

**TOWN OF TWO CREEKS BOARD MEETING  
TWO CREEKS TOWN HALL  
SEPTEMBER 11, 2023, AT 7:00 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the Town of Two Creeks Town Board was called to order by Chairman, Lee Engelbrecht at 7:00 p.m. on September 11, 2023. The meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Lee Engelbrecht, Roger Sinkula, William Schwerma, Debbie LeClair, and Jasmine Schwerma

**ALSO PRESENT**

Andrew Schwerma, Mark Johanek, Jake Divine, Don Osmunson, David Wolf, Carrie Wolf, and Shaun Wendt

**PHRAGMITES TREATMENT 2024**

Jake Divine of Glacierland RC&D was present to give a report. He said that most of the private landowners have given permission for them to access their land and treat for phragmites but there is still a lot of work that needs to be done.

The reports should be released at the end of October. Stantec is the company that releases the reports. The report should include how many parcels/acres are affected and treated and if there are areas of re-vegetation.

This summer was successful. They had nine interns working and are hoping to hire twenty.

They have been seeing success in areas that have had multiple years of treatment. The cost of labor and supplies is elevated but they are requesting the same amount as last year, \$1509. He said that if we have priority areas it would be helpful to put it in writing. There is a link to the map that you can go to.

The board said it would be helpful if they gave us a list of residents who have not given permission to access their land so we could try to contact them. They also requested that someone attend our Annual Meeting on April 17, 2024.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion to approve the minutes as printed was made by William Schwerma, seconded by Roger Sinkula. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

**CITIZENS INPUT**

Don Osmunson said that the shoulder on Nuclear Road west of Highway 42 has a lot of spots that are below the blacktop.

Shaun Wendt said he will take a look at it and see if there is anything he could do this year.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Expenses for August: \$72,266.73

EMS Expense: \$454.50

Income for August: \$842.16

EMS Income for August: \$0.00

Cash on Hand in Money Market Account as of 08/31/2023: \$641,753.38

Interest on the Money Market Account for July: \$711.72

Cash on Hand in Checking Account as of 08/31/2023: \$9,231.34

Certificate of Deposit (Bank First National): \$528,991.98

A motion to approve the financial report for August was made by Roger Sinkula, seconded by William Schwerma. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

### **TOWN HALL**

#### **INTERNET ISSUES**

The internet has been better.

Starlink is \$600 for the equipment and then would cost around \$120 per month.

Shaun Wendt mentioned that John Lyons recently started his own internet business and it has been expanding. Roger Sinkula said he would talk to him.

The playground is up and the board authorizes the clerk to pay the balance prior to the net town board meeting.

The roof was supposed to be fixed at the end of the July or beginning of August. They have not contacted us yet.

#### **CONSTABLE REPORT**

Gene had nothing to report.

Lee received a call that there was a dog call at the corner of Tannery and Irish Road, by the time Lee got there, everyone was gone.

#### **EMERGENCY SERVICES**

The new pagers have been received. The check has been cut for payment. We will have to submit the bills to the county for reimbursement.

The free pancake breakfast will be held on October 8.

#### **DISCUSS AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION: LETTER TO RESIDENTS FROM FIRE**

#### **DEPARTMENT/TOWN BOARD RE: KEEPING DRIVEWAYS ACCESSIBLE TO EMS/FIRE**

Lee Engelbrecht read the letter that he drafted that is being proposed to be sent. It will be sent out with the proposed budget and include the chief's name and contact information.

A motion to send a letter to town residents about keeping their driveways accessible for EMS with our proposed town budget in fall was made by Bill Schwerma, seconded by Roger Sinkula. Motion carried by voice vote.

#### **ROADS**

Bret Koehler said that he would take inventory of snowplow blades and let the county know if we need to order some.

Lee Engelbrecht read the letter that he drafted that is being proposed to be sent to farmers that use our roads. Discussion held. The board made a list of who the letter needs to be sent to: Mike Lacrosse, Day Break, United Vision, Irish Acres, Strutz, Breezy Acres, Barta, Randy Ringmeier, and Wakker. The clerk will send the letter to the appropriate parties.

Shirley Glaser called Lee and thought we were replacing the whole culvert by Jeff Barta and she didn't want the water to back up on her property. She also wanted an extra culvert and said that she wanted to build another house. The issue was resolved.

A motion for Shaun Wendt to spray the shoulders on Schleis Road, Irish Road east of Highway 42, Twin Elder and Tannery Road was made by Bill Schwerma, seconded by Roger Sinkula. Motion carried by voice vote.

#### **TRANSFER/RECYCLING CENTER**

There was someone standing by the plastic and directing people on how to properly dispose of plastic bottles.

#### **LAND USE/ZONING COMMITTEE**

None.

#### **COUNTY BOARD REPRESENTATIVE**

Some appointments were made and zoning changes approved at the last meeting.

No highway committee meeting this month.

#### **CHECKS**

After reviewing the checks for payment, a motion to pay the bills was made by Roger Sinkula seconded by Bill Schwerma. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

#### **CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT – DAVID WOLF**

The Wolf's are considering opening a dog daycare/boarding. They plan to repurpose the existing garage. They will have kennels built in and a run on the outside. They will have solid fencing on the east and southwest corners to keep it as quiet as possible.

They have already applied for a Conditional Use Permit through the county and part of that application process requires them to notify the town board.

A motion to support the Conditional Use Permit for David Wolf for a dog daycare business was made by Bill Schwerma, seconded by Roger Sinkula. Motion carried by voice vote.

#### **CULVERT PERMIT ON SCHLEIS ROAD – CASEY STANGEL**

Nothing has been resubmitted.

#### **RENTING DITCH MOWER TO TOWN OF MISHICOT**

Jeff Chalupny reached out to Lee Engelbrecht about renting our mower for the fall or if the Town of Mishicot could buy in for half of what it is worth. We purchased the mower in 2019 for \$31,459. It is

still worth at least \$20,000. Lee will reach out to Dan at D&D Equipment tomorrow to see what he would recommend we charge them per month.

A motion to rent the ditch mower to the Town of Mishicot for the 2023 ditch cutting at a rate to be determined by D&D Equipment was made by Roger Sinkula, seconded by Bill Schwerma. Motion carried by voice vote.

### **SPEED STUDY /SPEED LIMIT CHANGE – SANDY BAY ROAD**

Roger did a lot of research and talked to Rod Hamilton at DOT. The town can technically post the speed limit at 25 mph. We will have the ordinance for next month's meeting and will need to notify the town of Two Rivers. It will be best to have the county order the signs and put them up because there are strict requirements.

### **SET DATES FOR BUDGET**

Budget hearing set for December 4, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting to prepare the budget is set for November 15, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

### **CLOSED SESSION PER WIS. STAT. 19.85(1)(c):**

**Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation date of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.**

A motion to go into closed session per Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(c) was made by Roger Sinkula, seconded by Bill Schwerma.

Roll call vote:

Lee Engelbrecht: Yes Roger Sinkula: Yes William Schwerma: Yes

Motion carried.

The board went into closed session at 8:12 p.m.

A motion to return to open session as announced was made by Roger Sinkula, seconded by Bill Schwerma

Roll call vote:

Lee Engelbrecht: Yes Roger Sinkula: Yes William Schwerma: Yes

Motion carried.

The board returned to open session at 8:23 p.m.

Discussion was held about hiring someone to do some landscaping around the town hall, Everett Bergemann. The board would like to offer him a part-time job doing trimming of shrubs, weeds, etc.

A motion to offer a part-time position at a rate of \$15 per hour to Everett Bergemann to do landscaping around the town hall and the park was made by Bill Schwerma, seconded by Roger Sinkula. Motion carried by voice vote.

**MISC. CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

**SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS:**

October Town Board Meeting: October 9, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

County Unit Meeting: September 21, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting to Prepare the Budget: November 15, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Budget Hearing: December 4, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

There being no further business to come before this board, a motion to adjourn was made by Roger Sinkula, seconded by Bill Schwerma. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Jasmine Schwerma – Clerk  
Town of Two Creeks