



Town of Vienna Web Site Address: www.viennawi.gov

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DeForest Area Community and Senior Center

We are pleased to announce our new name: Cornerstone Community Center, Serving DeForest, Windsor & Vienna. It reflects past collaboration as well as commitment to the future. In the early 2000s, DeForest, Windsor and Vienna responded to the needs of their communities with the "Building the Cornerstone of our Community" campaign. The people, in particular seniors, were requesting a larger and improved space for activities, fitness, support, meals and much more. That campaign and collaboration, resulted in the beautiful Center we enjoy today. For some time, there has been discussion about the name of the Center and it not representing the support from all three municipalities. After months of consideration, and over 100 name suggestions, the Joint Commission has settled on the CORNERSTONE COMMUNITY CENTER, reflecting back to the focus of the past campaign designed to bring the funding municipalities together. Thank-you to all who participated in discussion, made suggestions, and for everyone's patience through this delicate process.

Registering for the Election

If you are not registered yet, we strongly recommend you register now to avoid waiting in long lines on election day. Registering before the election is easy and your name will be in the poll book for identification purposes and proof of residency. Registration can be completed online by visiting My Vote at myvote.wi.gov. The last day to register by mail or online is 20 days prior to each election. After this date, you will have to register in person at the office or do it on election day.

ATV/UTV Local Road Access

Over the last few months, there has been some discussion on whether the Town of Vienna is interested in opening up the local roads to ATV/UTV's. The process can be complicated with connecting the trails routes to others available to providing signs on all the roads as required by state statute. We are exploring other surrounding areas such as Arlington and Roxbury for additional information. More to come.

Slow Down Yard Signs FREE

The Dane County Traffic Safety Commission now has a law enforcement subgroup that discusses ways to support county wide enforcement and education on safety efforts. The Safe Communities' re-launch of the SLOW DOWN yard sign campaign has increased speed enforcement around schools and neighborhoods starting this fall, in time for the school year. Free signs are available at Town Hall. They are located in the front entranceway and can be picked up anytime, day or night, for your yard.

2024 Draft Budget Review

The Vienna Town Board will review a 2024 draft budget for discussion at the next two meetings in October. This will include finances, road projects, future expenditures and review of the towns levy limit. Members of the public may attend, but public input will not be received at these meetings. Public input on the budget can be given at the Annual Budget Public Hearing Meeting on November 20, 2023 at 6:30PM when the budget is reviewed and publicly discussed for the last time.

2023 Property Tax Bills

It is that time of year when questions about the property tax bills start to arise. This year the deadline for mailing out property tax bills is Monday, December 19th. Before the final bills can be processed, Town budget needs to be completed to determine the mil rate. Once this and other information is reviewed and approved, it is sent to Dane County and the tax bills are printed. Information about in person tax collections will be enclosed with your tax bill.

October Brush Site Hours

The brush site will be open on the following dates and times. Saturday, October 7th, 9AM to 2PM; Wednesday, October 11th, 4PM to 7PM. Also Saturday, October 21st, 9AM to 2PM; Wednesday, October 25th 4PM to 7PM. November hours are being considered for Saturday only due to the shorter days during the week. Tentatively we plan to have it open the first 2 Saturdays, November 4th and November 11th. Check our website for further information.

Town of Vienna Board Minutes September 5, 2023

The regular meeting was called to order on Tuesday September 5, 2023, at 7:00PM by Chair Jerry Marx. Supervisors Steve Ruegsegger, Tim Hoege and Gary Endres. Supervisor Sherri Meinholz was excused absent. PW Supervisor Scott Benson, Patrolman Billy Newman and Deputy Clerk Lori Breiwa were present. Also present were Town Engineer Scott Anderson and town residents Ron Rupp, Dale Hahn, Sue Townsend, Mark Townsend, Justin Urbanek and Nancy Caldwell.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Comment: Ron Rupp spoke on two topics. ATV/UTV trails and dump trucks on Cuba Valley Road. Breiwa informed the board that she did contact the Town of Berry as they had recently adopted an ordinance to open their town roads to ATV and UTV's. The Town of Berry did a referendum question on the ballot asking residents if they were in favor of it prior to adopting the ordinance. They also had a local ATV/UTV group that paid for all of the signs for the roads. Breiwa will continue to work on trying to find out if there is a local group that would want the roads open that would pay for the signage in the Town of Vienna. Rupp informed the board that there are a large number of fully loaded dump trucks that are using Cuba Valley to get to the villages of DeForest and Windsor instead of using the designated routes. He is asking what can be done about that, and will those village reimburse the town for wear and tear that those dump trucks are causing. Mark and Sue Townsend spoke to the board requesting that the speed limit in front of their home on Hickory Lane be reduced to 35MPH from 45MPH. Discussion was held. The board would like more information on the process of reducing the speed limit as well as pricing on the temporary solar powered speed signs that are installed on posts and can be moved. This will be brought back up at a later date once more information is gathered.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Ruegsegger, second by Hoege to approve the minutes for the August 21, 2023, town board meeting with an amendment removing the wording "and vacant director position" under the Town Supervisor Reports. Motion carried (4-0).

Discussion and possible action on Vandewalle & Assoc. proposal: Scott Harrison was not able to attend this meeting. The board was given a copy of the proposal to review. Endres suggested that we try to coordinate Scott coming to speak to both the planning commission and the town board at the same time. Action tabled until a meeting with Scott can be scheduled.

Discussion on Nature Valley Road Improvements: Scott Anderson from Snyder and Associates presented the board with cost estimates for two possible projects to consider for the 2024 budget year. Oak Lane would have an estimated cost of \$406,000. Nature Valley Subdivision (Nature Valley Trail/Meadowside Lane intersection, Harvest Moon Court intersection, and in front of the park) would have an estimated cost of \$240,000. We could bid an additional area of Harvest Moon court as an alternate section for an estimated cost of \$51,000. Discussion followed. Motion by Endres, second by Ruegsegger to include the estimates for the Nature Valley Subdivision project in the 2024 budget. Motion carried (4-0)

Discussion and possible action on Salt Shed Doors Replacement: Benson informed the board that he spoke with Kevin Taylor and Kevin will be stopping by to look at the doors this week. Any information received from Kevin Taylor will be brought to the next board meeting.

Operator's License: None

Town Supervisor Reports: Ruegsegger would like clarification on whether he should continue to attend the DeForest/Windsor/Vienna Senior Center board meetings. It is unknown why we have representatives on that board and not the Waunakee Senior Center board. Endres stated that the Waunakee Fire Department is starting to work on their preliminary budget for 2024.

Town Clerk's Report: Breiwa informed the board that Tri-County completed the paving today over the culverts on Patton and Hahn Roads. Landscaping will still need to be done.

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 \$100,258.41; Payroll \$5,872.30; Payroll Liabilities \$14,892.45; Town Bills \$78,207.00; Utility 1 \$128.33 and Utility 2 \$1,158.33.

Motion carried (4-0)

Adjourn: Motion by Endres, second by Ruegsegger to adjourn. Motion carried (4-0). Meeting adjourned at 7:58PM.

Prepared by: Lori Breiwa, Deputy Town Clerk

Note: These draft minutes are subject to approval at the September 18, 2023, Town Board Meeting.

Town of Vienna Board Minutes September 18, 2023

The regular meeting was called to order on Monday, September 18, 2023, at 7:00PM by Chair Jerry Marx. Supervisors Steve Ruegsegger, Sherri Meinholz, Tim Hoege, Gary Endres, PW Supervisor Scott Benson, and Clerk Kathy Clark were present. Also present were Residents Dave/Becky Zimmerman, Mark/Sue Townsend, Lavern Wipperfurth and Nancy Caldwell.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Comment: Townsend attended the last board meeting regarding lowering the speed limit on Hickory Lane. He noticed that the Dane County Sheriff's speed board was on Hickory and flags were added to the speed limit signs but he said it is not much better. Clark stated that the Sheriff was also monitoring Hickory Lane. They noticed it was much better but still want the speed limit lowered to 35mph. Endres asked about the line of vision on Hickory Lane in the road right of way. He noticed there was an overhang of tree limbs that could cause a blind site of vision. Ruegsegger will follow up on this. Zimmerman spoke up regarding neighboring lights shining in his windows at night. He wanted to know if there was an ordinance for nuisance or light pollution. Clark will investigate this and find out. Zimmermans recently installed a security system that is affected by the shining lights. The board suggested that he contact the Dane County Non-Emergency department when this occurs.

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

Discussion and possible action on Waiver of Appeal on Summary Judgement: Clark conferenced Attorney Fleming on a call to discuss the waiver of appeal. Fleming inquired if that was the direction the board was interested in. The board conceded it was a good offer. Motion by Meinholz, second by Hoege to accept the offer by the Village of Deforest for the Town of Vienna to waive the appeal process in exchange for the Village waiving the reimbursement for legal fees. Motion carried (5-0)

Discussion and possible action on Radar Speed Signs: Clark presented the information provided by the vendor regarding portable Radar Speed signs and software for tracking. There are two models. The less expensive ran on a battery pack but the next model up has a solar panel for power, so it is constantly charging. The software can be purchased separately for tracking traffic speed. The board would like more information prior to deciding on the best option. Clark will reach out to the vendor for further details before the next meeting.

Discussion and possible action on ATV/UTV Referendum: The office has reached out to Town of Berry and Roxbury for information on their process implementing the local road opening and signage. Both towns were fortunate to have clubs to work on this project and sponsor the signs. At this time, the only connected area with ATV/UTV use is the Town of Arlington. The office will pursue the groups to find out more about the interest and mandatory steps necessary to enact this.

Discussion and possible action on Salt Shed Doors Replacement: Clark informed the board that Taylor had been contacted and agreed to provide a cost estimate for building wood doors to replace the existing doors. Once a cost is provided, this will be brought back to the board for final approval.

Discussion and possible action DOT Fed Med Exam Reimbursement: Mike West is a part time employee here as an extra help employee for snow plowing in the winter months. He had to renew his Fed Med card to continue to drive for the Town. Clark asked if the town would agree to reimburse him for it. Motion by Hoege, second by Meinholz to approve reimbursement for the DOT Fed Med exam in the amount of \$160.00. Motion carried (5-0)

Operator's License: None

Town Supervisor Reports: Supervisor Ruegsegger meeting with the DeForest Area Senior Center was held Tuesday, September 12th. Hoege meeting with Waunakee EMS was held Thursday, September 14th. Agreements with the municipalities are being reviewed with suggested updates. Supervisor Meinholz meeting with Dane-Vienna Fire Department is scheduled for Monday, September 25th. Supervisor Endres meeting with Waunakee Fire Department is scheduled for Monday, September 25th.

Town Clerk's Report: Clark informed the board that a Special Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 28th at 6PM with the board and plan commission members. Vandewalle and Associates will review their proposal for future planning and Dane County will review the Comprehensive plan.

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 \$29,587.50; Payroll \$5,956.93; Town Bills \$23,168.24; Utility 1 \$356.30 and Utility 2 \$106.03. Motion carried (5-0)

Adjourn: Motion by Endres, second by Meinholz to adjourn. Motion carried (5-0). Meeting adjourned at 7:58PM.

Prepared by: Kathleen Clark, Town Clerk

Note: These draft minutes are subject to approval at the October 2, 2023, Town Board Meeting

HALLOWEEN AT THE FARM

Schumacher Farm Park is hosting a day on the farm on Saturday, October 21st from 4:00PM to 8:00PM.

Spooky Fun for the Whole Family:

- Interactive characters
- Haunted hayrides through the farm field featuring creepy characters
- Games and crafts
- Face painting in the Center for Rural History (new barn by the upper parking area)
- Balloon artist
- Marshmallow roasting at our campfire
- Fortune telling in the Hog House and behind the Historic Barn
- Storytelling in the chicken coop and farmhouse
- Witch's Bat House featuring interactive bat display
- Waunakee H.S. Folk Band performs at 4:30 in the Historic Barn
- James the Magician will perform strolling magic 5:00-6:30 followed by a magic show in the Historic Barn at 6:45
- Free parking Rain or shine event!
- **Hay Rides start at 4:30 and are first come, first served.**
- Concessions will be for sale and provided by Rotary Club of Waunakee.

TRUNK OR TREAT

Join the Village of Windsor and Windsor Deputies for our annual Trunk-or-Treat event. Kids have the opportunity to go trunk to trunk and get candy and handouts from local businesses, organizations and public safety agencies. There will be games and crafts under the shelter and free hot **chocolate. Event is Wednesday, October 25th from 4:00pm to 5:30pm, located at Windsor Community Park, 6570 Pederson Crossing Blvd.**

Vienna Town Board Meeting Agenda Monday, October 2, 2023

The Vienna Town Board will meet on Monday, October 2, 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. 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 September 18, 2023 Town Board meeting and September 28, 2023

Special meeting minutes.

Discussion and possible action on Speed Study on Hickory Lane

Discussion and possible action on Purchase ArcGIS Online license through ESRI

Discussion on 2024 General Account Draft Budget

Operator's License

Town Supervisor Reports

Town Clerk's Report

Oct 6, 2023 WTA Training

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

Adjourn