

TOWN OF WEST SWEDEN-Monthly meeting
August 17, 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. Lori Lundquist, new treasurer.

The July meeting minutes were presented by the clerk, approved as presented. The financial statement for the month of July was presented by the treasurer. The board thanked her for the report.

Public input- None

Unfinished Business:

Update on town hall & shop: Chris will power wash the garage doors and paint the doors. Quote for updating the driveway/parking area for the town hall, \$2500 to remove asphalt and gravel by Trade River, cement pads in front of building, Zach Peterson quoted \$7500, Jon Nerby quoted \$5000. Supervisor Tischer move to hire Trade River Outfitters to do prep work for drainage problem in parking lot, and work on bid process for cement work, Supervisor Taylor, second, motion carried.

LRIP & TRID projects for 2021- updates: Work is complete, working on paperwork. Chris added chevrons on tight curve on 150th Street.

Update on bridge aid for 330th: Polk County Hwy Dept estimates end of September to complete culvert project.

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) update: Nothing new currently.

Fire & street signs: Possible 2022 budget item. Chris reported have 370 signs fire signs to be replaced, quotes of \$8250 Lange Enterprises and \$4250 Rent a flash. Estimate street sign replacement \$7600. Fire signs could be assessed to the taxpayers to cover cost of signs.

Starwire agreement: Motion by Supervisor Tischer to enter into an agreement for 2 years with Star Wire for possible damages to roads due to plowing in cable. Supervisor Taylor second, carried. Chairman Meier will contact town's attorney to draw up the agreement.

New Business:

Driveway approval for 315th- Crandell: Chris and Glenn have checked up proposed driveway entrance to 315th Mr. Crandell is planning on starting construction in the next 3 weeks. Town will provide culvert for driveway.

Discussion on change to appoint clerk/treasurer: Clerk had talked WTA on options, board would like to move forward to appointed and for clerk and treasurer and get on April election.

Accept resignation of treasurer: Brenda Tesch delivered her resignation to the board as she has moved out the township. Motion Supervisor Tischer to accept the resignation and thanked Brenda her for time spent on the board, second Supervisor Taylor, carried.

Adopt resolution 2021-5 appointment of new treasurer: Motion to adopt resolution 2021-05 by Supervisor Taylor, Supervisor Tischer, seconded, carried. Clerk Wilder provided the oath of office to new treasurer, Lori Lundquist.

Budget for 2022: The board set the **Budget** meeting date for Thursday Sept 9 at 8 am.

Employee/Highway Report: Chris reported it would cost \$200 for a control for shoulder sander on truck, board approved purchase. Ford truck is still having issues. Got guard rail cleaned out on 150th and have discovered some posts are rotting. Used 14 loads of gravel for shouldering so far this year. Rented Sweeper from Polk County. Will be meeting with Ken Ruhn about snowmobile signs.

Frederic Rural Fire Association Report: Terry reported that the department has purchased 4 more air packs The pork dinner was a success serving.

Northland Ambulance Report: Glenn reported September 1 closing of Frederic site. Luck site will be staffed 24 /7 and they are working on updating the building in Luck for housing staff on call.

Closed Session: A motion was made by Supervisor Tischer, seconded by Supervisor Taylor to convene into closed session at 8:10 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 Taylor made the motion to reconvene to open session seconded by Supervisor Tischer at 8:27 pm

Result of closed session: Job review for patrolman will be done by Supervisors Tischer and Taylor.

Correspondence: None

Review bills/pay: Motion made by Supervisor Taylor, seconded by Supervisor Tischer to approve the payment of bills check#17619 to 17631, payroll and ACH payments totaling \$73,480.80

Next Month's Agenda: budget, star wire agreement, budget

Next meeting September 21, 2021, at 6:30 pm.

Supervisor Taylor made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Supervisor Tischer.
Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Phyllis Wilder, clerk