



MEETING MINUTES
Town of Peshtigo Board Meeting
Tuesday, June 20, 2023 at 7 p.m.

- 1) Call to order: **6:00pm**
- 2) Pledge of allegiance
- 3) Roll call: **All Present: Chairperson Friday, Supervisor Coble, Supervisor Wortner, Supervisor Furton, Supervisor Kowalski**
- 4) Verification that proper notice was given
- 5) Agenda approval: **Motion to approve by Coble/Second by Wortner. Motion carried with 5 yes.**
- 6) Motion & roll call vote to go into CLOSED SESSION pursuant to Wis. Stat. §19.85(1)(g) for the purpose of 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 involved.: **Motion by Wortner/Second by Coble to enter into closed session. Motion carried with 5 yes votes at 6:02pm, all members present.**
 - a. Grant & Eisenhofer legal team discussion re: Tyco/JCI litigation.
 - b. Motion & roll call vote to return to Open Session: **Motion to return to open session by Coble/Second by Wortner at 6:57pm. Motion carried with 5 yes votes, all members present.**
- 7) Reconvene into regular board meeting at 7 p.m. or later
(recess until 7 p.m. if Closed Session concludes sooner): **Regular board meeting call to order at 7:00pm by Chairperson Friday.**
- 8) Announcements
 - a. Hiring of Lori Gross as Office Assistant, \$21/hour, start date 6/1
 - b. Recycling Center grant, Interim Clerk Okins
 - c. **Added: Governor Evers will be reviewing a letter this week to approve or deny supplemental funding to municipalities. Our Town Hall has a Peshtigo Food Pantry collection table available for resident donations. If residents pickup trash along any Town roadsides, please call the Town Hall to arrange for pickup of garbage bags.**
- 9) Minute Approval
 - a. 4/12/23 Special Board Meeting: **Motion by Furton to approve minutes/Second by Kowalski. Carried with 5 yes votes.**
 - b. 5/16/23 Regular Board Meeting: **Motion by Wortner to approve minutes/Second by Coble. Carried with 5 yes votes.**
- 10) Public Comment (state your name & address, limited to 3 minutes):
 - a. **Bruce Vogeltanz commented on the boat landing on today's agenda that he has cut and maintained it for 5 years now, concrete is busted, rebar sticking out of concrete, and large branches hanging.**
 - b. **Julie Beyer thanked the board for giving out preliminary documents regarding to the meeting. She also stated that she appreciates the mowing job done on Rader Road.**
 - c. **Trygve Rhude stated that agenda #23 math does not add, stating both \$37,000 and \$35,000. He also mentioned there were 5 items over the \$5,000 limit and that some businesses may feel harm by not going out for bids. He encouraged the board to keep the boat launch as a public launching site and continue litigation with JCI.**
 - d. **Cindy Baur encouraged the board to use APPA funds to fund the new fire department truck, as previously petitioned. She also stated that the board should use the purchase policy to bid things fairly and asked that we continue in litigation with JCI.**



- e. Candy Buchenauer stated that the Town cannot let actions of Friday and Beatty continue toward Wiedemeier. She believes Friday has allowed the Town budget to go downhill, let committees go, have invitation only Q&As in her 3 meetings thus far. She begged the Town to stick together and bring the lawsuit to referendum.
- f. Dr. Tandias believes the PFAS contamination will continue and he feels as though Friday's previous annexation attempt was a selfish act. He believes more testing is needed.
- g. Connie Hass is troubled by Wortner shouldering the roads at \$37,000 and that he didn't follow the Town procedures for receiving 2 bids, since Road King is already familiar with the process.
- h. Connie Hass also spoke on behalf of Betsy Jaeger, stating it's the Chairperson's responsibility to ensure ordinances are followed and that she is concerned with the ethics of supervisors concerning culvert work.
- i. Jim Bohr stated that he would like to see the Town continue in the lawsuit and that we only have one shot at getting this right.
- 11) Department Head Reports
- a. Fire Department: **Chief Folgert gave FD report**
 - b. Constable: **Chairperson Friday gave Constable report**
- 12) Treasurer Report/Investment Report/Budget YTD vs Actual/Budget Amendments
- 13) Approve Vouchers & Payments of Bills: **Motion made by Furton/Second by Wortner to approve vouchers and payment of bills. Motioned carried with 5 yes votes.**
- 14) Fire Engine Funding, ARPA allocation discussion with possible action: **Coble motion to approve allocating \$100,000 of ARPA funds toward the Fire Department's new fire engine, plus an additional \$50,000 out of LGIP Capital Outlay which would either go into an 18 month CD or be paid directly to Pierce (whichever is greater savings/more benefit to the Town)/Second by Furton. Motion carried with 5 yes votes.**
- 15) Approval of liquor license renewals: **Coble motioned to approve/Second by Wortner. Motion carried with 5 yes votes.**
- 16) Appoint Kayla Okins as Clerk with contract approval: **Motion to appoint clerk as of 6/20/2021 and approve contract by Furton/Second by Kowalski. Motion carried with 5 yes votes.**
- 17) Technology update
- a. iPads – 2, iPhones – 2 for sale, discussion with anticipated action: **A motion was made by Wortner to approve the sale of unused Town devices, via the Peshtigo Times and Town website/Second by Coble. Motion carried with 5 yes votes.**
 - b. Internet & Phone Service, review Spectrum proposal with possible action: **Motion was made by Furton/Second by Coble to approve transferring Town Hall internet and phone services to Spectrum with increased speeds/quality guaranteed. Motion carried with 5 yes votes.**
- 18) Town Attorney update: **Friday updated that Attorney Spangenberg will remain as Interim Attorney at \$185/hour.**
- 19) Approve Board of Review Ordinances and Policies as reviewed/revised by Attorney Spangenberg
- a. Ordinance Amending Section 2-495(a) of the Code of Ordinances Board of Review-Membership of Board Ordinance #202305-03: **Motion to approve by Wortner/Second by Coble. Motion carried with 5 yes votes.**
 - b. Ordinance Creating Section 2-500 of the Code of Ordinances Board of Review- Confidentiality of Income Information Ordinance #202305-04: **Motion to approve by Wortner/Second by Coble. Motion carried with 5 yes votes.**
 - c. Board of Review Policy on Procedure for Sworn Telephone or Sworn Written Testimony Requests: **Motion to approve by Wortner/Second by Kowalski. Motion carried with 5 yes votes.**
 - d. Board of Review Policy on Procedure for Waiver of Board of Review Hearing Requests: **Motion to approve by Wortner/Second by Coble. Motion carried with 5 yes votes.**



- 20) Amendment to the ATV Regulation Ordinance 2019-601: **H(2) Motion made by Wortner/Second by Kowalski to approve amendment to ordinance, with removal of H(8) "and/or brake lights" per Coble as it is now a law. Motion carried with 5 yes votes.**
- 21) Renewal of UES Technologies Network Service Contract: **Contract decreased in price. Motion to approve by Wortner/Second by Coble. Motion carried with 5 yes votes.**
- 22) Ad hoc Committee updates
- a. Capital Improvement Plan – Supervisor Furton: **Furton updated that she will be working with Coble to schedule a meeting regarding the Recycling Center.**
 - b. CDBG-CV – Chairperson Friday, Treasurer Maney: **Maney updated that our 1st grant disbursement check is coming.**
 - i. Town Hall Remodel update – Supervisor Coble: **Coble stated that we have received an extension on the Town Hall remodel and that we will be holding off on roof repairs until the new rooftop units are installed.**
- 23) Road Work/Maintenance Bidding Requirements, communication with Wisconsin Towns Association: **Furton presented a handout citing Wis. State Statute 60.47 and advised we work with Delmore for consulting, decisions, and priorities.**
- 24) Discuss purchase policy proposed changes with potential action: **Friday tabled until purchasing clarification is given by Wisconsin Towns Association.**
- 25) Standing Committee – Buildings & Grounds: Chairperson Coble, Vice Chairperson Wortner
- a. Town of Peshtigo Boat Launch area near N2078 Shore Drive property: **Furton motioned installing a "boat launch closed due to safety issue" sign/Second by Coble. Motion carried with 5 yes.**
- 26) Standing Committee – Recycling Center: Chairperson Coble, Vice Chairperson Furton
- a. Hiring of per diem worker, discussion with potential action: **Coble motioned to place an ad in the Peshtigo Times to hire an "as needed" employee for the RC/Second by Furton. Motion carried with 5 yes votes.**
- 27) Standing Committee – Roads & Ditches: Chairperson Wortner, Vice Chairperson Kowalski
- a. Update on completed & proposed work
 - i. Approve Affordable Tree Service for tree trimming/maintenance: **Wortner motioned to approve Affordable Tree Service NTE \$25,000 for tree trimming and maintenance/Second by Coble. Furton opposed. Motion carried with 4 yes votes.**
 - ii. Approve Marinette County Madsen Road work: **Motion made by Wortner to approve an estimate of \$21,500 by Marinette County to do Madsen Road and Marinette County to wedge for double chip seal on Krause and Keller, and Spitzmacher Roads for under \$5,000/Second by Coble. Motion carried with 5 yes. Wortner also updated on talking with Delmore and the Marinette County Highway Commissioner regarding the TRIP grant available next year.**
- 28) Grants including \$1.667 million Federal Grant Funds update from Supervisor Furton, UW-Madison Grant Writing email with Supervisor Furton, Thriving Earth Exchange discussion with Chairperson Friday, Utility District with Strand Engineering discussion with potential action: **Furton suggested board vote to set boundaries and chart of account, as well as schedule meetings. Friday tabled.**
- 29) Discussion and potential action arising from Closed Session meeting with Grant & Eisenhower legal Team: **No action was taken in closed session.**
- 30) Next Regular Board Meeting: Tuesday, July 18, 2023 at 7 p.m.
- 31) Motion to Adjourn: **Motion to adjourn at 8:48pm made by Wortner/Second by Coble. Motion carried with 5 yes votes.**

Kayla Okins, Clerk 06/29/2023