

**TOWN BOARD MEETING FOR WATERFORD
415 N. MILWAUKEE ST.
APPROVED/OFFICIAL MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 14, 2022**

1. Town Board meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by Chairman Hincz. Present: Supervisors Gauerke, Szeklinski, Schwartz, Attorney Dubis, Police Chief Johnson, Lieutenant John Nelson, DPW Director, Ken Hinz, TVFC Chief Bill Miller, WWMD Commissioner Bill McCormick, and residents of the Town. Supervisor Nicolai was present via Zoom and Chairman Hincz was present via speaker phone until 5:50pm.
2. Supervisor Szeklinski led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Printed Minutes: **Supervisor Schwartz motioned to approve the Town Board meeting minutes dated October 10, 2022 and Special Town Board meeting minutes dated September 28, 2022, October 10, 2022 and November 2, 2022, as presented, seconded by Supervisor Gauerke. Vote taken: 5-0. Motion carried.**
4. Treasurer Report/Payment of Claims- Supervisor Szeklinski read the Treasurer's report. **Supervisor Gauerke motioned to approve the Treasurer's report and pay the claims, seconded by Supervisor Schwartz. Chairman Hincz apologized for not being able to be in attendance and requested a meeting at his home to review the budget. Supervisor Szeklinski stated he would try to work it out. Vote taken: 5-0. Motion carried.**
5. Correspondence:
6. Committee Reports:
 - a) Police Dept. Report- Lt. Nelson reported 215 calls for October.
 - b) Tichigan Vol. Fire Co-Chief Miller reported 40 calls for October; 25 EMS, 13 Transport. Chief Miller reported \$15,255 for staffing. CPR and First-Aid classes coming up. Sent members to RTF training. Working on joint training with Rochester and Waterford.
 - c) WWMD- Bill McCormick reported that they had their annual meeting and that they were working on bidders for the small-scale dredging project.
 - d) Park Dept.- Ken Hinz reported that they did their last cutting for the year and have the water turned off.
 - e) Road Dept.- Ken Hinz reported that they have all the plows and salters on. Chairman Hincz questioned the personnel issue. Hinz stated that they are down a full-time employee and will probably have a difficult time keeping up. Supervisor Schwartz asked about the green flashing lights on the trucks. Hinz stated he'll eventually get the green lights. Supervisor Szeklinski stated he understands there's been some turn over and he would like to see how the next day goes with the new seasonal candidate and then have a couple board members sit down with Hinz to do an assessment and look at staffing before finalizing the budget.
 - Discussion & possible action re: Road Bond Requirements-Supervisor Schwartz asked if the Town has anything in the ordinances to protect the roads. Hinz stated he didn't think so. Hinz will contact the engineer to get standards. Szeklinski suggested discussing further.

- f) Board of Health- Supervisor Nicolai reported flu season is upon us and many have been experiencing high fevers and recommend getting flu shot. Racine Co Human Services has fentanyl test strips and Narcan.
- g) Town Planning Recommendations-
- Conditional Use/Site Plan Review-Crowe/Tromp, 7628 Chestnut Ln.- **Supervisor Gauerke motioned to approve subject to applicants meeting all Racine County requirements and subject to the Town engineer approving the storm water drainage plan, seconded by Supervisor Schwartz. Vote taken: 4-0 Motion carried.**
 - Conditional Use/Site Plan Review-TV Materials/Robert Epping, 3612 Buena Park Rd.- **Supervisor Gauerke motioned to approve contingent on all conditions being followed as outlined in Racine County's approval letter, dated October 20, 2022, vegetation is cut at the entrance to allow better site lines, no trespassing and no shooting signs are posted, ambient alarms are used, dust is controlled, well water is monitored, the Town's hours of operation are followed, Town Engineer approval, there is no blasting and no concrete or asphalt batch plants, noise standards are followed and there will be no staging of trucks at the start of the day, seconded by Supervisor Schwartz. Vote taken: 4-0. Motion carried.**

7. Old Business:

- a) Michael Barrett, 4317 Riverside Rd.- Michael Barrett gave the Town Board and Attorney an engineer report and an invoice for stone and engineering. Barrett stated that before the road was paved he spoke with Ken Hinz and made him aware of his concerns of water going onto his property and not getting to the catch basin. Barrett requesting reimbursement for engineering, stone and labor for spreading the stone. Ken Hinz stated that after the Town shouldered, Mr. Barrett requested gravel. The Town brought 2 loads of gravel and spread it out and Mr. Barrett said he was satisfied. Supervisor Gauerke read the letters from the DPW employees who brought the gravel and they indicated Mr. Barrett was satisfied after receiving the gravel. Discussion took place on Mr. Barrett raising his house **3 feet**. Mr. Barrett indicated he has had issues with mold. Attorney Dubis recommended the Town stand behind the Town's engineer's report. **Supervisor Schwartz motioned to stand behind the Town engineer's report and deny the claims provided by Michael Barrett, seconded by Supervisor Gauerke. Attorney Dubis indicated that Mr. Barrett has other claims (personal) that he mentioned wanted to bring against the Town as well. Mr. Barrett indicated that this claim was part of a two-part claim. Vote taken: 4-0. Motion carried.**
- b) Discussion & Possible Action re; modifying short-term rental ordinance-Attorney Dubis explained the ordinance and that he received comments from the Chief Miller and that other people may have comments. Supervisor Szeklinski stated he would like to put out for public input and have Dubis meet with Chief Miller. Discussion took place on inspections and who should inspect. Leroy Zierath, 6628 Canal, stated he feels the short-term rental properties devalue the property around it and de-stabilizes neighborhoods. Grant Horn, 5826 N Riverbay, feels good that the Town is getting revenue and regulating. Horn indicated that he owns short-term rental properties and feels the one-day rentals give respectable owners bad name. Mr. Horn stated that like other good short-term rental owners, he limits the amount of people renting at one time to 4-5 people. Horn stated that typically the health department is the agency that inspects the properties. Szeklinski indicated that the ordinance is preliminary, Chief Miller, Attorney Dubis and Supervisor Gauerke to go through. Szeklinski stated there should be a public hearing.

Grant Horn stated he commends the Board on taking the steps to get the revenue and regulate the properties. Horn also stated that his property value increased and he improved the appearance of the property. Supervisor Gauerke indicated important points being the health department inspection should be a requirement, minimum sq. ft., site plan, no excessive noise, need to have safe ingress and egress, fire extinguishers, liability and casualty insurance. Feels is an important ordinance. No action. Item to be on next month's agenda.

- c) Discussion & Possible Action re: Resolution for referendum to increase levy limit to hire a full-time police officer-**Supervisor Szeklinski motioned to approve Attorney Dubis firm and have Attorney Kryshak work on wording for the referendum, seconded by Supervisor Nicolai. Vote taken: 4-0. Motion carried.**
- d) Discussion & Possible Action re: Resolution/addendum to increase current special charge for fire- **Supervisor Schwartz motioned to approve the increase from \$50 to \$100, seconded by Supervisor Nicolai. Vote taken: 4-0. Motion carried.**
- e) Discussion & Possible Action re: Approval of use of ARPA funds for Sewer Flow-Study- **Supervisor Gauerke motioned to approve \$22,500 for the sewer flow-study, seconded by Supervisor Schwartz. Robert Ulander, 32741 Territorial, expressed concern about using ARPA funds for something that does not benefit the entire town as there is no sewer on the way west end. Szeklinski and Nicolai indicated the study is to look at widening the boundaries, so it is not just for a small portion of the Town and will benefit all tax payers. Supervisor Gauerke stated that sewer is one of the items specifically identified as a use of ARPA funds. Vote taken: 4-0. Motion carried.**
- f) Discussion & Possible Action re: Resolution approving the use of unused levy carryforward from 2021- **Supervisor Schwartz motioned to approve, seconded by Gauerke. Vote taken: 4-0. Motion carried.**

8. New Business:

Forthcoming Events- Deputy Clerk handed a letter from Dawn Lehman, 6725 Spruce Ln. Ms. Lehman had indicated that she thought the issue with the home next to her, 6721 Spruce, was on the agenda. Tom Laurent, 6701 Spruce, indicated that he would like the Board to go view this home. It was deemed uninhabitable by the health department and is only getting worse. Item to be on December agenda. Supervisor Schwartz explained that a developer is requesting the DeGrave property be annexed into the Village of Waterford. The plan is for 90 homes and 60 apartments.

Supervisor Schwartz motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:49 pm, seconded by Supervisor Gauerke. Vote taken: 4-0. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heather Stratton, Deputy Clerk