

MINUTES

Town of Sumner- Town Board Meeting

Tuesday, January 10, 2023, 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: December Budget and activity reports, current check register balance, correspondence received. Patrolman: reported on maintenance activity and equipment repairs.

Approval of minutes and public comment period moved to end of meeting at Jim Pannier's request.

Chetek Area Ambulance Commission (CAAC) agreement and requested subsidy to provide ambulance service in the Town, south of Highway 8. Per an email from Mitch Hanson of CAAC, a draft agreement is not ready at this time, however the CAAC made a formal request for consideration for funds amounting to \$5,711.13 for the portion of the Town of Sumner that is covered under the Chetek Area Ambulance. There is consensus that the Town should pay the subsidy; however, the board discussed the possibility of a contribution from the Town of Sumner Community Foundation to pay it. Moved Becker/Zimmer to request funds with a grant application to Town of Sumner Community Foundation for the amount of the ambulance bill. No negative vote.

Canton Park Committee progress report and new requests. Board agreed that Xmas decorations now in the park can be stored in the town hall basement. CPC would like blacktop on the basketball court the next time blacktopping is done.

Request from Canton Park Committee (CPC) for town board to fund a fencing project for Canton park. A quote from Amundson Services LLC was discussed. Moved Zimmer/Becker that the Town of Sumner finance the fence and backstop for \$12,493.64. No negative vote.

Bill to Town of Strickland to install a sander on their truck. The costs presented by Svoma included labor, parts and double his labor cost. Moved Zimmer/Becker to send a bill to Town of Strickland for work done by our patrolman for our cost of \$964.69. No negative vote. Consensus that no regular maintenance will be done for Strickland in future, and never brakes, steering or lighting.

Approve changes to dump truck purchase contract to get green strobe lights and include the cost of delivery fees, license, and plate. Moved Zimmer/Palmquist to approve \$206,835.62 and adjust the 2023 Budget accordingly. No negative vote.

Review insurance policies with Rural Insurance. Zimmer reported on review of coverages and equipment removal/additions made on 1/4/23 in a meeting with our agent. Clerk directed to call our agent and add the playground equipment for \$25,000 unless it is covered under blanket coverage. The Worker's Compensation (WC) bill has not been received, but is due on Feb 6, 2023 before the next board meeting. The bill will be \$2773 for the policy period. Move to add playground equipment to policy and to increase portable equipment blanket by \$20,000 (to \$40,000) and to pay WC coverage when the bill comes.

Clerk request to clarify employee policy on 1 day personal leave, paid or unpaid. Move Becker/Zimmer to change policy to state personal day of leave is paid.

Informal Public Comment: Jim Pannier requested the board amend the December meeting minutes to more accurately reflect his remarks during public comment regarding the need for more clarity and understanding of what is in the agenda. To include: past history of an agenda item with a series of "whereases" as needed, dollar amounts for possible contracts, suggested motions. Also recommends policy document(s) and rotating terms for board members and that resolutions should be posted. Dave Mansfield: the Foundation should know the amount of the annual deposit to TSCF by Source Energy Services by their February 8 meeting.

December Regular Meeting Minutes: Motion Zimmer/Becker to amend December meeting minutes to include Jim Pannier's statement in full during informal Public Comment. No negative vote.

Suggested agenda items for next meeting: draft agreement with the Chetek Area Ambulance Commission to provide ambulance coverage.

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 next regular Town Board meeting is set for Tuesday, February 14, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved by Board:
February 14, 2023

Sandra Tomczak, Clerk

Steven J Palmquist
Town Board Chairperson

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