

TOWN OF SCOTT
Burnett County, Wisconsin
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Scott Town Hall
May 8, 2023, 7:00 PM

Chairperson Scott Barton called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll Call: Chairperson Scott Barton, Supervisor Deni Olson, Supervisor John Vanous, Treasurer Paul Kipping and Clerk Ken Busby were present. Busby stated the agenda was posted at the A&H Country Market Bulletin Board, outside the town hall door in the glass cabinet and on the town website on May 3, 2023.

AGENDA ORDER – Motion (Olson/Vanous) to accept the agenda order. Motion carried 3-0.

MINUTES – Motion (Olson/Busby) to approve the April 10, 2023 Monthly Board meeting minutes. Motion carried 2-0.

FINANCIAL REPORTS – April 2023 Financial Statements were presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Steve Johnson from Fish Lake Association spoke, updating town on the cleaning station. Decided they needed to go with a propane tank as electric costs would be prohibitive. Steel bollards will surround the propane tank. Board has no objections. Joe Fisher spoke about recycle center. Looking to get approval to have the hours approved to do a cleanup around the center. Vanous said it is planned to be done with the extra help coming. Bill Sobabski asked the board to allow pine boughs to be brought to the recycle center. Some discussion about what the options are to help the people out. Need to add to agenda for a special board meeting. Barton is considering asking the county for emergency declaration funds.

REPORTS, DISCUSSION and ACTION

BURNETT COUNTY TOURISM COALITION: Kevin with BCTC presented – The job of the BCTC is to promote tourism. Short-term Rentals (STR) is a concern. Looking to do a STR ordinance at the county. Growing about 62 percent since 2022 and many are unlicensed. Septic systems and parking is a concern. BCTC recognizes that it isn't responsible to bring people in and not regulate it. A 5% to 8% Room Tax can be charged. 70% would need to go to a tourism entity, 25% goes to the town and 5% goes to administration of the process, like billing out and collection. LocalGov has been contracted to mine the data from the STR sites. Town of Scott has 8 licensed facilities and 13 unlicensed. Siren is the only town that has a Room Tax and we could use that as a model. Local Gov has a 24/7 complaint line. Contact Kevin at 218.491.0961, burnettcountyfun.com.

ASSESSOR 5-YEAR CONTRACT: Busby was given the contract at the Board of Review and presented to the board. Motion (Vanous/Olson) to approve the contract. Motion carried 3-0.

BANK AUTHORIZED SIGNATURES: Propose to have Scott Barton added to the bank account signatories. Motion (Olson/Vanous) to have Jeff McIntyre removed and Scott Barton added as signatures on the Town bank accounts. Motion carried 3-0.

PROVISIONAL LIQUOR LICENSE ORDINANCE: Motion (Olson/Vanous) to adopt the ordinance O2023-01 as written. Motion carried 3-0.

McKENZIE LANDING LIQUOR LICENSE: Nothing to discuss after ordinance O2023-01.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT: Eric Carlson did the report. 2 calls for Dollar General for propane leaks. Also a mutual aid in Jackson for a CO alarm, false alarm. BBQ dinner is being planned. Meat raffle proceeds came to around \$7000.

TOWN ROADS REPORT: Olson reported tree and brush removal, pot holes and maintenance on the vehicles. Removed the plow equipment. Sweeping to begin soon. Construction on A supposed to be done week of 5/22.

RECYCLING CENTER REPORT: Getting busier. Cleanup being done and more to be done. Switching from Republic to Waste Management. NWRPC switched the Recycling to WM in January. Trash will be next.

VOUCHER APPROVAL / REJECTION, REVIEW AND PAYMENT OF CLAIMS: Motion (Olson/Vanous) to approve the vouchers. Motion carried 3-0.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: Nuisance ordinance to remove trash or otherwise eyesores. Old Oak Lake Inn. Brush help.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:53 PM

Kenneth Busby, Clerk

Dated this 8th day of May, 2023