



**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Town of Peshtigo Monthly Board Meeting**  
**Tuesday August 15, 2023 at 7 p.m.**

- 1) Call to order: **7:00pm**
- 2) Pledge of allegiance
- 3) Roll call: **All Present: Chairperson Friday, Supervisor Coble, Supervisor Wortner, Supervisor Furton, Supervisor Kowalski**
- 4) Verification of Proper Notice: **Chairperson Friday verified.**
- 5) Approve Agenda **Wortner motion to approve the agenda/Second by Coble. Motion carried with 5 yes votes.**
- 6) Announcements
  - a. **TOP now has a YouTube page where residents can view recorded meetings.**
  - b. **WTA Fall Workshops are now available for board registration.**
  - c. **August 21<sup>st</sup> is 'National Fentanyl Prevention and Overdose Awareness Day' as well as August 31<sup>st</sup> being 'Overdose Awareness Day' - brochures for local help and resources are now available at the Town Hall for residents.**
- 7) Minute Approval
  - a. **7/18/23 Regular Board Meeting: Coble motion to approve/Second by Wortner. Carried with 5 yes.**
  - b. **7/27/23 Special Board Meeting: Wortner motion to approve/Second by Kowalski. Motion carried with 4 yes votes. Furton abstained, as she was not present 07/27/2023.**
- 8) Public Comment (State your name & address, limited to 3 minutes, limited to in-person attendees only. IF unable to attend in-person an email with public comment & instruction to have it read at Board Meeting may be sent to Town Clerk at [topclerk@townofpeshtigo.org](mailto:topclerk@townofpeshtigo.org) OR delivered to Town Hall by 6 p.m. of meeting date. Emailed public comment MUST be accompanied by a phone number for Clerk to contact in the event there is a need to confirm author. Anonymous public commentary will not be read.)
  - a. **Marty Eggener stated he had a sneaky suspicion that the neighbors of the Shore Drive Boat Launch just want it gone, but knew it was there before moving there. Marty said he stopped at the property and did not see any rebar, and that we should consider and start asking questions of "who's asking who, for what, from whom?"**
  - b. **Candy Buchenauer wanted to know who authorized the riprap at the boat launch and who dumped it. She questioned why this board is not talking about the poisoned water, like the previous board did.**
  - c. **Cindy Topel questioned why Chairperson Friday read Karen Sylvester's email during last month's meeting, but refused to let Supervisor Furton read Trygve's, asking was it at the wrong time of the meeting? She asked the board to fix the boat landing. Cindy also stated that she does not agree with which trees are being trimmed in Town and does not know whose property the leftover wood is.**
  - d. **Dr. Tandias stated that before the election, there was a lot of screaming about water issues and transparency, but he thinks no one is doing anything about it now. He would like to hear from G&E at a meeting.**
  - e. **Carol Orwig asked where the PFAS signs went and who authorized the removal of them.**



f. Trygve Rhude stated since the election, there's been road work done without action, no signs up at the boat landing, PFAS warning signs removed that were placed by the previous board. He received an email response directing him to reach out to Supervisor Wortner, as he removed the signs. Trygve asked if the board was meeting behind closed doors or just making decisions on their own.

g. Gordy Wicklund congratulated the new board. He is happy with the new Town Clerk, as well as pleased with the ARPA money directed toward the new fire truck. He also said that he drives by the boat launch and park regularly, but rarely sees anyone using it. Gordy also said he told the board 30 years ago to get rid of that property, as throwing money at it does not help most of our residents and it would be a bad spend of money.

h. Peter Hass thanked and commended Chairperson Friday for reaching out to DNR regarding boat landing and snowmobile trails. He would like to see a picture of the Shore Drive Boat Launch before the riprap was placed, to better understand the safety issue.

9) Department Head Reports

a. Fire Department: **Chairperson Friday gave Fire Department report.**

b. Constable: **Chairperson Friday gave Constable report.**

10) Treasurer Report/Investment Report/Budget YTD vs Actual/Budget Amendments: **Wortner motion to accept Treasurer Report/Second by Coble. Motion carried with 5 yes.**

11) Approve Vouchers & Payment of Bills: **Motion to approve by Coble/Second by Wortner. Motion carried with 5 yes.**

12) Approve Treasurer/CPA Realignment of Duties: **Coble motion to approve a realignment of Town Treasurer and CPA duties, allowing Treasurer to begin invoicing as of September 2023 and begin payroll duties as of January 2024, with a Treasurer contract discussion come 2024/Second by Wortner. Motion carried with 5 yes votes.**

13) Approve Outdoor Burning Ordinance Changes as proposed by Chief Folger: **Motion made by Wortner to approve ordinance changes/Second by Kowalski. Motion carried with 5 yes.**

14) Approve Sale of iPad/iPhones to Town Officials/Employees/Volunteers and Immediate Family Members (Any board members interested in purchasing must recuse themselves from discussion/voting): **Motion made by Wortner to approve extending the sale of Town iPad and iPhones on a first-come, first-served basis to Town employees and/or volunteers and their families. Motion included running another ad in 08/23/2023 paper, if the items are not yet sold/Second by Coble. Motion carried with 5 yes votes.**

15) Appoint Amber Lynwood to Plan Commission, fill Alternate term through 3/31/2026: **Coble motion to approve/Second by Wortner. Motion carried with 5 yes.**

16) Badger Book for Elections discussion with potential action, Clerk Okins: **Coble motion to approve the purchase of the Badger Book presented quote (1 server, 3 clients) with any projected excess of our election budget used first, and the remainder to be paid via ARPA funds/Second by Furton. Motion carried with 5 yes votes.**

17) Thriving Earth Exchange Update, Chairperson Friday: **Chairperson Friday updated that a follow-up meeting has been scheduled.**

18) \$1.667 million Federal Grant Funds, UW Grant Writing Team Update, Supervisor Furton: **Furton has an upcoming meeting with Region 5 EPA to discuss the Town's cost share waiver ability. She welcomed board questions to present at the meeting. Chairperson Friday requested an inquiry as to whether funds can be used for private well testing.**



19) Ad hoc Committee Updates:

- a. Capital Improvement Plan – Supervisor Furton: **Furton updated that a meeting happened earlier today and met with Chief Folgert. She will follow up with Keith on items from the meeting, and updated that Recycle Center can still be added, if needed. Coble verified he doesn't see any immediate Recycling Center needs at this time.**
- b. CDBG-CV – Chairperson Friday, Treasurer Maney: **Chairperson Friday updated on the 07/27/2023 meeting, stating we have redesigned the bid process at the direction of MSA and Integrity Engineering, to allow HVAC to be Prime and has now been sent out for rebids.**
  - i. Town Hall Remodel update – Supervisor Coble, Clerk Okins: **Coble and Kowalski reviewed the prints, which are also available in the Town Hall for residents to view. Coble updated that our previously accepted roofing bid will be honored at the fixed price, upon construction beginning. Town's potential cost toward remodel/HVAC will not be known until bids are opened in September.**

20) Standing Committee Updates:

- a. Buildings & Grounds: Chairperson Coble, Vice Chairperson Wortner
  - i. Shore Drive Boat Ramp Update, Chairperson Friday, Supervisor Wortner: **Riprap was moved up past the OHWM at the DNR's advice. The safety sign has arrived. Erin and Niccole from the DNR will be coming this month to check over work and options.**
- b. Recycling Center: Chairperson Coble, Vice Chairperson Furton: **Coble updated that brush will continue to be \$5/load, as it was verbally changed under the previous supervisor, but was not brought before the board. 2 instructional signs will be added to increase the flow of traffic. Coble also mentioned that adding per diem workers has been great!**
- c. Roads & Ditches: Chairperson Wortner, Vice Chairperson Kowalski: **Spitzmacher job from nearly 2 years ago has been completed, however 2 culverts have caved in during the work. County and potentially DNR will be pitching in on payment for the culvert replacements. Madsen Road job is complete. Green Gable Road will need a culvert replaced very soon.**

21) Upcoming Meetings:

- a. Public Hearing/Special Board Meeting – Thursday, August 24, 2023 at 12 p.m. – Zoning Change Request to Allow Construction of Mini Storage Units
- b. Special Board Meeting – Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 1 p.m. – CDBG Town Hall Improvement Bid Opening
- c. Regular Monthly Board Meeting – Tuesday, September 19, 2023 at 7 p.m.

22) Motion to Adjourn: **Wortner motion to adjourn at 8:22pm/Second by Kowalski. Motion carried with 5 yes votes.**

Kayla Okins, Clerk 08/17/2023