

Vienna



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TOWN OF VIENNA NEWSLETTER

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February Primary Spring Election Results

This election was held for Justice of the Supreme Court and Lodi Area School District. There were 320 votes and the results for the Supreme Court were: **Janet Protasiewicz 149; Daniel Kelly 83; Everett Mitchell 22; Jennifer Dorow 63 votes. For Lodi School District Board Sarah Raemisch and Julie McKiernan received the most votes.** If anyone is interested in becoming an election inspector, please contact the office as next year is a presidential election. This is a paid position and training is provided.

April 4th Election Information

The Spring Election will be held statewide on Tuesday, April 4th. Polls will be open from 7:00AM to 8:00PM. Races on the ballot include local Incumbents Town Chair, Jerry Marx, Supervisor I Steve Ruegger and Supervisor II Sherri Meinholz. Sample ballots will be posted at the Town Hall and on the Town website in March. Anyone who has requested an Absentee Ballot will receive these in the mail by March 17th as we have to mail them out no later than March 14th. In-Person voting will be available in the Town Clerk's Office starting on Tuesday, March 21st and go through Friday, March 31st, between the hours of 9AM to 3PM. Recently, **the use of Drop Boxes for ballots have been banned for use.** Although we have a secured one located in the lobby, we will not be able to use ours for dropped off ballots. You will now be required to mail them or drop them off in the office only. Remember, you can request to have the ballot mailed to you by filling an absentee request. Absentee and registration forms are available online at MyVote.wi.gov, an easy to use website. They can also be obtained on our website or in the front vestibule at the town hall.

Pushing Snow on the Road

Wisconsin Statute 346.94(5) prohibits anyone from placing or causing to be placed upon a highway any foreign substance which is or may be injurious to any vehicle. This prohibits anyone from plowing, shoveling, or blowing snow onto a road. The penalty for violating this statute is \$50 for each offense. Additionally, section 86.022 makes it a misdemeanor punishable by fine to place any obstruction in a road ditch which will impede drainage. As such, individuals should not be filling ditches with compacted snow. Municipalities may request that the sheriff's department cite individuals for these violations of state law.

Building Permits

It is that time of year when new construction, remodeling or possibly adding an additional sunroom or family room onto your home begins. Building permit application forms can be located in our town hall vestibule at any time, day or night and also on Town's website. Any structural change to the existing property does require a building permit from the town and depending on where your property is located, either Dane County or Village of Deforest. Our building inspector, Kelly Green, can be reached at 608-697-7771 if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Update on Solar Panels

We reached out to Invenergy to see if there was any update on this ongoing project. We were told that they are waiting on the initial results on the interconnection outlook for the project and they would know more on this in March. The town plans to follow up on this after that will provide more information as it received.

Spring is Almost Here!

A reminder to move your clocks ahead one hour on Sunday, March 12th for Daylight Savings Time.

Also, this time of year places hardship on the roads. Seasonal weight limits will be imposed during the spring thaw. These weight limits are necessary to protect highways. During the thaw period road beds are weak due to excess moisture. A weaker road bed means the pavement is more easily damaged. The spring thaw always presents challenges so please be respectful of the posted weight limits

Town of Vienna Board Minutes

February 6, 2023

The regular meeting was called to order on Monday, February 6, 2023, at 7:00pm by Chair Jerry Marx. Supervisors Steve Ruegsegger, Tim Hoege, Sherri Meinholz, PW Supervisor Scott Benson and Clerk Kathy Clark were present. Tri County Paving representatives Dustin Gradel, Pat Cadigan and 26 Residents from the Town on Dane and Town of Vienna were also present. Supervisor Gary Endres was excused.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Public Comment: None

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Ruegsegger, second by Hoege to approve the minutes for the January 23, 2023, town board meeting. Motion carried (4-0).

Discussion and possible action on Tri County Paving Quarry-Town Road Access and Route: Clark presented a proposal received from Tri County regarding road improvements to Bonetti Road if the proposed quarry would get approved. This was discussed at the last meeting but there was no formal submittal other than reviewing the route. The proposed route would exit quarry onto Bonetti Road, travel south to Viaduct Road and onto Dunroven to access County Road DM. The proposal included widening the intersection at Bonetti & Viaduct for better visibility including removal of trees in the road right-of-way. Town residents had put together a two-page handout regarding their concerns with the routes and road usage. The board reviewed this prior to the meeting. Marx commented that the roads should be brought up to standards for truck usage. Gradel explained that their improvement would dig down 12" along the side of the road to put 18" to 24" shoulders on each side to help with the trucks passing. Also, the trucks transporting material would be required to go 30 mph until the County Road is met. A resident asked how this would be enforced and Gradel stated it is part of Tri County's policy for haulers and they will enforce it as trucks enter/exit the quarry. Residents suggested exploring alternative routes, including using an easement to access the site and also questioned the location of the utilities in the roadway. Discussion followed addressing questions as they were received by residents, including the volume of traffic, trying to keep the topic on road usage only. A resident suggested that if this project does move forward, the quarry advisory committee should include residents from Town of Dane and Vienna. Motion by Meinholz, second by Hoege to table this discussion until the Town of Dane reviews the Mineral Extraction Application at their meeting March 6th. Motion carried (4-0)

Operator's License: None

Town Supervisor Reports: Supervisor Ruegsegger meeting with the DeForest Area Senior Center is scheduled for Tuesday, February 14th. Supervisor Hoege meeting with Waunakee EMS is scheduled for Thursday, February 16th. Supervisor Meinholz meeting with Dane-Vienna Fire Department was held January 30th. The department continues to discuss new radios for the trucks.

Town Clerk's Report: Clark explained that the 2023 Road Bid for Red Bird and Dekorra Roads are due February 20th and will be presented to the board at the regular board meeting that night. Also, Dane County proposed an amendment to the current Ordinance regarding Communication Towers. Town action report is optional but is due Thursday, February 23rd.

Review and authorize payments of current town and utility bills, wages, and expenses:

Motion by Hoege, second by Ruegsegger to approve the current town bills as stated in the amount of \$114,604.34; Payroll \$20,914.11; Town Bills \$61,878.11; Utility 1 \$16,353.29 and Utility 2 \$15,458.83. Motion carried (4-0)

No Closed Session was held.

Adjourn: Motion by Hoege, second by Ruegsegger to adjourn. Motion carried (4-0). Meeting adjourned at 7:53PM.

Prepared by: Kathleen Clark, Town Clerk

Note: These draft minutes are subject to approval at the February 20, 2023, Town Board Meeting

Town of Vienna Plan Commission Minutes

Monday, February 13, 2023

The Town of Vienna Plan Commission meeting was called to order on Monday, February 13, 2023, at 7:00PM by Chair Brian Meinholz. Commissioners Steve Herbrand, Cathleen Heath, Todd Mallon, and Clerk Kathy Clark were present. Commissioner Jim Koch joined via zoom. Town Board Chair Marx was also in attendance.

Recite the Pledge of Allegiance

Public comment: None

Approve the minutes: Motion by Mallon, second by Heath to approve the minutes for the October 17, 2022, Plan Commission meeting. Motion carried (5-0).

Discussion and possible recommendation on Ripp-Tri County CUP Renewal – North of 6970 Madigan Rd Parcel # 0909-204-8500-7:

Clark informed the commission that a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) was approved in 2002 for this operation, taken out by Tricor Transit. Tri County Paving purchased Tricor Transit a few years back, so the CUP transferred to the new owners. The CUP was up for renewal in June 2022, but Tri County Paving did not receive notice until the permit expired. The application presented for review is the same operation that has been in effect for 20 years. The renewal would allow the remainder of material to be removed while reclaiming the quarry, which has already begun, over the time permitted. Motion by Koch, second by Herbrand to recommend approval of the Ripp-Tri County Paving application for the Madigan Road quarry. Motion carried (5-0)

Discussion on Update of Town Comprehensive Plan: Clark provided an outline with each section of the comprehensive plan identified. This process takes months of review and planning. Clark will work with Snyder & Associates to assist in the review and revisions to correlate with state and county updates since 2012 when the plan was last revised.

Adjourn: Motion by Mallon, second by Koch to adjourn. Motion carried (5-0) Meeting was adjourned at 7:35PM

Prepared by: Kathleen Clark, Clerk

Note: These draft minutes are subject to approval at the next Plan Commission Meeting.

Town of Vienna Board Minutes

February 20, 2023

The regular meeting was called to order on Monday, February 20, 2023, at 7:00pm by Chair Jerry Marx. Supervisors Steve Ruegsegger, Tim Hoege, Sherri Meinholz, Gary Endres, PW Supervisor Scott Benson, and Clerk Kathy Clark were present. Tri County Paving representatives Terry Wenger, Dustin Gradel, Pat Cadigan and 2 Residents from the Town on Dane were also present.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Comment: Gradel with Tri-County Paving asked for clarity from the last meeting regarding the use of roads. Tri County wants to know if there is more information the town board needed to provide approval.

Update by Dane County Community Deputy, Jodi

Hager: Hager handed out a graph that reflected the volume of calls or incidents that have been reported.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Hoege, second by Meinholz to approve the minutes for the February 6, 2023, town board meeting. Motion carried (5-0).

Discussion and possible action on Bid Submittals for Red Bird and Dekorra Roads: Bids were received by three contractors, Tri County Paving, Payne & Dolan and Wolf Paving. After reviewing the submittals, the bid was awarded to Tri County Paving as the lowest bidder. Motion by Endres, second by Meinholz to award the bid to Tri County Paving. Motion carried (5-0)

Discussion and possible action on Ripp-Tri County CUP

Renewal – North of 6970 Madigan Rd: This was reviewed by the Plan Commission at the meeting on February 13th and the members recommended approval of the plan. This has been a quarry for the last 20 years and there is still material to be removed. Also, the reclamation has started but needs time to be completed. Motion by Hoege, second by Meinholz to approve the CUP Application/Renewal. Motion carried (5-0)

Discussion and possible action on Billing for Plow

Truck usage: Clark presented the board with three different rates per hour to charge for the use of the plow truck. Rates

were provided by several sources for comparable equipment based on daily rentals or other sources providing equipment. Discussion followed. Motion by Endres, second by Hoege to approve \$125 per hour rate for using the back up plow truck. Motion carried (5-0)

Update Discussion on Annexation Petition status: Clark provided a map outlining the three new annexation petitions. All three are located along the interstate, surrounding Vienna's business park developed along Cake Parkway.

Operator's License: None

Town Supervisor Reports: Supervisor Ruegsegger meeting with the DeForest Area Senior Center was held Tuesday, February 14th. The board is interviewing candidates for the Director Position. Supervisor Hoege meeting with Waunakee EMS was scheduled for Thursday, February 16th but was cancelled due to weather. Supervisor Meinholz meeting with Dane-Vienna Fire Department is scheduled for Monday, February 27th. Supervisor Endres meeting with Waunakee Fire Department is scheduled for Monday, February 27th.

Town Clerk's Report: Reminder that tomorrow is the Primary Election for Supreme Justice and Lodi School District Board.

Review and authorize payments of current town and utility bills, wages, and expenses: Motion by Ruegsegger, second by Hoege to approve the current town bills as stated in the amount of \$1,044,252.92; Payroll \$20,914.11; Town Bills \$61,878.11; Utility 1 \$16,353.29 and Utility 2 \$15,458.83. Motion carried (5-0)

No Closed Session was held.

Adjourn: Motion by Hoege, second by Ruegsegger to adjourn. Motion carried (4-0). Meeting adjourned at 7:45PM.

Prepared by: Kathleen Clark, Town Clerk

Note: These draft minutes are subject to approval at the March 6, 2023, Town Board Meeting

Listening Session with

Dave Considine

Stop by to speak your mind, ask questions and share your ideas for our state. All are welcome!

When: Thursday March 16th 6:30-7:30PM

Where: J. Henry & Sons Distillery

7794 Patton Road, Dane WI 53529

Vienna Town Board Meeting Agenda
Monday, March 6, 2023

The Vienna Town Board will meet on Monday, March 6, 2023 at 7:00PM at the Town Hall, located at 7161 County Highway I, DeForest, WI. If the agenda so indicates, the aforesaid governmental body may convene in closed session for the purpose(s) indicated. Upon conclusion of the closed session, if any, the governmental body will reconvene into open session to take action, if any, on matters discussed in closed session and for the purpose of concluding the agenda. The agenda for this meeting includes the following items:

Call the Town Board meeting to order

Recite the Pledge of Allegiance

Public comment

Approve or amend the minutes of the February 20, 2023 Town Board meeting

Discussion and possible action on Tri County Paving - Town Road Access

Discussion and possible action on Daley Road – ST Genetics

Operator's License

Town Supervisor Reports

Town Clerk's Report

Review and authorize payments of current town and utility bills, wages and expenses

Convene into Closed Session Pursuant to Wis. Statute 19.85.1 (g) Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved. (Discuss Annexation Litigation against Village of DeForest)

Reconvene to Open Session

Action Resulting from Closed Session

Adjourn