

**MINUTES OF THE DAKOTA TOWN BOARD MEETING  
JANUARY 8, 2024**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular monthly meeting of the Dakota Town Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the town hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**ROLL CALL**

Roll call found all present: Chairman Tony Peterson, Supervisor Jeremy Kubasta, and Supervisor Gary Grenier. Other town officials present were: Clerk Melanie Stake, Treasurer Teri Kubasta, and Assessor John P. Blader, Sr.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Moved by J. Kubasta, seconded by Grenier, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Moved by J. Kubasta, seconded by Peterson, to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2023, regular meeting. Motion carried.

**REPORTS**

**Treasurer:** T. Kubasta distributed a hard copy of the December 2023 bank reconciliation, which is filed with these minutes. She said that tax collection is going well. More people are wanting to pay taxes with a credit card. She will explore the possibility for future years.

**Clerk:** Stake said that most of the county, including Dakota, will *not* have a February primary. She has done W-2s for 2023, and is now working on 1099s. She finished mobile home parking fees calculations for 2024. Fire numbers have been assigned to the town's three cemeteries. The solar project is complete and operating as of December 14, 2023. The town should be reimbursed soon for damages to Oakdale Court, which cost more than \$1,400.

**Assessor:** None.

**Fire District:** Grenier gave an update on donations and grants the fire district has received, which will go toward a new tanker truck.

**Road Matters:** Peterson will investigate potentially doing blacktop curb and gutter on Hillside Drive. J. Kubasta asked how much of Hartwig's December bill went toward the \$5,000 minimum monthly contract. Stake said it was a little more than \$2,000. J. Kubasta will call Hartwig and ask what projects were/will be completed with this money. Peterson said that the edges on the north side of Cottonville Drive needed attention, as there were 4-inch drop-offs in some places. Stake was directed to put this item on a spring board agenda.

**Zoning, Land Use and Development Matters:** The Waushara Tourism Resource Commission's 2023 report was shared with the board.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Cemetery Ordinance:** The board reviewed the town's cemetery ordinance to ensure that there were restrictions on removal of cremated remains. Since the town's current ordinance already states that cremains must be put in a "permanent outer burial container not constructed of wood," no action was necessary.

**State Road 21/73 Boat Landing:** Part of the State Road 21/73 boat landing is Town of Dakota property, and Dakota does not charge for parking there. The rest of the landing is the Town of Marion's property, which does charge. Marion is interesting in renting Dakota's portion of the landing. Moved by J. Kubasta, seconded by Grenier, to tell Town of Marion that Dakota is not interesting in renting out its part of the landing. Motion carried. Stake was directed to send a letter to this effect to the Marion Town Board chairman.

**Approval of Bills for Payment:** Motion by J. Kubasta, seconded by Grenier, to approve the monthly bills as presented and filed with these minutes. Motion carried.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Boat Landings:** Blader noted that Marl Lake's boat landing is blacktopped into the water, and it seemed to work well.

## **NEXT MEETING/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Stake was directed to put the mowing contract, as well as siding the former town hall, on next month's meeting agenda.

The town's next regular board meeting will be held at the town hall on Monday, February 12, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Peterson moved to adjourn, seconded by Grenier. The meeting was thus adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

*These minutes are a draft, subject to approval or amendment at subsequent meetings of the town board. Any amendments made will be detailed in the minutes of the meeting at which the changes are proposed, and afterward these minutes will be reposted with the changes.*

  
/s/ Melanie R. Stake, Town Clerk