

**TOWN BOARD MEETING FOR WATERFORD  
415 N. MILWAUKEE ST.  
APPROVED/OFFICIAL MINUTES FOR JANUARY 8, 2024**

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, Lieutenant William Jeschke, Officers Ferger and Schweitzer, DPW Director Ken Hinz, WWMD Commissioner Greg Horeth, 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 December 12, 2023 & Special Meeting minutes dated December 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023 as presented, seconded by Supervisor Gauerke. Vote taken: 5-0. Motion carried.**
4. Treasurer Report/Payment of Claims- Chair Nicolai read the Treasurer's report. **Supervisor Schwartz motioned to approve the Treasurer's report and pay the claims as presented, seconded by Supervisor Gauerke. Vote taken: 5-0. Motion carried.**
5. Correspondence: Lucas Francois gave a presentation on the upcoming High School referendum. Residents may obtain information by reaching out to the High School at 262-534-9059, through the school's website or by visiting the district office by going through door #7.
6. Committee Reports:
  - a) Police Dept. Report- Lt. Jeschke reported 192 actual calls for December.
    - Discussion & possible action re: Officer Ferger request to utilize Police contract Education Incentive- Officer Ferger is requesting that he have approval to use the education incentive to obtain his Masters in Arts in Public Safety Administration. The approximate cost is \$14,622.27. Ferger did state that this is typically a two year program but he would complete in about 3.5 years. Supervisor Gauerke was not sure if the degree was even relevant for his particular job and stated that advanced degrees should be the responsibility of the officer. Officer Schweitzer stated that this was for specialized education and that employees should be educated for the future. Supervisor Ulander stated that the concerns of the financial well-being of the town are well founded, that the time to have considered this was during negotiations. Chair Nicolai is concerned over deficit. Ulander noted that former Chief Johnson had emailed him stating he didn't think this has ever been used in 20 years and if it has been it was only a few \$100. Ulander stated that this is in their contract and there is now the matter of a contractual interpretation, what was this intended to mean. It was noted that the CBA states that the officer "shall submit their request to the Town Board or their designee for approval...". **Supervisor Schwartz motioned to table for a month, get a legal interpretation and possibly see if Ferger would be open to what the high school does (Feger stated he wanted the board to get a legal interpretation first), seconded by Supervisor Gauerke. Vote taken: 5-0. Motion carried.**
    - Discussion & possible action re: purchase of a new police boat- Officer Schweitzer gave a presentation on the boat Water Patrol is interested in purchasing as well as how the DNR helps

in the cost. Town will get reimbursed (Town will have to purchase outright and then over the course of 4 years) Cost to Town without trade in \$30,489.53 (DNR \$33,443.80 with 500 for depth finder) and cost with trade in or auction, Town \$25,985.13 and DNR \$27,851.20. It was noted that the Boat Fund is a separate fund. Supervisor Schwartz thought the town should wait as we are unsure just how the Waukesha water diversion will affect the waters. Schwartz questioned if water patrol could wait a year or get a mud boat and maybe keep the old boat. Water levels are down. Schweitzer stated that he consulted with the DNR and they use alumacraft and that he did price out other boats. **Supervisor Szeklinski motioned to approve the purchase of the boat, without the trade-in and that the funds come out of the boat rollover (change from police capital at the Feb. 12, 2024 meeting). Ulander questioned where the money goes if the old boat is sold, Town or DNR. Schweitzer will check in to this. Vote Taken: 4-1 (Schwartz). Motion carried.**

- b) Tichigan Vol. Fire Co- None
- c) Waterford Fire & Rescue- None
- d) WWMD- Greg Horeth stated they are working on an off-load location. Will be tracking water levels at dam in preparation of the Waukesha water diversion, will include rain fall.
- e) Park Dept.- None
- f) Road Dept.- Ken Hinz reported that the plows are already for the impending storms. Town may have to step in on the maintenance of the pond in Foxwater Bay. Supervisor Gauerke read an email from Representative Wittke in regards to the culvert on Hwy. 36 and Kramer. DOT indicated, in the past, that it was the town's responsibilities, however Rep. Wittke's office stated that it would be the DOTs responsibility. Hinz reported that the construction report, that he has to complete each year, was lost in the mail so he resubmitted the report. Has verbal confirmation that the DOT now has the report. Working on setting up meeting with Village in regards to Buena Park Rd. One ton should be here soon. DNR wants to be involved with the Town Line Rd. project as it is near a lake.
  - Allocation of funds for Town Line Rd.- **Supervisor Schwartz motioned to approve using the loan proceeds for Town Line Rd., up to \$350,000, seconded by Supervisor Gauerke. Vote taken: 5-0. Motion carried.**
  - Discussion and possible action re: Department of Public Works policy and safety manual- Discussion. Safety chaps will be removed from the list. There will be 2 pairs of safety pants to be left in the garage as well as 3 rainsuits. Town will provide one safety vest to each employee. Jim Maney noted that essentially, they are all on-call from November to March. Gauerke noted that this is a basic job requirement and has been this way for years. DPW to have questions, in writing, to the board for the meeting. **Supervisor Szeklinski motioned to table for one month, seconded by Supervisor Schwartz. Vote taken: 5-0. Motion carried.**
  - Discussion & possible action re: Procedure for Christmas tree disposal (GFL, Inc. not picking up)- Trees can be brought to the Town dump when opened.
- g) Town Planning Recommendations- January meeting was cancelled.

#### 7. Old Business:

- a) Discussion & possible action re: repealing & re-creating Ordinance 5.23- Keeping of Certain Animals- Supervisor Ulander questioned why have zoning if the change will be based on lot size. Gauerke indicated that there are a lot of A-2 zoned properties, A-2 can be 1 acre. **Supervisor Gauerke motioned to approve the modified ordinance which includes, *No parcel of land(s), having less than 3 acres in size, nor any residentially zoned parcel and***

**adding chickens are allowed per ordinance, seconded by Supervisor Szeklinski. Vote taken: 3-2 (Ulander & Schwartz). Motion carried.**

- a) Discussion & possible action re: street light pole at the corner of 83 & "O" (Caldwell Rd.)- Supervisor Gauerke noted that he had spoken to Frank Pritzlaff, PE Racine County, and County is willing to pay for installation and the Town will pay for the monthly bill. This will save the Town about \$1,050.00 in installation costs but be a benefit to residents. **Supervisor Szeklinski motioned to approve the light, seconded by Supervisor Ulander. Vote taken: 5-0. Motion carried.**

8. New Business:

- a) Move August 12<sup>th</sup> Town Board to after Planning Commission on August 5<sup>th</sup> due to election- **Supervisor Szeklinski motioned to approve moving the August 12<sup>th</sup> Town Board meeting to after the August 5<sup>th</sup> Planning meeting due to the election, seconded by Supervisor Schwartz. Vote taken: 5-0. Motion carried.**
- b) Discussion & possible action re: General Office Employees clothing allowance- Items of clothing to have Town of Waterford on them. **Supervisor Szeklinski motioned to approve up to \$200 for the general office employees clothing allowance, seconded by Supervisor Schwartz. Vote taken: 5-0. Motion carried.**
- c) Discussion & possible action re: Wisconsin Cyber Alliance- Nicolai noted that Racine Co. has established a Cybersecurity Division and reaching out to see if municipalities would be interested in joining. Ulander stated he had concerns over signing the letter as it does not say "no obligation" or "non-binding." Nicolai will add that the letter would be for discovery purposes only and that the Town is under no obligation. **Supervisor Gauerke motioned to approve sending the letter, seconded by Supervisor Schwartz. Vote taken: 5-0. Motion carried.**
- d) Town Board Chairperson's Report
- Update on full-time Officer, Police Chief and Officer in Charge- Sarah Polka has been hired as a full-time officer. Working with WI Police Chief Assoc. who will make up a panel. They will interview the candidates and bring their findings to the board. Board members will then interview the final candidates. Nicolai and Ulander will meet with Sean Marshke to set up the panel.

Forthcoming Events-

**Supervisor Szeklinski motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm, seconded by Supervisor Ulander. Vote taken: 5-0. Motion carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Tina Mayer, Town Clerk