

## **TOWN OF WEST SWEDEN-Monthly meeting January 17, 2023**

Chairman Meier called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Present were Terry Taylor, Jerry Tischer supervisors, Phyllis Wilder, clerk, Lori Lundquist, treasurer, and Chris Tewalt, patrolman. Jim Tinman, ReMax attended for a period by Zoom.

The clerk presented December meeting minutes, approved as presented.

The treasurer presented the December financial report, thanked the treasurer for her report.

Audit Clerk & Treasurers books. Supervisor Tischer motioned to approve audit, Supervisor Taylor seconded, carried.

**Public input** Person expressed concern about no guard rails on 150<sup>th</sup> over the Gandy Dancer Trail due to recent accident.

### **Unfinished Business**

**Class B Road permit:** Tabled till February. Discussion on moving signage on 160<sup>th</sup> (beer can alley) on south end of road, grade sign, turns of road signage.

**Updates on town hall/salt sand shed options:** Jim Tinman attended briefly on zoom discussion about land options. The town board must obtain authorization from its electors to purchase land, the electors would provide the authorization at a special town meeting such as the annual meeting. Supervisor Tischer motioned give Chairman Meier to organize a task force at his discretion, Supervisor Taylor, seconded, carried.

**Building Inspector:** Chairman Meier has talked with Jon Mattson regarding insurance coverage and liability as a building inspector. Concerns of town being liable for inspector error. Jon will be forwarding a copy of his insurance coverage to review.

**Equipment needs:** Supervisor Tischer motioned t to purchase a steam -pressure washer jointly with the village of Frederic, Supervisor Taylor seconded, carried. Town truck is stored at salt shed for winter, concerns on exhaust leaks from the attempt to steal the convertor. Chris is working on quotes for radios.

### **New Business**

**Policy for billing services:** Discussion on use of town equipment/personnel for services. Review County billing rates and talk more in February.

**Snow removal issues:** Some problems with residents moving snow across the roadway leaving snow ridges in road. Put a notice in the Advertiser about leaving snow in the road.

**ARPA Procurement Policy:** Chairmen Meier motioned to adopt policy 2022P-01, Supervisor Taylor second carried.

Northland Ambulance is now Northwestern EMS, 19 municipalities.

**Employee/Highway report:** Received the new chains for grader. Talked with tree trimmers to clear right of ways.

**Correspondence:** WTA county meeting, Thursday, Jan 26. Prochnow Assessing Open book Thursday March 30 from 1-3 and Board of Review Wednesday April 26 from 1-3.

**Review/pay bills:** Motion Supervisor Tischer to approve the payment of bills check#17917 to 17935, payroll and ACH payments totaling \$272,330.71 seconded supervisor Taylor. Carried. This included \$250,465.23 taxes settlements to the County, Frederic Schools and Northwoods Tech for taxes collected December 2022, due January 15.

**Next Month's agenda:** building inspector, class b roads, task force, policy for billing.

**Next monthly meeting Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm as elections are on the 21<sup>st</sup>.**

Motion Supervisor Taylor to adjourn, seconded Supervisor Tischer. Time: 8:20 pm

Respectfully submitted,

*Phyllis Wilder, Clerk*