**Town of Union – Monthly Meeting Minutes**

**Saturday, December 18, 2021**

The Town of Union meeting was called to order by Chairman Elgin Fanta on Saturday, December 18, 2021, at 9:30 a.m. All stood for the Pledge of Alliance.

Roll call was taken with Chairman Elgin Fanta, Supervisor Paige Huber, Supervisor Dennis Rauls, Clerk Fay Urban and Treasurer Gladys Janecek present. Others in attendance were Patrolman David Smith, Lonnie Muller from the Episcope, Starr Janecek and Stacie Sanborn from Vernon County Solid Waste and Recycling.

Chairman Fanta asked for affirmation of proper public notice to which Town Clerk Urban replied, “Yes”.

**Public Comment –** Stacie Sanborn from Vernon County Solid Waste and Recycling explained how the landfill site is run by the county and how important it is for the municipalities and Vernon County residents to support it. She explained that most of the municipalities had Southwest Sanitation picking up their solid waste and that it isn’t all going to Vernon County landfill. The county and Southwest Sanitation had a three-year agreement that expired in October. Stacie would like the Town of Union to request that Southwest Sanitation take our solid waste to the Vernon County landfill.

**Vernon County Solid Waste/Recycling –** The board discussed requesting that Southwest Sanitation take the Town of Union’s solid waste to Vernon County landfill. They also discussed ag plastic and Ag Revolution taking the ag plastic for recycling. Resolution 2021-03 was read. Motion made by Rauls and seconded by Huber to approve Resolution 2021-03. All in favor, motion carried.

**Read and Approve September’s Minutes –** Motion by Fanta and second by Huber to approve the November 22, 2021, Town of Union minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report**

The general checking account has a balance of $4,065.30 and the Money Market Deposit Account balance is $329,034.46 as of Friday, December 17, 2021. $40,000 was transferred from the MMDA to the general checking account to cover November’s monthly bills. The town received monies from Runick Metal for $274.80, United Cooperative for $265.98, fall clean-up day for $60.00, Knight Barry Title Co. for property taxes in the amount of $457.45 and interest on the deposit accounts.

Gladys did receive the property taxes in the mail but was informed the county had made an error and the taxes were not correct. She will get the property taxes out as soon as she receives the revised taxes. She will need assistance to get them ready to be mailed.

**Clerks Report**

The board reviewed the budget and the monthly bills. Motion made by Huber and seconded by Rauls to move $15,000 from the equipment contingency fund and $4,437.09 from the sand/salt shed contingency fund to the general money market account. Also, to move $22,000 from the general money market account to the general checking to cover the monthly bills. All in favor, motion carried.

Mail received was an After the Fact Zoning Permit for Kurt Beck.

**Old Business**

**Sand/Salt Shed** – David Smith received notification from Hartje’s that are plans for the sand/salt shed are ready to be submitted to the state for final approval. Pat Miller from Hartje’s had made several additional recommendations for the site. They include having a site design plan done and to have CGC do an additional geotechnical report. The estimated cost is $3,000. The board discussed spending the extra money now instead of doing major repairs in the future. Motion made by Rauls and seconded by Huber to do the additional recommended plans to avoid future expenses. All in favor, motion carried. Supervisor Rauls is going to check on the cost and efficiency of having the sand/salt shed floor done in screenings. He will report on his findings.

**New Business**

**Vernon County Salid Waste/Recycling** was moved up on the agenda.

**Appoint Election Poll Workers** – A list of election poll workers was presented to the board. Motion by Rauls and seconded by Huber to approve the election poll workers. All in favor, motion carried.

**Patrolman's Report –**

David Smith reported on the road work they have been doing this last month. It includes mowing the roadsides, clearing brush, working on a section of a ditch on Champion LN, and graveling the end of the driveways on Jug Creek.

Smith reported on equipment work that was done. The 2008 truck was towed to LaFarge Truck Center to have some work done on it. The estimate cost for the windshield washer fluid is $291from Hartland Lubricants. This is for tractor tires. The tractor is still leaking oil. It has been repaired twice. Last winter the tractor was taken to Simpson’s in Richland Center to be looked at. They were unable to look at it at that time. Dennis suggested to contact Simpsons, Portland and Hillsboro Equipment to see if they would have time to look at the tractor and get estimates on the cost to repair the hydraulic value or to replace it.

**Supervisor’s Report**. **–** Supervisor Huber did some checking on the Amish phonebooth. Chairman Fanta has received the fire/address sign for that location.

**Chairman's Report –** Chairman Fanta reported there were three construction forms submitted and 2 pending.

Motion made Fanta and seconded by Rauls to go into closed session at 11:35 am. Motion carried. Roll call includes Chairman Elgin Fanta, Supervisor #1 Paige Huber, Supervisor #2 Dennis Rauls, Clerk Fay Urban, Treasurer Gladys Janecek, and Starr Janecek.

**Closed Session – Sec 1985(1)(c), Wis Stats., sanctions the use of closed session where governmental bodies are considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation of any public employee – Patrolman Wages**

Motion made by Rauls and seconded by Huber to go back into open session at 12:00. Motion carried.

**Action on Closed Session Items** – Motion made by Rauls and seconded by Huber to increase Patrolman Smith’s wages by 2% and to increase Patrolman Janecek’s wages by $1 per hour and six paid holidays. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Rauls and seconded by Huber to accept Glady Janecek’s resignation and to appoint Starr Janecek as Treasurer. Roll call, Chairman Fanta – yes, Supervisor #1 Huber – yes, Supervisor #2 Rauls – yes, Clerk Urban – yes, motion carried.

The board thank Gladys for being the town treasurer for 40 years. Gladys has agreed to help Starr with the transition as the new treasurer.

**Set Date for next regular monthly meeting** – Motion made by Fanta and seconded by Rauls to have the next monthly meeting on Saturday, January 15, 2022, 9:30 am at the Town Hall. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Huber, seconded by Rauls to adjourn the meeting at 12:07 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Fay Urban, Town Clerk