

**TOWN OF SCOTT**  
Burnett County, Wisconsin  
**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
Scott Town Hall  
October 14, 2024, 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 and outside the town hall door in the glass cabinet on October 9, 2024.

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

**MINUTES** – Motion (Olson/Vanous) to approve the September 9, 2024 Monthly Board Meeting minutes. Motion carried 3-0.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS** – September 2024 Financial Statements were presented.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Jerry Wagoner, 1891 Sykes Rd, Wake boat comments. It came to his attention the attorney firm requested our insurance information. 31 towns with wake boat ordinances, not one has had a lawsuit filed against them. Prop Owners on Rooney Lake and Fish Lake, 73 properties and three with wake boats equals 4% of the owners have a wake boat. Fish lake has 2.5% wake boat owners. He recommends keeping an open mind when being pressured on baseless claims. Theresa Wagoner – Reiterating, with lakes in the town with zebra mussels, boats with ballasts is unacceptable. Safety concerns as well as environmental concerns. A reminder that a wheelchair bound person went flying this year from a wake boat. Asking to imagine if these events happened to you, would you view this ordinance as just another boating regulation. T Wagoner urges to act now. Steve Johnson – Wake boat enhancing ordinance has been made public for several months. No compromise has come forward from any opponent to the ordinance. If a change is made, the process will need to start over. Lake Associations have been working since last November on this ordinance. Johnson urges to pass the Ordinance. T Wagoner presented a letter to the board. Chad McEver, 28845 Birch Island Lake Dr – wake boat concerns are 90% Rooney and Fish Lake issue. Not a Birch Island Lake concern. McEver has been wake surfing on the lake and has not had any complaints. McEver wants the board to take that into consideration.

**REPORTS, DISCUSSION and ACTION**

**OKONEK PROPERTY EASEMENT:** Dave Okonek presented that a piece of land on Sykes Road was given as an easement about 50 years ago to widen the road and the road was never widened. Asking to vacate the easement and return the property back to the Okonek or have a land trade. Motion (Vanous/Olson) to vacate the easement and proceed with the legal needs to put it back to the way it was before. Motion carried 3-0.

**BUDGET MEETING DATE:** The board members checked their calendars and decided on Monday, November 4, 2024 at 10:00 AM.

**FIRE CHIEF REPORT:** Chief Ohmann reported a fairly quiet this past month. A couple of smoke smell calls. Meat raffles are on Saturdays, noon to 2PM.

**TOWN ROADS REPORT:** Olson wanted to thank the fire department for helping chip branches. There is a new employee. John Meagher started today. Paving of the 5 intersections to begin soon. Chipper needs to be repaired.

**RECYCLING CENTER REPORT:** Vanous reported still busy. Looking to change the solar batteries from Lead Acid to Lithium batteries.

**COUNTY SUPERVISOR REPORT:** Supervisor Emily Gall reported, the county budget meeting will be on Thursday Oct 17. Attended the Wisconsin County Association meeting and participated in the relevant committee meetings. Key items: By 2030, BC population of 75+ is expected to increase by 40%. Workforce age is expected to decline by 1-4%. Most of Northern Wisconsin is expected to experience this.

**CHAIRMAN REPORT:** – Barton reported, the town is looking for one more person on the road crew. We have 2 now. Also he is looking to go back to projects to help clean up the community. The corner property on Long Lake Rd and Kilkare is one. Tractor rental ended up not quite being what we need and the town will be looking for another option.

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

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** None discussed

**ADJOURNMENT:** 7:45 PM

Kenneth Busby, Clerk

Dated this 14th day of October, 2024