

TOWN OF LEMONWEIR
MINUTES OF THE TOWN BOARD
Volume: [OCTOBER 2024]

MONTHLY BOARD MEETING, Town of Lemonweir, Juneau County, State of Wisconsin, met on October 8, 2024. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p. m., by chairman, John Burch. Supervisors present were: Carl B. Miller and Guy Smith, Jr. Robert L. Smith and Matthew Vaughan were not able to attend. Carin Leach, Town Administrator was also present. The following notice regarding this meeting was posted at the Town Hall, the town website, Walsh Grain Farms and Hamm Bros.:

BUDGET PREP MEETING—The Lemonweir Town Board will hold a budget prep meeting at 6:00 p.m. on October 8, 2024 to discuss budget preparations for the 2025 town budget. The regular town board meeting will follow at 7p.m.

TOWN OF LEMONWEIR
MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, October 8, 2024
At the Town Hall
(N3935 19th Ave.)
7:00 p.m.

- Call To Order
- Public Comments & Concerns
- Minutes Of Last Meeting
- EDP Renewables-update brief
- Plan Commission Report—including discussion/action on Land Division proposal by Clayton & Lucy Riffle—Parcel #290180176 –S3 T15N R4E
- Discussion/Action on Short-Term Rental Ordinance Draft
- Class “B” Fermented Malt Beverage 6-month License approval for Red Ridge Ranch- Cindy Kanarowski, owner
- Approval of “Operator’s Licenses
- Budget Amendments to move funds from Road Shouldering Project Annual Reserve to Hwy Maintenance for the 19th Ave S Shouldering Project and move funds from Room Tax Reserve to cover additional cost of wedging on 19th Ave S to Hwy Maintenance
- Discussion/Action to adopt Resolution #C-10-8-2024-1 to erect a STOP sign on 55th St at the 55th St/Morrissey Rd/Cemetery Rd Intersection
- CRAM Report
- Road Committee Report—Discussion/Action On Road Work Recommendations For 2025 Budget
- Road Report—Current Road Work, Culverts, Signs and Any Other New Road Issues
- MFD 2025-2026 Contract
- Ambulance Report--Including 2025 Budget Discussion And Possible Action
- Administrator's Report: Office Operations, Fire Calls, Payment Voucher, Election, Correspondence & Zoning Permits
- 2025 Town Budget Prep—any other discussion on Budget Items
- Adjournment

Carin E. Leach, Town Administrator -- 608-847-4786 --Posted only 10/1/2024 (Website, Town Hall, WGF, Hamm Bros)

PUBLIC COMMENTS were called for by the chair: Jane Powers asked what can we do about big companies coming in and developing in rural communities. It was suggested to ask the WTA regarding large development.

Steve Thomas: The County is in budget mode—trying to trim 5% plus Capital Outlay. There will be a public hearing at the county board meeting.

MINUTES of the September 10, 2024 Board meeting were approved as mailed on **motion** by Miller/Smith, Jr. All yes votes, motion carried.

EDP RENEWABLES-UPDATE BRIEF: Matt Boor representing EDP was present to give a short update. Matt noted the project CPCN application would be submitted this month to the PSC. The PSC will have up to a year to approve. The state will review the project plan feasibility. Individuals can submit comments under the docket #9830-CE-100.

Larry Pollastrini: \$400 million project—fellow land owners in the project get paid, the county and town get paid; the electric rate payers pay for it in general once it's on the ATC line. Is there a national energy crisis? Private company and private land—who gets the subsidies? Matt: Power generation is extremely complicated as are the contract agreements.

Larry: The need for power is declining in WI—supply & demand—is this project going to be obsolete in 15-20 years as nuclear is zero carbon.

Matt: broader picture in Wisconsin should be asked to the PSC in the public comments

Jane Powers: public comments have had no effect on the PSC in her experience

Dorothy Bugenhagen: the town has no say?

Larry: could the town say a limit to the number of acres? Need an addendum to landowners' contract if the piles are removed in total to make it a requirement.

PLAN COMMISSION REPORT—including discussion/action on Land Division proposal by Clayton & Lucy Riffle—Parcel #290180176 –S3 T15N R4E—the Riffles were present. Carin reported the Plan Commission met on September 30th and determined the land division request meets the ordinance requirements of the Rural Residence District. The Plan Commission recommends that the town board approve the land division as proposed creating a 90,000 sqft lot with the remaining acreage to be added to the north 6+ acre lot also owned by the Riffles. A **motion** by Miller/Smith, Jr. to approved the land division as proposed. All yes votes, motion carried.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON SHORT-TERM RENTAL ORDINANCE DRAFT—John Burch discussed the overall intent of the ordinance, rules & regulations, enforcement and existing short-term rentals in Lemonweir. No changes were made to the draft since the last meeting. Carin will continue to work on this. No action was taken at this time.

CLASS “B” FERMENTED MALT BEVERAGE 6-MONTH LICENSE APPROVAL FOR RED RIDGE RANCH- CINDY KANAROWSKI, OWNER—Cindy Kanarowski has reconsidered and has reapplied for a 6-month “Class B” (beer) license. There are no changes and the license will run from 10/9/24 to 3/9/24. **Motion** by Smith, Jr./Miller to approve the Class “B” license as applied for by Red Ridge Ranch Cindy Kanarowski. All yes votes, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF “OPERATOR’S LICENSES—Cindy Kanarowski, Randolph Kissack and Lyle Peterson have reapplied for bartending licenses and have all taken the beverage server course. A **motion** to approve the “Operator’s” licenses for Kanarowski, Kissack & Peterson by Miller/Smith,Jr. All yes votes, motion carried.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS to move funds from Road Shouldering Project Annual Reserve to Hwy Maintenance for the 19th Ave S Shouldering Project and move funds from Room Tax Reserve to cover additional cost of wedging on 19th Ave S to Hwy Maintenance.
A **motion** by Miller/Smith, Jr to move \$5,000 from Road Shouldering Project Annual Reserve and \$17,372.65 from Room Tax Reserve to Hwy Maintenance to cover the 19th Ave road shouldering project and to cover the additional cost of wedging 19th Ave S. All yes votes, motion carried.

DISCUSSION/ACTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #C-10-8-2024-1 to erect a STOP sign on 55th St at the 55th St/Morrissey Rd/Cemetery Rd Intersection:

CONTINUING RESOLUTION

C # 10-8-2024-1

ERECT NEW STOP SIGN ON 55TH ST AT THE INTERSECTIONS OF 55TH ST/MORRISSEY RD/CEMETERY RD

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that due to the increased traffic and impaired visibility with crops on 55th Street, Morrissey Rd and Cemetery Rd a new STOP sign will be installed at this intersection on 55th Street; BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town of Lemonweir or the Juneau County Highway Department will install the required signs according to Department of Transportation regulations for town roads. Resolved this 8th day of October 2024, by the Town Board of the Town of Lemonweir.

This item was tabled until it can be determined if the other STOP sign is in the correct position for stopping oncoming traffic.

CRAM Report: John Burch reported this program provides free recycling at the landfill. He noted that only 75 people in Lemonweir are registered. Recycling is state mandated and unfunded. The grant is less and less each year. No actual break down of the CRAM budget was available for town's involved.

ROAD COMMITTEE REPORT—Discussion/Action On Road Work Recommendations For 2025 Budget—the road committee met on Oct 3rd. John Burch is concerned with the unfinished driveways on 19th Ave. He suggested having Bellson haul in reground asphalt and regrade and level Smith's driveway on 19th Ave and any others that need it until Scott Construction can do the shoulder work in the spring. John will call Steve at Scott regarding this issue.

Carin read off which roads the committee proposed to have work done in 2025:

Shouldering: Shady Ln, Volling Ln, 15th Ave (47th to 43rd)

Wedging: Wheel tracks-21st Ave north of 50th St, 15th Ave, Morrissey Rd (1st Section), 53rd St, 55th St (area before Terry Garrigan) and edge of road on 21st Ave by WSC that is broke up

Chip Seal: 53rd St (CTH N to K-L Townline Rd), 55th St (CTH N to K-L Townline Rd), K-L Townline Rd (53rd to 54th)

Crackfill: cross cracks on 21st Ave (CTH N to 55th St)

Also discussed was a tree r-o-w plan to be done in sections each year: 21st Ave (Kraemer property-have county spray the brush growth on this side and possibly Rockwood Rd); mark dead trees, notch and have Brian push over into property owners land. Create a prioritized plan to do one area at a time each year.

Signs—John will put up the 35MPH signs on 47th St and Dave will put up the 35MPH signs on 19th Ave.

Many signs are in need of being replaced.

Delmore Consulting was also discussed. John Burch stated he thought the PASER ratings were off and one of the services Delmore offers is PASER ratings (\$3,000). By having Delmore do this it could open up more grant opportunities for us.

No action was taken at this time.

ROAD REPORT—Current Road Work, Culverts, Signs and Any Other New Road Issues—all current contracted road work is done except for the shouldering. Morrissey Rd guardrail and Emery Bridge guardrail have been completed. Morrissey Rd now has reflectors on the guardrail.

Guy Smith, Jr. reported that someone cut off the sign post and stole the tractor sign on it on 19th Ave.

MFD 2025-2026 CONTRACT—the city does not have the contract ready yet

AMBULANCE REPORT--Including 2025 Budget Discussion and Possible Action—Steve Fischer was present to give the report. Steve stated MAAA wants to add another ambulance at Necedah. This would be a fourth ambulance. We went from seven ambulances to three so we really need another ambulance but it is expensive. The 4th ambulance is \$14,000+ and the staffing (3-6 people) wages are expensive too. Camp Douglas signed up with Tomah. Medicare/Medicaid rates are low. Transports can make money but we need the 4th ambulance.

Carin reported that the ambulance budget without the ambulance went up \$10,000+ over last year and last year we received a discounted rate due to the other municipalities joining Mauston. The proposed budget with the new ambulance is an extra \$24,000+ to Lemonweir. There is not a lot of wiggle room in our 2025 budget for this amount of increase.

After some discussion a **motion** by Burch/Smith, Jr. was made to have the town representatives' vote NO at this time regarding the budget for the 4th ambulance. All yes votes, motion carried.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT-- Office Operations, Fire Calls, Payment Voucher, Election, Correspondence & Zoning Permits

Office Operations—Carin reported she has been working on the pre-election items, special projects & zoning, the budget, Partridge Lake, road committee, STR ordinance along with phone calls and in-person questions and has a monument marking coming up. Carin will be attending the Town Law Conference (virtual event) for non-attorney municipal officials on October 25th.

Fire Calls—there are 5 uncollected fire calls at this time with only one to go on the tax roll if not paid by Nov 1st.

Showed receipts of \$4,751.47, and a balance of \$437,620.08 as of September 30, 2024.

The administrator presented bills in the amount of \$42,525.56, for payment. **Motion** by Smith, Jr. /Miller to authorize payment and include the bill for the dirt hauling for \$1,260.00. All yes votes, motion carried.

Election—absentee ballot requests continue to come in almost daily. On October 22, 2024 in-person absentee voting will begin and continue through November 1, 2024 from 10am-5pm unless otherwise posted.

Correspondence:

1. FROM: WisDOR; RE: Levy Limit
2. FROM: BOM; RE: Collateral Register Current Face \$1,260,000.00
3. FROM: WisDOT; RE: 3rd qtr GTA \$38,105.14
4. FROM: WisDOR; RE: Equalization Report & 2024 State Apportionment Report

ZONING-permits issued to Cassidy Kuntzsch (fence); Jim Bires (lean-to); Outdoors Forever (pole building); Dave Miller (carport); Brandon Ruland (2-storage containers); Derek Norling(pole shed); Rick Reichhoff (lean-to shed)

2025 TOWN BUDGET PREP—any other discussion on Budget Items—no other discussion at this time regarding the budget.

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

APPROVED BY TOWN BOARD

11/12/2024

ATTEST:

Carin E. Leach

Carin E. Leach, Town Administrator