

Town of St. Joseph - St. Croix County, WI
Minutes for the Joint Meeting of the Public Works Committee and Town Board
St. Joseph Town Hall
Tuesday, May 7, 2024 – 6:00PM

CALL TO ORDER By Town Board Chair Johnson at 6:00 pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

STATEMENT OF PUBLIC NOTICE *Posted as required.*

ROLL CALL *Members Carlson, Simpson, and Zahler were present. Chair Johnson was sitting in for Bob Marty, who was absent. Alternate Haley was a full member of the committee for this meeting.*

ADOPTION OF AGENDA *Motion to adopt the agenda (Carlson/Zahler) passed.*

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES – 4/04/2024 *Motion to adopt the minutes of the April 4, 2024 meeting (Carlson/Zahler) passed.*

Business:

- 1 2024 Road Projects:
 - 1.1 2024 Road project discussion, including crack patching and seal coating. *The bids are in for this work. Contracts are being finalized now.*
 - 1.2 2024 road project on 144th Ave. Any updates or issues. *The plan and application for this project will be submitted soon.*
- 2 Other road projects: *None.*
- *A motion was made to handle agenda items 10 and 11 at this time during the meeting, as the affected residents were at the meeting (Carlson/Zahler). The motion passed. Information on the discussion is shown at numbers 10 & 11 below.*
- 3 Damages to roads:
 - 3.1 Any other road damage issues. *None.*
- 4 Discuss seal coating new subdivision roads at 3 years. *Waiting on action from Town Board. This will be discussed at the next Town Board meeting.*
- 5 Signage - any signage issues. *The Fire Dept. is addressing updating all fire number signs in the town.*
- 6 Traffic Reports. *Traffic surveys will be taken on Valley View Road (west end) and Trout Brook Road this month.*
- 7 Review of Town Ordinance Chapter 149 on roads. *Waiting on action by Town Board. Currently waiting on review by the Planning Commission.*
- 8 General maintenance:
 - 8.1 Completion of work orders. *Ok.*
 - 8.2 Tractor and equipment maintenance. *Chris is checking on the tractor repair status, and the potential of renting/leasing a tractor during the repair.*
 - 8.3 Maintenance issues not addressed above.
- 9 Seasonal maintenance:
 - 9.1 Summer:
 - 9.1.1 Pothole repair. *In progress. Fox Ridge has some potholes.*
 - 9.1.2 Shoulder repair. *Work orders are in progress.*
 - 9.1.3 Gravel road maintenance. *Spring grading has been completed.*
 - 9.1.4 Scheduling of tractor tasks: *None at this time.*

9.1.4.1 Mowing

9.1.4.2 Tree grinding with forestry head.

10 4Control – Spraying of roads.

- *Lee Shambeau from 4Control showed a presentation on invasive species.*
- *There are currently few roads managed for invasive species.*
- *Mowing costs typically run \$65 - \$75 per acre. Adding a plant growth inhibitor with herbicide will cut some need for mowing.*
- *Knotweed must be treated separately, due to the plant growing schedule.*
- *Buckthorn must also be treated separately, usually will manual cutting.*
- *Motion to Town Board: (Carlson/Simpson): Hire 4Control to broadcast spray for weeds in the ditches on the following town roads:*
 - *River Road*
 - *Valley View Road*
 - *60th St.*
 - *80th St.*
 - *83rd St.*
 - *85th St.*
 - *140th St.*

The motion passed.

- 11 Rail Drive milling back to gravel. *We are getting bids for milling this road. Matt Dudley was at the meeting, representing their family farm at the end of the road. Theresa discussed the gravel road grading schedule. We should have a cost estimate for milling at the next PW meeting. Lee also explained the process for this change.*
- 12 Gophers – discussion on gophers 85th St. and 140th Ave. *We may have to hire someone to remove them. Rick recommended Paffy's Pest Control, and left a message for them. Duane is the owner. We will make a final recommendation at the next PW meeting.*
- 13 Review of bills and expenditures for previous month(s).
- 14 2024 expenses to date vs. budget.

- **PUBLIC COMMENT** –Opportunity for comments on subjects not on the agenda when recognized by the presiding officer. *Theresa explained the process for setting and removing weight restrictions on town roads, and what and why actions were taken last spring for trash haulers.*
- Items for Town Board Agenda *Item 10 – weed spraying.*
- Items for next Public Works Committee Agenda *Items 1-9, 11-14.*
- Date for the next Public Works Committee *June 4 at 6pm.*
- Adjournment *A motion to adjourn (Simpson/Carlson) was made and passed at 7:15pm.*

Meeting notice posted as follows: Posted as required by Clerk/Treasurer Town of St. Joseph- [1337 County Road V-Hudson, WI 54016](#) Office #: 715-549-6235, Fax #: 715-549-6249 Email- clerk@townofstjoseph.com, Website: www.townofstjoseph.com

Members of the Town Board or other Town Committees may attend for informational purposes. No votes or other action will be taken by the Town Board at this meeting.