

**TOWN OF LEMONWEIR**  
**MINUTES OF THE TOWN BOARD**  
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MONTHLY BOARD MEETING, Town of Lemonweir, Juneau County, State of Wisconsin, met on July 9, 2024. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p. m., by chairman, John Burch. Supervisors present were: Robert L. Smith, Matthew Vaughan, Carl B. Miller and Guy Smith, Jr. The following notice regarding this meeting was published in the June 7, 2024, edition of the Star-Times and posted at the Town Hall, Walsh Grain Farms and Hamm Bros. and the town website:

**TOWN OF LEMONWEIR**  
**MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING**  
**Tuesday, July 9, 2024**  
**At the Town Hall (N3935 19<sup>th</sup> Ave)**  
**7:00 p.m.**

- Call To Order
- Public Comments and Concerns
- Minutes of last meeting
- Delmore Consulting presentation
- EDP Renewables-update brief
- Approval of "Operator's" Licenses
- Ambulance Committee appointment
- Road Report including: mowing, culvert update, road projects and other road issues
- Change Date of August 13<sup>th</sup> Town Board Meeting Due To Partisan Primary Election
- Ambulance Report
- Administrator's Report--Office Operations, Payment Voucher, Correspondence & Zoning Permits
- Adjournment

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PUBLIC COMMENTS were called for by the chair: Matt Vaughan noted that after the Necedah fire of a short-term rental that we need to have an ordinance.

Barb Baker addressed the board and those present regarding the new map mailer that CRPLA/JCVB has updated for 2024. She noted that all the town roads in Juneau and Adams counties are shown along with the boat landings, advertisers, by number if in county parks and a legend for rural town businesses.

CRPLA/JCVB has many partners including radio spots on Magnum Radio stations and Dan Small Outdoors. They received an average of 133 requests per week for the maps to be mailed out across the country. In addition Baker offered copies of the map and *What's Floatin'* magazine that is locally published. CRPLA/JCVB contributes an article each year. Baker thanked the town board for their continued support through the room tax to promote the area tourism.

Larry Pollastrini asked the town board to officially request by resolution answers to questions regarding the solar farm. He provided a copy of a resolution that was made available to the board members to review. He was told the August meeting was the soonest they could make any decisions as it was not on tonight's the agenda.

MINUTES of the June 4, 2024 Special meeting and the June 11, 2024 regular Board meeting were approved as mailed on motion by Vaughan/Miller. All yes votes, motion carried.

DELMORE CONSULTING PRESENTATION—unfortunately due to equipment breakdown this presentation was cancelled and rescheduled for the August meeting.

EDP RENEWABLES update brief—Gunnar Doyle and Greg Zavoluk project developers of the Juneau Solar Park were present. They invited everyone to the open house scheduled for tomorrow July 10<sup>th</sup> from 5:30pm – 7:30pm at The Lodge. An effort has been made to improve the presentation which will start approximately 6pm featuring the new design map. Refreshments and ice cream will be available.

Gunnar reported the road study had been completed last week. Dave Anderson asked about the road borings and how they would hold up under the traffic in the future. Carl Miller thought the roads would be re-tested after the build of the solar park is done. Gunnar will check with the testing company to get a map of the borings sent to Carin.

Other discussion points:

No permits have been filed yet; 12-15 months for review by the Public Service Commission-WI (PSCW)

No pre-application sent yet. This takes 60 days before review.

Buyer for the energy—no agreements have been made as of yet.

The panels will cover a 1600 acre footprint in the design. 85% of this project will be in Lemonweir.

EDP has another smaller project in Dane and Rock counties for solar which is not at the public communication stage yet.

Expansion of the Juneau solar project—any expansion would require another permit and 5-7 years approval process.

EDP has different teams that look for project areas with access to transmission lines, willing property owners and tile work. This project team is part of large utility projects.

What happens if the Federal funding is lost? Wisconsin Rate Payers would see an increase in their utility bills; 30% tax credit; may not make it to build; Iowa and Texas have the highest number of wind and solar parks.

Snowmobile trails are dependent on the property owner decision.

APPROVAL OF “OPERATOR’S LICENSES—there were no applications at this time

AMBULANCE COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT—the chairman is still working on this. Put on next agenda

ROAD REPORT—Dave reported the town roads were all mowed. He talked with the county and arranged for the county to work on pot holes this week for two days at \$1386.88/day plus materials per ok from Chairman Burch. Scott Construction work is done except for the shouldering. We can use Hamm’s stockpile of recycled blacktop for shouldering.

Brian Bell reported that Morrissey Rd will be done next week unless we get more rain. Rockwood Rd is done.

50<sup>th</sup> St—it was reported there was water over the road near Brandli’s and Woodside; the ditch was full and culvert may be plugged. Matt and Brian will check on this issue.

CHANGE DATE OF AUGUST 13, 2024 MEETING DUE TO PARTISAN PRIMARY ELECTION— after some discussion a motion by R Smith/G Smith, Jr was made to reschedule the August town board meeting to Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup> at 7p.m. All yes votes, motion carried.

AMBULANCE REPORT—Liz Anderson was present to give the report. She stated they have been very busy and it has been rough on the staff to see kids in some of the calls they’ve responded too. Mental health services have been made available.

The Life Packs are now 10 years old and need to be replaced. They are \$67,000 each! There is a trade-in value and MAAA plans to use the estate funds they received to cover the cost. There are still staffing needs to fill the full-time positions. Chris Leopold has been appointed to serve a two-year term on the Rural Health State EMS Committee. The transition is going well, however a 2<sup>nd</sup> ambulance is needed in Necedah.

## ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Office Operations—the shred bins have been delivered; 38 absentee ballots have been sent out; the 35MPH signs are here. Short-term rentals need to be addressed.

Rose Cemetery: two monument spots were marked for Marshfield Monument with staking fee collected. Two other grave sites were reviewed regarding placement and number of lots left in each family plot. The mowing bill (\$275) and a bill for spray paint and marking flags (\$24.99) were paid from the cemetery checking account.

Showed receipts of \$51,686.33, and a balance of \$576,037.89 as of June 30, 2024.

### Correspondence:

1. FROM: Larry Pollastrini; RE: resolution regard the proposed solar park
2. FROM: WTA; RE: 2024 WTA Convention October 6-8 in Stevens Point \$200 for full conference. Deadline to register 9/20/24
3. FROM: WTA; RE: 4<sup>th</sup> Edition Town Officers Handbook \$50 + s/h \$9
4. FROM: Kirk Upperman; RE: Charter Spectrum—awarded a portion of the township to extend fiber optic internet service to rural residents through federal Rural Digital Opportunity Fund (RDOF)—possible project start fall 2024 into 2025
5. FROM: American Engineering Testing, Inc.; RE: contracted to perform a haul road study for the Juneau Solar Project—town roads affected: Carrig Rd, Morrissey Rd, Burns Rd, Carpenter Rd, Cemetery Rd, Noe Rd & Sanders Rd in 7-mile Creek. This testing was performed the weeks of June 24, 2024 & July 1, 2024
6. FROM: WisDOT; RE: qtrly GTA \$38,105.12 received 7/1/2024
7. FROM: Bank/Mauston; RE: Collateral Register current face: \$1,260,000 as of 6/30/2024
8. FROM: JC Treas; RE: August settlement of 2<sup>nd</sup> half of property taxes to be paid 8/20/2024

The administrator presented bills in the amount of \$213,597.75, for payment. Motion by R Smith/Miller to authorize payment. All yes votes.

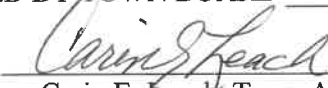
ZONING-permits were issued to: Dale Santroch (shed)

A plan commission meeting is scheduled for August 5<sup>th</sup>

ADJOURN - The meeting was adjourned on motion by R Smith/G Smith, Jr. All yes votes.

APPROVED BY TOWN BOARD 8/15/2024

ATTEST:

  
Carin E. Leach, Town Administrator

