase in salary for the Commissioners- Commissioners were requesting an increase from \$333 to \$400/month for two commissioners and \$333 to \$650/month for the president as there is a big upgrade that will require more time. Supervisor Szeklinski feels that this increase is a bit much and wouldn't be decreased after the upgrade. Board expressed their confusion that the original request indicated the salary was paid quarterly. **Supervisor Schwartz motioned to table to allow more research, seconded by Supervisor Szeklinski. Vote taken: 4-0. Motion carried. Chair Nicolai recused herself from the conversation and voting.**
- c) Tanya Maney, 6911 Big Bend Rd.- Tanya Maney indicated that she has issues with ordinance 5.23, Keeping of Certain Animals. Maney noted that there have not been any complaints from municipalities that allow chickens. There is a bill being introduced to the legislatures that will allow property owners to have up to 4 chickens. Feels there is too much government overreach. Maney requested that the Board, when passing an ordinance, consider safety, not personal opinions. Chair Nicolai indicated that she had drafted a sample ordinance and that she feels there needs to be some regulations so everyone can enjoy where they live. Tammy Begotka, 30812 Beachview Ln, thanked the board for hearing this matter and indicated that many communities allow chickens and have been successful.

- d) Discussion & possible action re: Ordinance for backyard chickens- **Supervisor Szeklinski motioned to put this on the next Town Board, seconded by Supervisor Gauerke. Supervisor Ulander clarified that this ordinance would only apply to residential properties. Vote taken: 5-0. Motion carried.**
- e) Bids for Clerk & Treasurer's Office Flooring- Chair Nicolai indicated that the carpet in the Town office needed to be replaced as there had been sewer backups. **Supervisor Schwartz motioned to go with the lowest proposal, Badger Tile, not to exceed \$9,500, seconded by Supervisor Gauerke. Vote taken: 4-1 (Szeklinski wanted to wait until after the holidays). ARPA funds to be used. Motion carried.**
- f) Report from Cooperative Boundary Group- Tom Mroczinski, present via zoom, gave update on the Cooperative Boundary Group. Listening session is Dec. 5 at 6:00 pm in the LGI Room of the high school. Outline is included in meeting packet.
- g) Town Board Chairperson's Report
 - Update on budget hearings- Budget hearing November 27th at 5:30 pm.
 - Update regarding changes to floodplains-
 - Update on Recodification of Town Ordinances

Forthcoming Events- Joseph Maney, 28840 Beach Dr., concerned about the legality of pier/wharf approved by the Planning Commission on September 11, 2023 for 28837 Beach Drive. Application indicated the pier would be a maximum of 4' x 4', but a 4' x 80' pier/wharf was approved by the Commission. Chair Nicolai will look into and possibly put on the next Planning agenda. Chief Johnson stated that the Christmas Parade is December 2 at 5 pm with roll call starting at 4 pm at the Town Hall.

Supervisor Schwartz motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 pm, seconded by Supervisor Gauerke. Vote taken: 5-0. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heather Stratton, Deputy Clerk