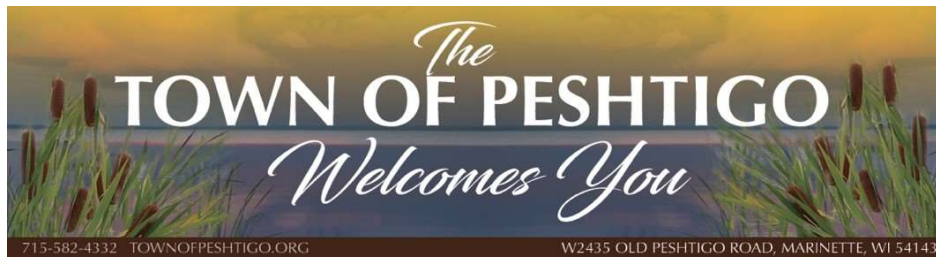




MEETING MINUTES
Town of Peshtigo Monthly Board Meeting
Tuesday, September 19, 2023 at 7 p.m.

STATE OF WISCONSIN, Town of Peshtigo, Marinette County
Peshtigo Town Hall, W2435 Old Peshtigo Road, Marinette, Wisconsin

- 1) Call to order: **Chairperson Friday called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.**
- 2) Pledge of allegiance
- 3) Roll call: **All present: Chairperson Friday, Supervisor Coble, Supervisor Wortner, and Supervisor Furton. Supervisor 4 was a vacant board seat.**
- 4) Verification of Proper Notice: **Chairperson Friday verified.**
- 5) Approve Agenda: **Wortner motion to approve agenda/Second by Coble. Motion carried with 4 yes.**
- 6) Announcements:
- 7) Appoint to Fill Supervisor 4 Vacancy followed by oath of office with term fulfillment 4/15/24: **Board voted 4 (Friday, Coble, Wortner, and Clerk Okins) to 1 (Furton- voted for Dennis Colburn), to appoint resident Daryl Joy to fulfill Supervisor 4 vacancy.**
- 8) Public Comment:
 - a. Connie Hass spoke her views on lack of Town Board representation, lack of bids on Town Hall remodel, and board integrity.
 - b. Candy Buchenauer questioned the closure of boat landing and the Town's plan for PFAS, as well as questions about reinstating the monthly water meetings.
 - c. Jeff Budish stated that he believes the water issues are "out of sight, out of mind" and questioned what is going on with the potential \$1.667 grant.
 - d. Chera Buechler commented that the boat launch is not a park (no bench, play equipment, etc.), but more so a driveway.
 - e. Jim Bohr spoke on the boat launch being a valuable piece of property, and that JCI/Tyco is not our friend.
 - f. Cindy Baur commented on the previous board's work on the CDBG, prior amendments, and the project scope. She questioned why all who applied for Supervisor 4 position were not asked the same questions.
 - g. Dr. Tandias spoke on the ongoing PFAS issues and his views on the lack of coherent leadership.
 - h. Denise Wiedemeier spoke on her previous employment, pay, and mileage. She commented on her previous training and an election challenge.
 - i. Jeff Budish spoke on PFAS contamination warning, Town signage, and our responsibility to be "public servants."
 - j. Trygve Rhude questioned the removal of PFAS signs and the boat launch being a public right.
 - k. Gary Schlichting commented that the boat launch should be available for picnics and Town should go out for bids on renovations or selling of property.
 - l. Carol Orwig stated the board should have kept standing committees.
 - m. Pete Hass spoke on the boat launch staying open for public use.
 - n. Dave Buechler commented on parking at boat launch, used for parking only.



o. Laura Winters echoed Dave Buechler, stating she has used the boat launch for parking only.

p. Gordy Wicklund spoke on how the boat launch was not given to the Town.

9) Minute Approval:

a. 8/15/23 Regular Board Meeting: Wortner motion to approve/Second by Coble. Joy abstained- not on board at the time. Motion carried with 4 yes votes.

b. 8/24/23 Special Board Meeting: Wortner motion to approve/Second by Coble. Friday abstained- not present at meeting. Joy abstained- not on board at the time. Motion carried with 3 yes.

c. 9/12/23 Special Board Meeting: Wortner motion to approve minutes (with correction of item #5 changing from "minutes" to "agenda")/Second by Coble. Furton abstained- not present at meeting. Joy abstained- not on board at the time. Motion carried with 3 yes.

10) Marinette County Board Report: Trygve Rhude spoke on the County budget, state funding, etc. Roads are a main concern for the County. He updated that sewer work near UW-Marinette is nearly complete.

11) Department Head Reports

a. Fire Department: Chief Folgert gave Fire Department report. TOP Fire Department's Open House will be held Saturday, October 7th. Family friendly, all residents welcome!

b. Constable: Chairperson Friday gave Constable report.

12) Treasurer Report/Investment Report/Budget YTD vs Actual/Budget Amendments: Coble motion to approve Treasurer's Report/Second by Wortner. Motion carried with 5 yes votes.

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

a. Review Actual Costs for Civic Plus Ordinance Update & Legal Review, Authorize Payments from ARPA Funds: Coble motion to approve "housekeeping cost breakdown" of \$5,300 Legal Review and \$3,400 Ordinance Updates to come out of ARPA funds, for a total of \$8,700 (total authorized by the previous administration)/Second by Wortner. Motion carried with 5 yes votes.

14) Approve Marinette County to Collect Property Taxes per usual: Coble motion to approve/Second by Furton. Motion carried with 5 yes.

15) Approve Reappointment of Joyce Buchman to Plan Commission, term ending 3/31/2026: Wortner motion to approve Buchman's reappointment/Second by Coble. Motion carried with 5 yes.

16) Discuss Board of Appeals & Plan Commission Fees with possible action, Clerk Okins: Wortner motion to approve raising both the Board of Appeals and Plan Commission cost to \$500 per meeting/Second by Coble. Motion carried with 5 yes votes.

17) Review Connection to Town Roads Ordinance Amendment Adopted 12/1/2022 with possible action: Coble motion to revert to previous ordinance/Second by Joy. Furton opposed. Motion carried with 3 yes.

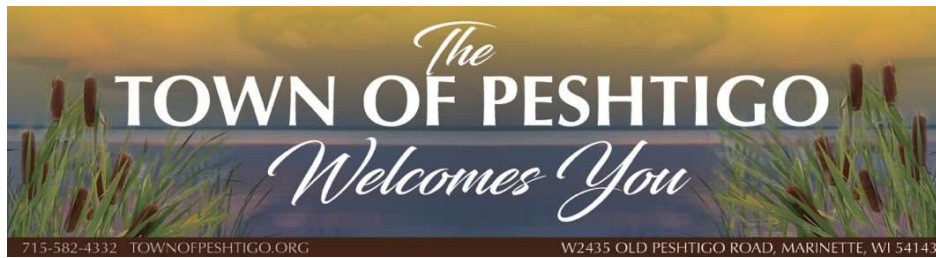
**At this time, Supervisor Wortner stepped out on an excused leave.*

18) Thriving Earth Exchange Update, Chairperson Friday: 24 residents entered the drawing for 2 free PFAS test kits, provided by Thriving Earth Exchange. Results coming soon.

19) \$1.667 million Federal Grant Funds, UW Grant Writing Team Update, Supervisor Furton: Furton met with EPA. The Town does not qualify for the cost share waiver. Project could be amended. Furton motion to have Town apply to cover the cost share waiver, at no cost to the Town/Second by Joy. Motion carried with 5 yes.

20) Ad hoc Committee Updates:

a. Capital Improvement Plan – Supervisor Furton: Furton canceled the September meeting, as there was no new info at that time.



b. CDBG-CV – Chairperson Friday, Treasurer Maney

i. Town Hall Improvement Update, Supervisor Coble, Clerk Okins: **No bids were submitted at the 09/12/2023 meeting. Due to contractors suggesting that there's not enough money in the project to account for the required paperwork, we looked into options to pare back the office remodel project. New bids are to be submitted by 10/10/2023.**

**At this time, Supervisor Wortner returned to the meeting.*

21) Standing Committee Updates:

a. Buildings & Grounds – Chairperson Coble, Vice Chairperson Wortner

i. PFAS Sign Update with possible action, Chairperson Friday, Supervisor Wortner: **Wortner stated that he removed "Town installed" PFAS warning signs. Friday noted map shows 25 Town installed signs (30 were purchased), map shows 13 Tyco installed signs (18 were installed). Friday also noted DNR had no information on signage, other than Tyco's signs. Furton questioned who authorized the removal. Furton motion to put Town installed signs back up/No second. Motion failed. Wortner motion to leave Town installed signs down/Second by Coble. Furton opposed. Motion carried with 4 yes votes.**

ii. Shore Drive Boat Ramp Update with possible action, Chairperson Friday, Supervisor Wortner: Friday stated that Niccole Smith from the DNR visited and understands why it was temporarily closed. She will chat with the others in her department. **Coble motion to honor the existing resident petition from 1989 in maintaining this space as Bay access, if allowed by the DNR, and removing park sign/Second by Wortner. Motion carried with 5 yes votes.**

b. Recycling Center – Chairperson Coble, Vice Chairperson Furton: **Coble talked of employees continuing to operate utilizing their fill-in help, due to employee out long term. He also is considering removing 5th Saturdays from the schedule. No official changes at this time.**

c. Roads & Ditches – Chairperson Wortner

i. Review City of Marinette Request to Quit Claim Frontage Road with possible action: **Coble motion to table to allow time to verify ownership of road, not just right of way access/Second by Wortner. Review with WI DOT. Motion carried with 5 yes.**

ii. Review City of Marinette Request to Quit Claim University Drive with possible action: **Coble motion to table to allow time to verify ownership of road, not just right of way access/Second by Wortner. Review with WI DOT. Motion carried with 5 yes.**

22) Potential Standing/Ad hoc Committee Restructuring with action: **Friday appointed the following:**

a. Buildings & Grounds: Chair Coble/Vice Chair Joy

b. Recycling Center: Chair Coble/Vice Chair Wortner

c. Roads: Wortner/Vice Chair Joy, with Joy & Road Foreman Swallow to be primarily over snowplowing.

23) Upcoming Meetings:

a. Special Board Meeting/Budget Workshop – Tuesday, October 10, 2023 at 6 p.m.

b. Regular Monthly Board Meeting – Tuesday, October 17, 2023 at 7 p.m.

24) Motion to Adjourn: **Coble motion to adjourn at 9:13pm/Second by Wortner. Motion carried with 5 yes votes.**

Kayla Okins, Clerk 09/28/2023