

# TOWN OF LAMARTINE

## Board Meeting Minutes

March 11, 2024

With all notices having been properly posted, Randy Kuik, Chairman, called the March meeting to order at the Lamartine Municipal Building Meeting Room (LMBMR) at 7:00 pm. Also present at this meeting were Supervisors; Travis Kloetzke and Roger Grade, Treasurer; Shelley Schmidt, Deputy Treasurer; Greg Michels and Clerk; Cindy Pluim. Please see meeting sign in sheet for other attendees.

**Pledge of allegiance was recited.**

### **Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting(s)**

February Board Meeting Minutes (2/12/2024) –With no corrections needed from the February Board Meeting Minutes, Roger moved to approve the February Town Board meeting minutes, seconded by Randy. Motion carried 3-0.

**Treasurer's Report** – Shelley read the February Treasurer's report aloud. The ending balance as of 2/29/2024 was \$1,127,531.29. Travis moved to approve the treasurer's report as presented, seconded by Roger. Motion carried 3-0.

### **Public Comment:**

Chairman Randy Kuik called three times for public comments. No comments were expressed

### **Jason and Jessica Sheperd:**

- a. **Rezone:** Jessica Sheperd was in attendance regarding rezoning approximately 0.8 acres from General Agriculture to Residential use. (Plan Commission voted 5-0 to approve at 6:30pm meeting 3/11/2024) She stated when she recorded with the Register of Deeds, it was subject to all recorded Easements and there were none. Travis moved to approve the rezone, Roger seconded. Motion carried 3-0.
- b. **CSM:** Randy provided copies of the Sheperds CSM to the Town Board asking if there were any questions or concerns for Jessica Sheperd. There were none. Travis moved to approve the CSM, Roger Seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Signed by Chairman, Randy Kuik and Clerk, Cindy Pluim.

### **REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS**

- a. **Road Report**— Craig reported he has been doing a lot of brush cutting and that him and Randy used the new chipper between 5-6 hours and it did a great job. He will be working on doing some road repairs caused by the snowplow and will be shouldering soon.
  - i. **Culvert Permit Report** – None.
- b. **Monthly Building Permit Reports** -None.
- c. **ELECTION REMINDER**-Spring Election-Tuesday, April, 2, 2024. Polls open 7AM-8PM

- d. **REMINDER** – Annual Town Meeting – Tuesday, April 16, 2024 @ 7:00 PM at the Lamartine Municipal Building Meeting Room

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. **Board Discussion/Decision— Town Hall Rental Fee Changes effective 01/01/2025** -Shelley provided Current rates for Surrounding Town Hall Rentals and all agreed we are substantially lower. Her suggestion was to raise the Town Hall Residents rental charge to \$100.00, Non Resident to \$150.00, with Security Deposit remaining at \$100.00. Roger made a motion to approve the change in rental charges for the Lamartine Town Hall effective 01/01/2025, seconded by Travis. Motion carried 3-0.
- B. **Board Discussion-Grandwood Dr. Plat to establish true right of way-** Randy Andrus (Landowner) has been working with Local Surveyor, David Jacob on obtaining a CSM (He does not believe a Variance will be required), then Deeding the Road to the Township. Randy (LO) has also agreed to a turn around to allow easier access for plows, buses, etc and on the deed there will be an easement for this and Randy (LO) will then have his driveway come off of the easement. With this, it will take the lot to approximately 0.7 acres, but was under the understanding from the County that he will be grandfathered in and allowed to possibly build on the approximate 0.7 acre lot versus the 1 acre minimum lot size required in the Township. Greg Michels questions whether he will be grandfathered in or not. The Board and Randy (LO) agree that this will need additional time and research before a decision is made.
- C. **Board Discussion/Decision— Amended Shed Price from \$8,000 to \$10,000** Travis made a motion to increase the amount from the original planned cost of \$8,000, seconded by Roger. Motion carried 3-0, will still need to bring before the electors on 4/16/2024.
- D. **Board Discussion-Heinrich/Dike Rd.** – Randy spoke with the County, it will cost *roughly* \$500 for 4 cores. The Board agrees this is a good resolution to see what we are dealing with, but there is concern about the DNR’s Financial Commitment changing. Discussion was made on getting prices to see what the cost would be to bring in Gravel and have it graded. Randy and Craig will be working on getting prices for that.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. **Board Action – Approve Spectrum Phone/Internet Plan**-Randy obtained pricing and information from Spectrum. We currently have 5 lines, Board agrees not all of these are needed. Increasing internet speed from 1.0 to 3.0. Our old contract will go away with changes being made, cost is approximately \$130 to increase to the 3.0 and then an additional \$24 per phone line. We would not need wifi through Spectrum ad that is provided through Lemke. Travis made a motion to approve the new Spectrum Contract, seconded nu Roger. Motion carried 3-0.
- b. **Board Action- Adding internet to the Town Garage** – Randy and Craig will run a CAT 5 Cable (Donated by RK), Lemke will do the Hook up into the system. A motion was made by Travis to approve, seconded by Randy. Carried 3-0.
- c. **Board Action—Building Committee Meeting Report.** Greg addressed the board that the Committee was currently working on Pricing for projects on the Town Hall and that estimates were obtained.
- d. **Board Action—Building Committee Projects/Approvals**
- i. Replacing 2 windows in the Lamartine Town Garage. 2 quotes were obtained, with one offering Vinyl vs. aluminum at a lower charge was agreed to be the better option. We will be moving forward with Wrightway Quote, Cindy will

issue the \$1000 down payment (\$2,305.20 remaining) and send the approved quote with payment this week. A motion was made by Travis to approve, seconded by Roger. Motion carried 3-0.

- ii. Painting the railing. A quote was obtained from Ted at Meixensperger Painting. Per Greg we have previously used this company and were very pleased with the results, pricing and timeframe. He will be using a 2 component urethane which will hold up the best and will be prepping with a wire wheel . (Said he could sandblast for an additional \$1200, but there is extensive clean up afterwards, plus the additional cost. It was agreed that is not an option for us, the wire wheel prep system is sufficient) Cost is \$1,382.70. Travis made a motion to approve the Quote from Meixensperger Painting, seconded by Roger. Motion carried 3-0.
- iii. Epoxy Floor in the Garage- Multiple quotes were obtained on the flooring. With the Quotes coming it was agreed we will need to Make a Class 2 Notice and receive closed bids to be open at a specific time in the future, specifying thickness approved products. A motion was made by Travis to move forward with the bid process, seconded by Randy.
- e. **Board Decision- Sending Road Supervisor (Craig) to Road School 4/29-5/1-2024**  
Cost is \$199, plus Hotel. A motion was made by Randy to approve, seconded by Roger. Cindy will issue check, reserve hotel and send in reservation this week. Motion carried 3-0.
- f. **Board Discussion- Set wages for the Lamartine Town Board** – Wages for Board Members have not been looked at for 2 years. Board Members all agreed that they are comfortable with their current wages. Wages have to be set by 12/31/2024, the next opportunity is in 2027. The board agreed to leave the decision to the electors at the Annual Meeting on 4/16/2024.
- g. **Board Decision- Operators Licenses for Rylee Kekebah and Callie Mendlesky (Both for Halfway House)** A motion was made by Travis to approve, seconded by Roger. Motion carried 3-0.

**Approval of Monthly Vouchers & Checks** –A motion to approve by Roger, plus the checks for Wrightway for the \$1000 downpayment, and WTA (Craigs road school) Registration, seconded by Travis. Motion carried 3-0.

**Adjournment** – A motion was made by Travis to Adjourn the Meeting, seconded by Roger. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned 8:50 pm.

#### **Upcoming meetings/Events**

**March 19, 2024 6:00PM Planning Commission with Cedar Corp. for Recertification of Zone Manual, Maps & Farm Land Preservation Map**

**\*\*\*Election on April 2, 2024, Polls open 7:00am to 8:00pm\*\*\***

**April 8, 2024 7PM Monthly town board meeting**

**April 16, 2024, 7PM, Annual Town Meeting**

**June 7, 2024, 3-5PM bulky waste drop off at the hall**

**June 8, 2024, 8-1 PM, bulky waste drop off at the hall**

**June 15, 2024, Annual Lamartine Fire Dept Steak Fry**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Town of Lamartine  
Cindy Pluim, Clerk

Included with these minutes: Attendance sign in sheet.