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Town Board Regular Meeting held February 8, 2024 at the Town Hall 6:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Dave Wagner, Supervisor Mark Donner, Supervisor Larry Reas, Clerk Lita Mason, Crew Supervisor Tim Schloer, and 5 constituents

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Wagner at 6:00 p.m.

**Public Comment and Communication.**

Clerk informed the Board that effective March 3, 2024 the Zoom annual rate will increase by \$10.00 to \$159.90

**Minutes of the January 25, 2024 Meeting(s) reviewed.**

Supervisor Reas made a motion to approve the January 25, 2024 minutes as presented by the clerk, Chairman Wagner seconded the motion. Motion passed-Unanimously.

**Treasurer Report January 2024.**

Treasurer report reviewed by the Board

**Financial Report January 2024.**

Total expenditures for January 2024 were \$931,650.65

- Expenses=\$26,703.07
- Salaries=\$13,532.23
- Payroll Liabilities & Taxes=\$11,241.30
- AARP=\$0.00
- Construction=\$0.00
- Tax Account=\$879,887.76
- Room Tax Account=\$286.29

**Vouchers, review and approve.**

- General Account CK(s)-None
- General Account CK(s)-EFT CompuChecks totaling \$105.94
- General Account Bi-Monthly Payroll liabilities  
1/21/24-2/3/24 CK(s) 27175 & 27176 plus 2 direct deposits totaling \$5,535.46
- General Account Monthly Payroll liabilities  
Jan 2024 CK(s) 27171 & 27172 plus 3 direct deposits totaling \$2,580.19
- General Account Payroll liabilities  
Ck(s) 27173 & 27174 Employee paid IRA and Accidental Ins (Jan 2024) totaling \$234.18
- General Account -EFT Fed & State Taxes (Jan 2024) totaling \$4,453.32

Supervisor Donner made a motion to approve the vouchers as presented by the clerk, Supervisor Reas seconded the motion. Motion passed-Unanimously.

**Invoices, review and approve.**

- Invoices/checks presented for payment by the clerk:
- General Account CK(s) 27177-27195 totaling \$62,092.14
  - Room Tax Account CK(s) 1259 totaling \$68.85

Supervisor Donner made a motion to approve the invoices/checks as presented by the clerk, Supervisor Reas seconded the motion. Motion passed-Unanimously.

**Chairman's report**

1. Driveway Access/Overweight/Firework/Picnic Permits:  
Overweight Permits issued to the following:

- a. Dean Distributing
  - b. Elk River Septic
  - c. JB Disposal
  - d. Low Impact Logging
  - e. Olafson Trucking
  - f. Performance Food Service
  - g. Ritchie Lakeland Oil & Propane
  - h. Rusk Co. Farm Supply
  - i. Valor Septic Service
  - j. General Beer Northwoods
2. Cooper Engineering:
- a. Fleming Rd to County E-2024
    - Supervisor Donner made a motion to accept the American Asphalt bid of \$437,291.94 for the Fleming Rd project, Supervisor Reas seconded the motion. Motion passed-Unanimously.
  - b. Maple Ridge Rd (Wagner Rd to County B)-2025: No updates at this time
  - d. County Line Rd-2026: No updates at this time

### **Unfinished Business**

1. Attorney Bryce Schoenborn update on property encroachment:  
No updates at this time, will continue on agenda until the April 2, 2024 deadline.
2. DNR assistance-Ruby, East Buckhorn and West Buckhorn Roads:  
Chairman Wagner emailed completed DNR questionnaire to Margaret Lorenz
3. JB Disposal-Scrap Metal:  
Chairman Wagner continues to look at alternat vendor(s)
4. PFC-Rural Energy Start Up Program Grant:  
Clerk informed that the RESP application was submitted 1/31/2024
5. Town of Chippewa-County Line Road WISLR corrections:  
Chairman Wagner to contact Chippewa Chairman

### **New Business**

1. Forward Bank proposed land purchase:  
Austin Travis presented a formation of a non-profit organization, which will provide a recreational outlet to benefit the youth of Park Falls and surrounding areas by means of operating a Trap/Skeet Range on the Town owned land on W Buckhorn Rd. Mr. Travis explained that this project is not being presented by Forward Bank. Supervisor Reas made a motion to host two special town meetings to educate the electors/public and add item to the April 16, 2024 Annual Town Meeting agenda for authority to proceed with possible sale or lease of land. First meeting to be held February 29, 2024 and second meeting March 21, 2024. Both meeting to begin at 6:00 p.m., Supervisor Donner seconded the motion. Motion passed-Unanimously.
2. Amazon Business Prime Subscription:  
Supervisor Donner made a motion to sign up for Amazon Business Prime at the annual cost of \$179, Supervisor Reas seconded the motion. Motion passed-Unanimously.
3. Jerry Buechner-Excessive assessment claim:  
Mr. Buechner did not appear before the Board of Supervisors
4. Supervisor Reas made a motion to adjourn to closed session at 6:50 p.m. to the exemption in Wis. State Statue §19.85(1)(c) considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility for discuss of the clerk compensation, Supervisor Donner seconded the motion. Motion passed-Unanimously.
5. Supervisor Reas made a motion to return to open session at 7:21 p.m. Supervisor Donner seconded the motion. Motion passed-Unanimously.
6. Take action, as needed, on closed session item(s):  
Chairman Wagner stated no increase regarding clerk compensation

### **Road Work Report**

Crew Supervisor reported that the crew continues maintenance work on old #9, cylinder for the ditching bucket dropped off to be rebuilt. Crew will start tree removal and ditching on Fleming Rd.

**Next Meeting:** General Board Meeting will be held Thursday, February 22, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.