

TOWN OF WEST SWEDEN-Monthly meeting July 20, 2021

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Glenn Meier at 6:30 pm. Present were Terry Taylor and Jerry Tischer supervisors, Brenda Tesch, treasurer, Chris Tewalt, patrolman, Phyllis Wilder, clerk. Duke Tucker and Terry Kucera from Grantsburg Telecom. Joe Cremin from Starwire.

Motion made by Supervisor Taylor, seconded by Supervisor Tischer to move Grantsburg Telecom to top of agenda.

Motion by Supervisor Taylor, seconded by Supervisor Tischer to adopt resolution 2021-04 supporting ARPA Grant application by Farmers Independent Telephone Company to expand broadband communications services to areas of the Town of West Sweden, Ayes 3, motion carried.

The June meeting minutes were presented by the clerk, approved as presented.

The financial statement for the month of June was presented by the treasurer. The board thanked her for the report. Discussion on moving the ARPA payment of \$37000.33 to a restricted fund Supervisor Taylor made the motion, Supervisor Tischer second to move funds, motion carried.

Public input- None

Unfinished Business:

Gandy Dancer trail at 150th St: Nothing to report currently.

Update on town hall & shop: Chris will check into paint for garage doors, front side is complete. Get ideas on roof, estimates, recommendations.

LRIP & TRID projects for 2021- updates: The questions about knockouts were explained by Chris after talking with Monarch, the road is 22 ft wide and measuring from one side of the road into driveway varies from 23.5" to 24.

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) update: A lot of information coming out, Treasury dept is updating information.

New Business:

Bridge Aid for 2022: Petition and cost estimate for replacing a 53"x41"x40' culvert on Clam Falls Drive under the 2022 Polk County Aid Bridge Construction or Repair. Motion made by Tischer; to move forward with applying for bridge aid, Supervisor Taylor seconded. All in favor: Ayes: 3 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Starwire plowing cable: Joe Cremin has had the crew repair the damage caused on 310th by plow crew installing fiber optics, will meet with Chris and Terry to inspect the area on Thursday July 22 at 8 am. Supervisor Tischer made the motion that we draw up a legal agreement with Starwire to protect future plowing fiber optics in West Sweden Supervisor Taylor seconded, motion carried.

Employee/Highway Report: Chris reported that mower was working well, still working on Ford truck will be adding more coil paks. Doing shouldering with truck. Rent sweeper from Burnett County a rate of \$45 an hour to clean up intersections. Rent mini skid steer for \$250 a day to clean up guard rails on 150th. Fire signs no grants available, WTA said could special assessment on tax bills. Lange quoted 22.29 a sign and Rent A Flash 11.50 a sign. Glenn recommends adding to 2022 budget. Supervisor Tischer made the motion to replace 4 signs, second by Supervisor Taylor. Motion carried

Frederic Rural Fire Association Report: Nothing to report.

Northland Ambulance Report: Glenn reported voted to close the Frederic facility and house everything at Luck, filling crew is a problem, crew will have to be at the garage when on call. Frederic/Luck Ambulance covers 300 square miles.

Closed Session: A motion was made by Supervisor Taylor, seconded by Supervisor Tischer to convene into closed session at 7:55 pm, pursuant to Wis Stat 19.85(1)(c) for purposing of considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. Supervisor Tischer motion to reconvene to open session seconded by Supervisor Taylor at 8:04pm

Result of closed session: Supervisor Tischer made the motion to appoint Lori Lundquist to fill the position of treasurer that will be vacated by treasurer Tesch as of August 17, 2021, to cover the remainder of the current term to expire 4, 2023, seconded by Supervisor Taylor. The position was advertised in the Inter County Leader for two weeks and posted on the town website and at the town hall.

Correspondence: WTA County Unit meeting, July 22 at 6:30 pm. Emergency disaster funding, municipal needs to verbally declare a state of emergency during the event and in writing immediately following to get funding

Review bills/pay: Motion made by Supervisor Tischer, seconded by Supervisor Taylor to approve the payment of bills check#17607 to 17618, payroll and ACH payments totaling \$377,559.72. This included the payments to Monarch totaling \$355,329.00 for road work on 150th and \$9079.89 for patching 130th and 310th.

Next Month's Agenda: referendum of appointment of clerk/treasurer Starwire agreement

Next meeting August 17, 2021, at 6:30 pm.

Supervisor Taylor made the motion to adjourn, Supervisor Tischer seconded.
Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Phyllis Wilder, clerk

