

TOWN OF RIVERVIEW

Board Meeting Minutes for October 10, 2023

To be Approved November 14, 2023

The regular monthly board meeting was held at the Town Hall/ Fire Station located at 15471 State **Highway 32, Mountain, WI. It was called to order at 7:00 pm by Town Chairman Jim Zittlow. Also** present were Supervisors David VanZeeland and Dave Szepanski, Treasurer Debra Niesen, Clerk Beth Hartman and 21 citizens. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Zittlow noted the meeting notices were posted as per the Open Meeting Law. The agenda was posted on the Riverview Website (tn.riverview.wi.gov) and at the Town Hall Bulletin board, Mountain Post Office and at the Tar Dam recycle area by Hartman and the Crooked Lake Community Building by Zittlow by October 4th.

Minutes: **Hartman read the Special Meeting Minutes. A motion to accept the September 12th Regular Board Meeting and the Special meeting of Sept 8th was made by VanZeeland, 2nd by Szepanski. Motion carried.**

Financial Report: Niesen reviewed the financials noting an ending balance of \$556227.79. Deb noted a RVFD donation of \$1000 from the American Legion and that interest was over \$1000. The Board accepted the report.

Payment of the bills: All bills were reviewed. Szepanski made a motion to pay all bills as presented, VanZeeland 2nd, Motion carried.

Communication: Coffee with a Cop was well attended, and 5 officers were available for public updates and questions. Zittlow noted that he heard a suggestion that the next meeting be held on a Saturday. Another suggestion was to let schools know and so students could have a “field trip” to attend the event. Countryside Vet Clinic will be held on October 14th from 9-noon. Marlene Carey donated \$200 to RVFD. OCLAW will be using the town hall on October 21st from 9-noon.

Reports:

- a. Torsi Lane Recreation Park is moving forward. Monty Brink from Oconto County came to present the Campground Layout. The property needs to be rezoned from Forestry to Parks and Recreation. There will also need to be a conditional use permit. Monty pointed out the sites and the parking for the trail head. He expects that permits and designs will be worked on in 2024, excavating and building in 2025 and with plans to open in 2026. The land was originally purchased as a landfill site, but

Oconto and Marinette County now have MarOco. The original County/Town agreement should be reviewed as it may need to be edited as appropriate. According to the original agreement blacktopping would be completed by the County. Monty noted that we may want to form a committee for the planning phase.

- b. Planning Commission – Szepanski covered the request of the Eleanor Davis Trust land division, which was presented. The trust wanted to allocate 3 acres to a family member and Zittlow questioned the long narrow section which left a small unusable piece of land. This may cause concerns in the future. Zittlow recommended this land division be denied. Van Zeeland made a motion to deny the land division, 2nd by Szepanski. Carried. Zittlow has discussed the concerns and will note them on the “denial”, which will be forwarded to Oconto County for review.
- c. Library – Jeanine Albers noted that the Groundbreaking was well attended. The forms are all in and the foundation should be poured this week, and it will be enclosed before winter. Catholic Charities has been actively pursuing the Telehealth Program.
- d. Roads – Elsie reported that the fall grading was complete. LaFave brushing is about half done. Zittlow noted that Arnston, Waboose and W. Crooked Lake also need patching. Jason Nogalski mentioned that the Crooked Lake Recycle Center has numerous potholes as well. John Lester talked with Hartman about Arnston and mentioned that he did not want to do the plowing on it again this year. Zittlow will look at Arnston. Zittlow mentioned his concerns about the newly paved Heyrman Road being used as a shortcut for logging trucks. He will have Tony post Weight Limit signs on Heyrman. The existing ordinance does give the chairperson the ability to make decisions as needed. The Ordinance for Weight Limits on roads will be revised to include and clarify the use of short cuts for logging trucks. It will be presented in November.
- e. Driveways are almost complete.
- f. Fire Departments – Rob noted there was 1 call in September (cancelled enroute) and there was a controlled burn on Oct 8th. Nine departments participated, with great support and instructors. Rob has applied for a 50/50 grant which will be used for Scene lights, Portable Pump and Turn out Gear. The American Legion donation was used for the Asbestos Testing for the building that was burned down. There was Asbestos and the Parrot Head Club will pay for the removal of the asbestos directly. CLFD responded to 1 truck fire. The truck was in the back yard, which was filled with “treasures”. Jamie noted it was a good thing the call was

during the day. The Green Tender was sold to Mountain Stone Works. CLFD will be getting a replacement 3800 gallons Tender in November. CLFD has stained and cleaned up the pavilion at the beach and replaced the Modine heater at the Community Center with 2 high efficiency furnaces.

- g. Ambulance – The meeting was October 5th. The new ambulance will be delivered in September of 2025. Charlie has been asked by Breed to determine what it would cost for Mountain Ambulance to cover the Breed area. The budget was discussed. It noted that the furnaces and AC are 23 years old and should be replaced. The quote is \$9800 (a discount of around \$7000 for EMS) VanZeeland noted that since Mountain Ambulance is “under budget” by approx. \$80,000 for 2023, they should replace the furnace and AC this year. The budget increase request is very small. VanZeeland has been asking about overtime for many months. OT is around \$66,000 thru Sept and is about \$5000 over budget. He expects there to be more attention to this extra expense. The 2017 ambulance electric system problems should be fixed soon. The mechanic is coming to Mountain, rather than driving the ambulance to Minnesota. The old ambulance is still not sold.
- h. Cemetery – Plot prices have increased. The roads have been paved and the shoulders still need to be leveled with the grass. The Town of Mountain sent over an ordinance for approval of the revisions. There were no noted revisions. Van Zeeland said that according to the meeting minutes, the change request was that after the spring clean-up new items could be placed on May 1st . This is to be changed to the 2Nd week of May. Szepanski made a motion to accept the changes, VanZeeland 2nd, motion carried.
- i. Animal Control – Szepanski made a motion to re-appoint Ryan Geise the Humane Officer and Nick Miller as animal control for 2024. Van Zeeland second, motion carried.
- j. Brush site – Zittlow noted that next year he would like to chip twice. He has asked to have the brush “pushed up” and clean out the needles and leaves. He also added Trail Cams to the Crooked Lake recycle center. The brush site will be closing in November, Zittlow would like to keep Jim Sarrett employed on a part time basis. He will investigate being a backup for the recycling center.
- k. Recycle – No concerns this month. Zittlow has a call to GFL about the monthly contract amount.
- l. WTA – There is a Unit meeting on October 12th at the How Town Hall.
- m. Lake District – VanZeeland presented the Wake Enhancement Ordinance.

It needs to be posted for 60 days and sent to the DNR for review along with the condition report. VanZeeland read the Ordinance to the public. This will be brought to the December meeting for final approval. There was some discussion about Clean Water Clean Boats as well. The Ordinance will be in effect by the Spring. The boat launch signs will need to be updated and notices sent out in lake newsletters.

n. **Seven Town – Next meeting Oct 18th.**

Other Business:

- a. Building Plans – Groundbreaking will be in the 1st week of November. Date to be announced. The Permits have been received. Tawny has applied for a \$50,000 T-Mobile grant and continues to search for other grant options. Thank you, Tawny.
- b. Last year Ann applied for a Brush truck grant, and we did not qualify because we received less than 50 pts. Doty's score was 80pts. Andrew Stemp will be applying for the grant again this year. If they do get it, we could “rent” theirs or we will investigate renting one next spring.
- c. VanZeeland made a motion to grant picnic licenses to Crooked Trails ATV for their Halloween Ride. Szepanski 2nd – Motion carried.
- d. VanZeeland made a motion to approve the liquor license for R and D's Retreat. Szepanski 2nd, Motion Carried.
- e. The next Budget Meeting will be Monday October 16th at 4:00pm. VanZeeland asked for a 2023 comparison and a 5-year Capital Plan. Rob noted a few financial concerns and increases. RVFD will come to the next budget meeting.
- f. The Budget Hearing will be on November 14th at 6:00pm prior to the November meeting.

Meeting adjourned 8:12

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Hartman – Clerk

October 16, 2023