

**Town of Sumner  
Town Board Meeting  
Town Hall, 1550 24½ Street, Town of Sumner, Wisconsin  
Tuesday, April 13, 2021 7:00 p.m.**

The meeting was called to order by Town Board Chair Steven Palmquist. Present: Supervisors Steve Becker, Kevin Crotteau; Clerk Sandra Tomczak, Treasurer Jenn Harder and patrolman David Etlicher.

Clerk verified proper public notice. Moved by Crotteau/Becker to approve the agenda. No negative vote.

Reports given by treasurer, clerk and patrolman. Supervisor Becker shared a written request from the Dale Sykes asking that the town place additional road signs up to recognize the Syke's Family's history in the Sumner area.

Moved Crotteau/Becker to approve minutes of the march regular meeting and 2 special meetings. No negative vote.

Building permit from Kevin & Judith Weinstock for a pole shed was placed on file.

Public Comment. Don Bednarek: thanking Dave Etlicher for his service to the town.

Amend Plan Commission Ordinance. Commission Chair Olson requested a residency requirement for plan commission members. Clerk directed to work with Town attorney on this change. Moved Crotteau/Becker to approve Plan Commission Ordinance 2021-01 to change commission membership from 7 to 5. No negative vote.

Plan Commission Appointments. Moved to re-appoint Jay (Olson) and Jim (Crotteau) to plan commission terms to expire April 2024. No negative vote.

Resolution 2021-02. Moved Crotteau/Becker to approve resolution 2021-02 Granting Authority to Canton Park Committee to Improve the Canton park and Transfer Funds Earmarked for Playground Equipment. No negative vote. The park committee also requested the Town purchase handicap signs and children at play signs, by consensus, the board agreed. Committee has tentative plans for a 150-year celebration of the Town's founding in 2024.

Synergy Coop proposal to provide diesel and LP purchases on contract. Contract and current quote not available until June. Roberta Demers presented information about Synergy's prices and a comparison of Synergy's 2020 prices compared to what town spent. Synergy also contributes to charitable and public projects for their coop members. Moved Crotteau/Becker to make a commitment to Synergy with diesel and propane purchases for 2021. No negative vote.

Cleanup day details decided by board consensus. No fees to public except for tires, number of roll-offs to rent, hours 8 to noon on May 8, advertise in Early Bird and on web.

Supervisor Crotteau reviewed current status of town line road agreements with Town of Stanley, Town of Doyle and Town of Strickland. Board will attend meeting of Town of Stanley board on April 14, 2021.

Barron County Waste to Energy (WTE) proposal to locate a manned recycling site on Town property at 1550 24 1/2 Street. Ray Zeman of WTE visited the site and will draw up proposal according to town's recommendation for site placement. No decision until WTE has a proposal for the town.

Clerk reported on need for deputy clerk in an emergency situation. Elizabeth Bartsch is willing to act as deputy clerk in case of emergency. Reminder to board that it is not legally permitted to allow clerk and treasurer to back up one another. Board questioned the amount of time put in by the clerk. Average hours when the workload is normal are around 12-15 hours per week.

Stephanie Vincent asked when 26 ½ Street will be permanently closed.

Agenda items: request for matching \$5000 from the town to CPC, amend plan commission ordinance to add a residency requirement, amend alternative payment resolution to allow LP and diesel payments when there is a contract, additional road names, Sykes road; WTE site?,

Moved Becker/Crotteau to pay Etlicher's accrued sick leave upon retirement out in bi-weekly installments, 80 hours per installment. No negative vote.

Monthly bills paid by the alternative method reviewed and a list of checks approved at this meeting presented. Moved Crotteau/Becker to approve the bills. No negative vote.

Next board meeting May 11, 2021 beginning at 7 p.m. if there are no objectors present for BOR. Open Book set for May, 3 2021 from 1 to 3 p.m. Board of Review May 11, 2021 from 6 to 8 p.m.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved by Board:  
May 11, 2021

Sandra Tomczak, Clerk

Steven J Palmquist  
Town Board Chairperson

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