

## **July 11, 2023 Regular Board Meeting**

The Town of Bloomer regular monthly meeting was held on July 11, 2023 at the Bloomer Town Hall and was called to order by Chairman Gary Nehring at 7:00 pm.

Board Members present were: Gary Nehring, Brian Frion, Roxanne Geurkink and Ashley Nelson

Absent: Brian Lueck

Guests Present: Gary Zwiefelhofer

Public Comment: None

All board members were provided a copy of the June 12, 2023 meeting and the July 5, 2023 Special Board meeting minutes. Supervisor Frion made a motion to approve the minutes. Chairman Nehring second the motion. Motion carried

Receipts 7728 – 7733 were presented.

Checks 11061-11083 and 2 electronic transfers were presented. Supervisor Frion made a motion to approve the report and pay the bills. Chairman Nehring second the motion. Motion carried.

Chairman Nehring made a motion to sign a Resolution for the bridge on 205<sup>th</sup> Avenue. This is a project, where the Town will receive 100% funding, but will need to pay an administrative fee of \$500.00. Supervisor Frion second the motion. Motion carried. Resolution #2023-2.

The Town is looking to use the ARPA funds to repair the Town's parking lot. Chairman Nehring will look into the cost of this.

Chairman Nehring made a motion to approve the following operator licenses:

Megan Luethi, Vivieca Bowe, Brittany Myren, Kylie Crotteau, Jeff Binkowski, Maria Cohoon, Verlyn Motzer, Brenda Bowe and Beth Cole.

Supervisor Frion second the motion. Motion carried.

Various correspondence and mail items were discussed.

The next Town Board Meeting will be Monday, August 14, 2023 and will begin at 7:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm

Roxanne Geurkink, Clerk

## **August 9, 2023 Special Town Board Meeting**

The Town of Bloomer held a special town board meeting on August 9, 2023 at the Bloomer Town Hall. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gary Nehring at 7:00 pm.

Board Members present were: Gary Nehring, Brian Lueck Brian Frion, Roxanne Geurkink, and Ashley Nelson

Also in attendance: Roger McFarlane, Deb LaGesse, Jim Chovan, Tom Ruff, Candice Homme, Ray Buske, Tom Ewings, Andrew Machak, Paul Bembinister, Casey Otto and Kristen Bruxvoort

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the future zoning options for the Town. At the present time, the Town does not have a permanent zoning administrator. Roger McFarlane has agreed to step into the position on a temporary basis until a decision is made as to the direction the Town wishes to proceed. The options are as follows:

- Hire and individual or company to administer the current zoning ordinance.
- Combining with another local municipality to make it more of a fulltime or more hours for an individual. Even though combined, the Town's zoning would be administered as is and not combined with the other municipality
- Adopt the County Zoning with the Town being able to make recommendations.

Much discussion as to the pros and cons of the options were discussed. Individuals present mostly agreed that they like the current local zoning and by adopting County Zoning they feel they would lose a lot of control. The major con is to find the individual to administer the current zoning ordinance. Within the past few years, the Town has hired 2 individuals and both have resigned and the help wanted ad in the local paper has had no response. If a help wanted ad is used again, it should be more far reaching by posting in a larger local paper and on job internet websites.

The Town of Bloomer is one of the only Towns in Chippewa County that has their own zoning. Neighboring Towns have all adopted the County Zoning.

The meeting was an information gathering and idea sharing session. A future meeting and discussion will be held

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.  
Roxanne Geurkink  
Clerk, Town of Bloomer