

Board Meeting
October 13, 2020

The meeting was called to order by Chair Jennifer Meyer. People in attendance were: Supervisors – Jeff Whyte, Paul Travis, Jeff Bechard, Mona Mathews, Clerk Beverly Christopherson, Treasurer John McLaughlin and see attached list of visitors.

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Plan Commission: Update:

A. CSM Chris Gormley lot reconfiguration for detached garage/Raymond Surveying, LLC: Chris Gormley was present at meeting to answer any questions. CSM (Certified Survey Map) is for a detached garage. Eau Claire County asked to take his two parcels and combine into 1 for this garage. Comp Plan had no issues with this CSM.

Supervisor Jeff Bechard made a motion to approve CSM for Chris Gormley.

Supervisor Jeff Whyte seconded the motion.

All voted yes, motion carries.

B. CSM Corey Krenz continued follow up from 6-2019 on rezone from A2 to RH & C3: Pete Gartmann was present on Zoom to answer any questions the Board might have. This CSM (Certified Survey Map) goes back to April 2019 when Mr. Krenz asked for re-zoning on Partridge. Mr. Krenz needs 5 acres for commercial zoning. Mr. Krenz has applied for driveway permits with Eau Claire County and Eau Claire County has approved. Comp Plan has no issues with this CSM.

Supervisor Paul Travis made a motion to approve Corey Krenz CSM

Supervisor Jeff Whyte seconded the motion.

All voted yes, motion carries

Visit Eau Claire: 5-year Tourism Contract Renewal/Benny Anderson: Benny Anderson from Visit Eau Claire was in attendance at the meeting to go over the contract renewal. Contract with Visit Eau Claire for the next 5 years has not been signed. This contract just states the Room Tax rate is 8% and that the Town of Union pays Visit Eau Claire 70% of all room tax collected. This was just an oversight when Linda John left Visit Eau Claire and Benny Anderson took over.

Supervisor Mona Mathews made a motion to approve 5-year contract with Visit Eau Claire.

Supervisor Paul Travis seconded the motion.

All voted yes, motion carries.

Benny Anderson also brought the dashboard report for the Board to look at. Fred Belay from the Town of Union Park Commission has been elected to sit on the Visit Eau Claire Board to represent the Town.

Elk Creek lake Rehabilitation Waterway Rip Rap Grant/Support: Janet Christianson Secretary: Janet Christianson and Bob ? from Elk Creek Lake Rehabilitation were at the Town Board meeting to explain the work that is going to have to be done at Elk Creek Lake to help stop the erosion. Janet Christianson is working on a Conservation Grant that could help with the cost of the project. They are here to ask the Town if it would be willing to donate money to the project. The project will be a Rip Rap project and the channel will also need to be cleared and a liner put down. Grant will be awarded through District and could be up to \$50K. Elk Creek Lake Rehab is asking for donations to help fund the remaining cost of the project. Town of Springbrook will be donating funds to them.

Supervisor Jeff Bechard made a motion to approve a \$6,000 donation. This donation will be paid out in 2-years at \$3,000/year. Elk Creek Lake Rehab needs a letter of commitment from the Town to show the Grant Committee that funds are being raised.

Supervisor Mona Mathews seconded the motion.

All voted yes, motion carries.

Park Commission:

A. Chair Report/Park Picnic 10/25/2020: Fred Belay came back to meeting to mention that the Picnic will have to be moved to Saturday, October 31st. Park Commission is also working with Cedar Corp to finalize Outdoor Rec Plan. Park Commission is looking into have the Park Trails groomed if we get 6” of snow. They would be groomed for skiing and walking. Some Cedar Fencing has been donated to the Conservancy and is an entrance enhancement. Park Commission will be working on their budget and they are looking into cost of a Pavilion.

B. Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan Draft: Draft is complete and Fred Belay has copies for the Board to look at.

ATV/UTV Route Continuing Discussion: Chair Jennifer Meyer mentioned that she has been looking in this and that she has found more details that the Town needs to discuss more thoroughly. Town of Seymour has nothing for ATV/UTV and Town of Pleasant Valley has ATV/UTV routes. Any roads the Towns open have to have a destination. Some roads in the Town need to be looked at for Safety issues.

Township Fire Station #3:

A. Battalion Chief Report: Battalion Chief Dave Kleist not able to be at meeting. Chair Jennifer Meyer mentioned that they have been working on their budget. Township Fire #3 is hoping to get a drone. TFD will have special charges they want added to property tax bills. Supervisor Paul Travis mentioned that calls are steady and no issues at Station #3.

Roads:

A. Chayne Updates: No updates from Cedar Corp

B. Menomonie & Skyline: Assessment has been done to see what the Town of Union and City of Eau Claire percentages are. Town of Union will owe 16% of the project. Project has been engineered and not sure it will work the way first though. Road will have to be closed for work to be done. Need to notify residents living on dead end that road will be closed.

C. Glory Lane: Work is all done. A ditch was created on the South Side and erosion mat added. Water will drain on the top.

D. Crescent Ave. Center Striping – Work will be completed this week
Eau Claire County will be limbing and cutting trees, this will help determine what the Town needs to do for brushing. Town needs to have brushing maintenance in the budget.

E. Any other road business/EC CTY HWY Dept quarterly meeting review: Chair Jennifer Meyer did attend this meeting and will attend again quarterly

Constable Report: No report to hand out. Chair Jennifer Meyer did pick up a cat for Russ. Cat seemed to be fine but when she took it to the Eau Claire Humane Society they said its leg was injured and that the Town would have to take it to a Vet. Chair Jennifer Meyer did take the cat to vet in Rock Falls, so the Town will be receiving a bill from the Vet Clinic.

Building Inspector Report:

A. Report: Report was handed out.

Nov. 3 Election: East Ramp Exit, outdoor lighting, Clerk’s extra hours-grant approved?

Roads to Recovery Grant should help to cover these expenses. Grant allows Towns to go back to beginning to COVID-19 to recoup expenses from COVID. Chair Jennifer Meyer and Supervisor Mona Mathews will work on.

Website Assistant Follow up/Mona Mathews: No new updates

Board Reports:

MPO: Jeff Bechard not able to attend

Visit Eau Claire 10/14: Chair Jennifer Meyer will attend

Fire Board 10/26: Chair Jennifer Meyer will attend

WTA 11/30: This year’s convention will be virtual

Elk Creek Lake Rehab 12/09:

Citizen Input & Questions

Review/Approve previous meetings minutes: Supervisor Mona Mathews made a motion to approve minutes from 09/08/2020 as presented to Board with exception to change concert to comment. Chair Jennifer Meyer seconded the motion, all voted yes, motion carries.

Supervisor Mona Mathews made a motion to approve minutes from 09/16/2020 meeting as presented to the Board. Supervisor Jeff Bechard seconded the motion. All voted yes, motion carries.

Approval Underground Cables – Chairman- Chair Jennifer Meyer mentioned that she did have a couple that came in but needed to go to Eau Claire County.

Treasurers Report:

A. Report: Treasurer John McLaughlin handed out his report. Treasurer had two reports to show comparison on the difference in Interest Earned from the bank is for the past two years.

Review/Approval Bills: Supervisor Paul Travis made a motion to approve payables as present to Board with 2 exceptions: Need to find out what Haas bill is for before mailing. Fred Belay’s check for his Park Commission is wrong, need to void and issue new one. Supervisor Jeff Bechard seconded Supervisor Paul Travis’s motion with exceptions. All voted yes, motion carries.

Review/Approve: Licenses: Operators and Liquor: None to approve this month

Town Hall Properties:

A. Transfer Station

1. Trench in Conduit for West WI Telcom 24/7: Paul Travis waiting to get conduit

2. Discuss Fee Schedule for large items: Table till November meeting

B. Town Hall Parking Lot Lights: Done and look great.

C. Town Hall Exterior Window Installation Dates: Back Ordered

D. Message Boards for Town Hall and Fire Station #3: Back ordered still

E. Town Hal Rental discussion: We do receive a few calls but Town Hall still not able to rent.

Set next meeting dates and agendas: Town Budget Workshop Wednesday, October 28th at 5:00pm (Supervisor Jeff Bechard will not be able to attend); Town Meeting Tuesday, November 17, 2020 & Comp Plan Thursday, November 5, 2020.

Adjourn

Supervisor Paul Travis made a motion to Adjourn at 9:50pm, Supervisor Mona Mathews seconded the motion.