



MEETING MINUTES

Town of Peshtigo Special Board Meeting Tuesday, October 17, 2023 at 6 p.m. with Regular Board Meeting to follow at 7 p.m. or later

- 1) Call to order: **Chairperson Friday** called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.
- 2) Pledge of allegiance
- 3) Roll call: **All present**
Chairperson Friday, Supervisor Coble, Supervisor Wortner, Supervisor Furton, Supervisor Joy
- 4) Verification of proper notice: **Chairperson Friday** verified.
- 5) Approve agenda: **Furton motion to add public comment to the agenda/No second. Motion failed. Furton motion to add public comment to the next meeting's agenda/No second. Motion failed. Coble motion to approve agenda/Second by Wortner. Furton opposed. Motion carried with 4 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: **Wortner motion to enter closed session/Second by Joy. Roll call vote to enter closed session. Motion carried with 5 yes votes.**
 - a. Grant & Eisenhower legal team discussion re: Tyco/JCI litigation
 - b. Motion & roll call vote to return to Open Session: **Coble motion to return to open session/Second by Wortner. Roll call vote to return to open session. Motion carried with 5 yes votes.**
- 7) Action arising from Grant & Eisenhower legal team discussion re: Tyco/JCI litigation: **Chairperson Friday** verified **no action was taken during closed session.**
- 8) Reconvene into regular board meeting at 7 p.m. or later: **Reconvened at 7:00pm.**
(recess until 7 p.m. if Closed Session concludes sooner)
- 9) Announcements
 - a. Hiring of Office Assistant: **Chairperson Friday** announced the hiring of Kathy Brandt as Office Assistant at **\$21/hour, to start the beginning of 2024 and intermittently until then.**
 - b. Marinette County Unit Meeting: **Chairperson Friday** announced that Marinette County Unit meetings **will change from 4 to 3/year. The next meeting will be in March 2024.**
 - c. Other: **There will be no public comment on this agenda. Disruptions will not be tolerated.**
- 10) Minute approval
 - a. 9/19/23 Regular Board Meeting: **Wortner motion to approve minutes/Second by Coble. Motion carried with 5 yes.**
 - b. 10/10/23 Special Board Meeting/Budget Workshop: **Coble motion to approve minutes/Second by Joy. Motion carried with 5 yes.**
- 11) Reports
 - a. Marinette County Board: **Trygve Rhude** announced Marinette County's upcoming budget public hearing and their proposed 2024 budget is listed on their website for viewing. He stated that public comment is on all Marinette County meeting agendas.



- b. Fire Department: **Chief Folgert gave Fire Department report.**
 - c. Constable: **Chairperson Friday gave Constable report.**
- 12) Treasurer Report/Investment Report/Budget YTD vs Actual/Budget Amendments: **Coble motion to approve Treasurer's Report as presented/Second by Wortner. Motion carried with 5 yes.**
- 13) Approve vouchers & payment of bills: **Joy motion to approve vouchers and payment of bills/Second by Wortner. Motion carried with 5 yes.**
- 14) Discuss employee 2024 pay increase: **All raises will be in effect as of 01/01/2024. All below employee 2024 pay increase motions carried with 5 yes votes.**
- Keith Swallow: **Coble motion to increase to \$26 per hour/Second by Joy.**
 - Jeff Maney: **Wortner motion to increase to \$21 per hour/Second by Coble.**
 - Paul McClain: **Coble motion to increase to \$22 per hour/Second by Wortner.**
 - Bob Eggener: **on extended medical leave at this time. If/when he returns, Coble motion to increase to \$19 per hour/Second by Wortner.**
 - John Berg: **Coble motion to change his title to Recycling Center Assistant Lead and increase to \$18 per hour/Second by Wortner.**
 - Dennis Czapiewski and Wayne Kamka: **Coble motion to increase to \$15 per hour/Second by Wortner.**
 - Rebecca Archambault: **Joy motion to increase Rebecca to \$18 per hour, and the Election Inspectors to \$14 per hour/Second by Coble.**
- 15) Proposed 2024 budget review/discussion: **After lowering the Contingency Fund to accommodate for 2024 employee raises, Coble motion to have the office proceed with Notice of Public Hearing of the 2024 proposed budget summary/Second by Joy. Motion carried with 5 yes votes.**
- 16) WTA 2023 annual convention attendance: **Both Supervisors Wortner and Joy will attend.**
- 17) Keller Road property building permit violations & potential unfit for human habitation order: **Wortner motion to allow Building Inspector Tom Smith to work with Attorney Spangenberg on this property. Motion carried with 5 yes votes.**
- 18) PFAS contamination
- a. Thriving Earth Exchange update: **2 residents were selected by Carsyn Ames of Thriving Earth Exchange for the free PFAS test kits- April MacGlashin and John Sturdy. As part of the agreement, the Town will be notified of the test results from these kits.**
 - b. Tyco/JCI update: **Tyco/JCI has 98 contracts for requested wells in the PWSA. Bottled water and POETS programs are still in place. They are currently partnering with 14 local contractors on these projects. Outreach and opportunity remain the same for all PWSA parcel owners. Results to date are available in the Town's resident agenda packet.**
 - c. WDNR update: **Tyco/JCI is continuing investigation of PFAS contamination in and around the FTC and has installed around 20 deep drinking wells to residents in the PWSA that have signed on with a contract. Tyco/JCI will continue semi-annual sampling of the Marinette High School Irrigation Well site.**
 - d. EPA superfund petition update: **Chairperson Friday stated that in March 2022 Town residents Cindy Boyle and Jeff Lamont filed a citizen petition to move the area's PFAS contamination through the Superfund process. Friday discussed with Erica Aultz recently and the process is still ongoing.**



- e. \$1.667 million Federal grant funds, UW grant writing team update, Supervisor Furton: **No major updates at this time. This is a work in progress.**
- f. Long term permanent drinking water solution for impacted residents: **Furton asked what the board's direction was, and all members seemingly agreed through conversation that there are many options and factors to consider with utility district, private wells, etc, but many hinder on the cost share of the potential of the \$1.667 million federal grant funds.**

19) Ad hoc committee updates:

- a. Capital Improvement Plan – Supervisor Furton: **Furton questioned if the Town was going to utilize CIP, and what's it's desired direction. Committee will continue and Furton will let Chairperson Friday know when needs arise and create an agenda at that time.**
- b. CDBG-CV – Chairperson Friday, Treasurer Maney
 - i. Town Hall improvement update: **WI DOA has changed the scope to split the project and allow the Town to accept a 'reasonable quote' for renovations. As of 10/31/2023, the Town is in noncompliance until the start of construction.**

20) Standing Committee Updates:

- a. Buildings & Grounds – Chairperson Coble, Vice Chairperson Joy
 - i. Shore Drive/Leaf Road bay access update, Chairperson Friday: **Erin and Niccole from DNR will be giving the Town options on this property. Chairperson Friday did consult with our Town insurance company regarding risks and liabilities of the property, which has been referred to Attorney Spangenberg. Discussion is tabled pending potential options and outcomes.**
- b. Recycling Center – Chairperson Coble, Vice Chairperson Wortner: **Paul, Recycling Center Lead, has been informed to go back to charging for brush, as that change was never approved by the previous administration. Coble will be reviewing fees to ensure we are charging the proper amounts.**
- c. Roads & Ditches – Chairperson Wortner, Vice Chairperson Joy: **Wortner stated that he cleaned brush out of a Town ditch on Schacht Road, with the help of our Road Foreman.**
 - i. Frontage Road, University Drive right of way update: **Wortner and Joy are working with WI DOT and Attorney Spangenberg to then communicate with the City of Marinette, who is requesting the jurisdictional transfer. Paperwork is in progress.**

21) Upcoming Meetings: Regular Monthly Board Meeting – Tuesday, November 21, 2023 at 7 p.m.: **Chairperson Friday announced the meeting time will change to 6:30pm on November 21, 2023.**

22) Motion to Adjourn: **Coble motion to adjourn at 8:25pm/Second by Wortner. Motion carried with 5 yes votes.**

Kayla Okins, Clerk 10/19/2023