

MINUTES

Town of Sumner- Town Board Meeting

Tuesday, December 13, 2022, 7:00 p.m.

Town Hall, 1550 24½ Street, Town of Sumner, Wisconsin

Attendance: Steve Palmquist, Steve Becker, Mark Zimmer. **Others attending:** Clerk Sandra Tomczak, Treasurer Jenn Harder, Patrolman Cory Svoma. **Call to order:** Chairperson Palmquist. **Verification of proper public notice:** Clerk Tomczak. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Becker/Zimmer. No negative vote. **Reports and Correspondence:** Treasurer: presented reconciliation report. Clerk: November budget report and current check register balance, correspondence received. Patrolman: reported on maintenance activity, work performed for the Town of Strickland to install a new sander on their truck and updated cost information for new dump truck estimated to be delivered anytime from March to May 2023. **November Regular Meeting Minutes:** Motion to approve: Zimmer/Becker. No negative vote. **Building Permits placed on file.** None.

Informal Public Comment: Jim Pannier: expressed his opinion that town board agendas are not sufficiently detailed to meet open meetings requirement and concerns that board reaches consensus decisions without putting the related topic on an agenda. Bobbi Demers: would like to see more town actions for the community.

Chetek Area Ambulance Commission (CAAC): Ambulance service can't be added to tax roll as the cost can't be tied to property values. Based on the population served by CAAC in the Town of Sumner and the number of runs, CAAC proposes the town pay an annual subsidy of \$5711.13 to CAAC. CAAC wants to negotiate a contract and a subsidy amount that both parties can agree to.

Canton Park Committee: Proposes a new backstop and additional perimeter fencing. Feels this is a maintenance situation and the town should pay for it. Before a final decision board wants updated estimate from Amundson Fencing to include the proposed new section from the southwest corner along 15 1/4 Ave. A town variance may be needed for this new section of fence.

Discussion of changes to dump truck purchase contract for green strobe lights. Recommended by WI-DOT because green lights are more visible in snow to other motorists. Mid-States quoted additional \$1,064 via email. Svoma feels this is not what he was quoted over the phone and will get clarification. Supervisor Becker wants more information about the green lights.

Resolution 2022-04 to adjust 2022 Budget. Moved Zimmer/Becker to adjust 2022 Budget to get American Rescue Plan Act money into Public Works budget. No negative vote. Resolution on file.

Barron County Invoice for 2022 blacktopping projects. Information presented regarding projected year end working cash balance, and cash flow at the beginning of 2023. Moved Zimmer/Becker to pay \$200,000 of \$243,480.47 owed, move rest to the January meeting. No negative vote.

Resolution 2022-03 to set employee wages and benefits. This resolution includes a monthly payment of \$500 into an HSA by the Town for the full-time Patrolman. Moved by Zimmer/Becker to pass to set wages & salaries as discussed. No negative vote. Resolution on file.

2023 Grant application to Town of Sumner Community Foundation. Moved Becker/Zimmer to submit the Town of Sumner Community Foundation 2023 grant application as written for \$25,000 for use on the truck. No negative vote.

2023 Budget. Draft budget amount in Public Works was increased by \$43,481 to allow for the payment of the remaining \$43,481 of the 2022 blacktopping bill to the county in 2023. Moved Zimmer/Becker to approve 2023 Budget. No negative vote.

Suggested agenda items for future meetings: discuss billing Town of Strickland for sander installation and whether we should continue this service, Chetek Area Ambulance request for contract and subsidy to provide ambulance service, fencing project for Canton park proposed by Park Committee, approve possible changes to Mid-States purchase contract for new dump truck.

A report listing the bills paid by the alternative payment method and bills to be approved at this meeting was presented to the board. Moved Becker/Zimmer to approve the bills. No negative vote.

The Town Caucus to nominate candidates for town board running in the April election is set for Tuesday, January 10, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. The next **regular Town Board meeting** is set for Tuesday, January 10, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved by Board:
January 10, 2023

Sandra Tomczak, Clerk

Steven J Palmquist
Town Board Chairperson

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