

TOWN OF WEST SWEDEN-Monthly meeting February 20, 2023

Chairman Meier called the meeting to order at 6:0 pm. Present were Terry Taylor, supervisor, Phyllis Wilder, clerk, Chris Tewalt, Supervisor Jerry Tischer and Treasurer Lori Lundquist attended via Zoom. Lakeland Telephone representatives Todd Roehm and Mark Maer were also present.

The clerk presented January meeting minutes, approved as presented.

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

Public input Todd Roehm and Mark Maer expressed concerns over ordinance 2022-01 Broadband and Utilities.

Unfinished Business

Class B Road permit: Table till March. Discussion on weight limits for spring. The slope on 160th is 12 percent.

Updates on town hall/salt sand shed options: Chairman Meier and Chris Tewalt attended the Frederic Village Board meeting and discussed cost sharing on projects. Bill Struck and Duane Wisse would be representatives for the village. We need shop area and village is looking at new office space. County and State are interested in sharing costs of a salt sand shed. Supervisor Tischer motioned to begin discussions on purchasing property that Glenn Meier has on Ash Street/310th St. Supervisor Taylor, seconded. Voice vote aye: Tischer and Taylor, nay none, Chairman Meier abstained. Supervisor Taylor motioned to appoint Glenn and Chris as our representatives to work with the village on exploring co-op options with the village, seconded Supervisor Tischer.

Building Inspector: Supervisor Taylor motioned to approve Jon Mattson as building inspector provided, we receive his proof of certificate of liability for West Sweden, the independent contractors 9-point test giving Jon a two-week notice due March 8 to provide information, seconded Supervisor Tischer, carried.

Equipment needs: Chris reported that the grader wing push arm has been welded multiply times and a replacement cost is \$850.00. Grader seat is in poor condition, Chris will get quotes on replacement. Discussion on sharp blades for grading icy and gravel roads, cost of \$2000 for all working parts. Radio quotes Rassbach \$ 2083 and General Communications \$1928.00 for two mobile radios and two stationary radios. The cost for a green strobe light is \$470 for plow truck. Chairman Meier motion to purchase radios from General Communications using ARPA monies, seconded Supervisor Tischer, carried. Motion Supervisor Tischer to replaced grader blade, green strobe light, and replaced grader seat, seconded Supervisor Taylor, carried. Discussion on a 2016 GMC one ton for \$36,900 with 58000 miles with diesel engine.

Policy for billing services: Polk and Burnett County bills per worker, per piece of equipment with an administrative fee of 4.53% for services to townships. Chairman Meier motioned recommend \$75 per piece of equipment and \$35 per hour of manpower and a 5 % administration fee to review on a yearly basis, seconded Supervisor Tischer, carried.

Update on task force: tabled.

New Business

Motion to sell payloader: Supervisor Tischer motioned to sell the payloader by sealed bids to be opened at the March 21 meeting, seconded Supervisor Taylor, carried. Bid request will list that the board has the right to accept or reject bids.

Employee/Highway report: Luedtke quoted \$41,400 clearing road right ways on 360th, 175th, 338th 120th, approximately 3.6 miles of roads. Recommended to advertise for bids.

Correspondence: None

Review/pay bills: Motion Supervisor Tischer to approve the payment of bills check#17939 to 17955, payroll and ACH payments totaling \$510,474.74 seconded supervisor Taylor. Carried. This included \$416,177.97 taxes settlements to the County, Frederic Schools and Northwoods Tech for taxes collected and \$ 55,645.76 for loan payments on the 2021 International trucks and road loan for work done on 150th Street.

Next Month's agenda: beaver contact, class B road.

Next monthly meeting Tuesday, March 21, 2023 at 6 pm.

Motion Supervisor Tischer to adjourn, seconded Supervisor Taylor. Time: 7:54 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Phyllis Wilder, Clerk