

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF MERRILL BOARD MEETING  
HELD AT THE TOWN OF MERRILL COMMUNITY CENTER  
DECEMBER 11th, 2023 AT 6:30 P.M.**

Chairman Mike Hass called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Chairman Mike Hass, Supervisors Darrel Dengel, Matt Leder, Cutler Nowak, and Tim Mueske all in attendance.

Also present: See sign in sheet.

Motion by Darrel Dengel to accept minutes of the November 13th, 2023 Special Town Meeting of Electors as printed, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Matt Leder; motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Cutler Nowak to accept minutes of the November 13th, 2023 Town Board Special Meeting as printed, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Darrel Dengel; motion carried 5-0.

Treasurer's Report: Ending Balance as of December 11th, 2023 is \$1,046,023.78. After checks issued on December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023 for \$23,341.26. Balance as of December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023 \$1,025,443.03. Motion by Darrel Dengel to approve as read, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Matt Leder; motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Matt Leder to approve the vouchers as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cutler Nowak; motion carried 5-0.

**ROAD REPORT**

Chairman Mike Hass has only received 2 complaints about the roads and both times they were from the same people. The Clerk has not had any messages or any calls complaining about the roads.

**EQUIPMENT REPORT**

There is some orange paint on one of our trucks, possibly from Dewar backing in next to it. But there is also orange paint on the front which could not possibly be from Dewar backing in next to it. Chairman Mike Hass and Supervisor Matt Leder went over after the meeting and took pictures to prove that the orange paint is from our truck scraping against something in the past from where the orange paint is located it is impossible that it came from Dewar.

Chairman Mike Hass called our insurance company, and there is no problem with Dewar parking his equipment in our shop.

The grader just came back from having regular maintenance done.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Making Prairie Rd to a Class B was discussed, it was decided that it did not need to be done.

Discussion on the Final Audit of 2022, everything was in order. Motion by Darrel Dengel to approve the Final Audit of 2022, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Matt Leder; motion carried 5-0.

Discussion of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Town of Merrill and Lincoln County relating to the annual payment of election equipment maintenance and firmware licensing fees, MOU between the Town of Merrill and Lincoln County relating to the WI Voter Registration System (WisVote), and the MOU between the Town of Merrill and the WI Elections Commission for the 2023 Accessible Voting Equipment Subgrant Reimbursement Program. Motion made by Darrel Dengel to approve all three MOU's, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tim Mueske; motion carried 5-0.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Discussion on Resolution 2023-05 Approving Ordinance Amendments which Creates Revision to the Lincoln County Zoning Ordinance Related to Appeals of Zoning Interpretations and Appeal of Committee Decisions. Resolution 2023-06 Approving Ordinance Amendment which Creates Revisions to the Lincoln County Zoning Ordinance Related to Zoning Board of Adjustment-Duties and Responsibilities. Resolution 2023-07 Approving Ordinance Amendments which Creates Revisions to the Lincoln County Zoning Ordinance Related to Variance Review and Approval Procedure. Motion made by Darrel Dengel to approve all 3 resolutions as stated above, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cutler Nowak; motion carried 5-0.

Discuss Conditional Use Permit for Bo Bennish requesting to allow a junkyard/salvage yard on parcel 01432062449987. Bo Bennish said that Lone Pine Rd and Swede Rd are sold, but he needs to open the new one on the above named parcel located at W4982 Cty Rd C hopefully to move there in July to clean up Lone Pine Rd and Swede Rd. Motion made by Tim Mueske to approve the CUP, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Darrel Dengel; motion carried 5-0.

Discussion on dates for Open Book and Board of Review. Motion made by Matt Leder to approve Open Book for Monday May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024 from 3:30 pm-5:30 pm, and Board of Review for Monday May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024 from 4:30 pm-6:30 pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cutler Nowak; motion carried 5-0.

Discuss email from William Bertram, President of the Wausau and Marathon Parks Recreation Foundation requesting a letter of consent for river trail that would be along Lokemoen Landing. Mitzi talked with him they already have a consent letter from WPS who owns the land near the river, but would still appreciate a letter of consent from the Town of Merrill. Motion made by Darrel Dengel to approve a consent letter stating that there will be access to the boat landing and will be open for 10 years, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tim Mueske; motion carried 5-0.

Discussion on having to re-run checks, this is only for employees of the Town of Merrill. There will be a fee of \$10 for every check that needs to be re-ran plus bank fees if we need to put a stop payment on the original check.

Discussion on Holiday Pay, no Holiday Pay will be given, but hours can be flexible to make up time when a Holiday falls during the week. Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve are not considered a Holiday.

Discussion on amending the snowplowing contract the changes will be made to be read as follows:

Scope of Snow Plowing: Dewar Land Care LLC will plow when Merrill Town Chairman or designate gives a directive.

Scope of De-icing: Sand/salt will be applied to roadways at the discretion of the Merrill Town Chairman or designate.

Motion made by Matt Leder, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Darrel Dengel to accept the changes stated above; motion carried 4-1. Approve:

Chairman Mike Hass, Supervisors Darrel Dengel, Matt Leder, Tim Mueske; against: Cutler Nowak.

Chairman Mike Hass also stated that if we would ever need a back up for snowplowing we would have Lincoln County, Ryan King, Nick Weisenfeld, Cody Luedtke, Elijah Schelbert, Dave Woller, or Dillon Alft. Chairman Mike Hass also talked to our Insurance Company and they said all they would need is a picture of the Drivers License sent to them when they are open, to be covered. If not open we would have to rely on Lincoln County.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Special meeting needs to be scheduled to set the date for January Caucus and approve the 2024-2025 poll workers. Special meeting will be held Wednesday December 13<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am at the Community Center.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Steve Koch asked about the culvert not being replaced on Norwegian Rd. Mike said it was too late to replace them because it would have been left with gravel all winter and could have damaged the new culvert and/or caused more problems with black top with plowing in the winter. They will be replaced in spring.

Russ Parratta inquired about keeping the snow plowed and sand in front of the recyclable dumpsters. And also that Republic is not always locking the dumpsters when they pick up.

### **ADJOURN**

Darrel Dengel made a motion to adjourn the meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tim Mueske; motion carried 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Mitzi Flegner, Clerk