



MEETING MINUTES
Town of Peshtigo Monthly Board Meeting
Tuesday, January 16, 2024 at 7 p.m.

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, Supervisor Furton, Supervisor Joy

4) Verification of proper notice: **Clerk Okins verified.**

5) Approve agenda: **Approved via unanimous consent.**

6) Public comment, limited to 15 minutes (in-person attendees only, limited to 3 minutes per person with no time donations from others, agenda items only), please be prepared to come forward to the table, speak clearly into the microphone, start by stating name & address

a. **Rick Dittrich thanked Supervisor Furton for her time on the board. He also showed support to Wendel Johnson and the KWT on behalf of Northern Lights Master Gardeners.**

7) Announcements: **Chairperson Friday announced the changes with Board of Review and Recycling, as well as announced the upcoming Spring Road School.**

8) Minute approval

a. 12/19/23 Regular Board Meeting: **Chairperson Friday motion to approve with change made on 19b. "Price and hours of operation available in newsletter"/Second by Coble. Motion carried with 5 yes votes.**

b. 1/4/24 Special Board Meeting: **Approved via unanimous consent.**

9) Reports

a. Fire Department: **Chief Folgert gave report.**

i. Lifesaving Awards: **Chief Folgert presented Lifesaving Awards to Derek Monnette, James Matthews, and Ryan Kass, on their efforts to save a local young man from a vehicle accident in November of 2023. He also presented Joe Paoli and Justin Walk with Unit Command Awards for their assistance to their fellow team members.**

ii. Fire Department State of WI Service Award Program: Municipal contribution approval of \$9,286.40 to be paid by 02/15/2024: **Joy motion to approve/Second by Wortner. Coble abstained, as he is on the fire department. Motion carried with 4 yes votes.**

b. Constable: **Chairperson Friday referenced report in packet.**

c. Building Inspector: **Chairperson Friday stated we updated the code per WI State Admin. Code after December Board Meeting.**

d. Marinette County Board: **No Marinette County Board Member present.**

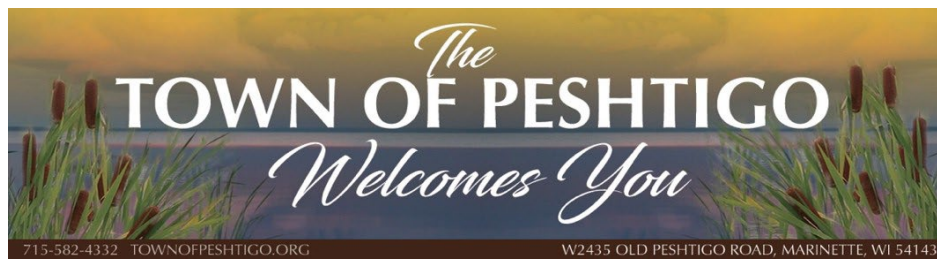
10) Treasurer Report/Investment Report/Budget YTD vs Actual/Budget Amendments: **Approved via unanimous consent.**

11) Approve vouchers & payment of bills: **Wortner motion to approve/Second by Joy. Motion carried with 5 yes.**

12) Kowalski Walking Trail

a. Potential spring burn – Wendel Johnson, Lara Fondow, Jay Watson: **Lara Fondow did an informational presentation. Neither Wendel Johnson nor Chief Folgert seemed to have concerns in regards to the burn. Joy motion to approve/Second by Furton. Motion carried with 5 yes votes.**

b. Identify and title Wendel Johnson's role: **Chairperson Friday motion to approve naming Wendel Johnson Kowalski Walking Trail Volunteer Coordinator/Second by Joy. Motion carried with 5 yes votes.**



- 13) Additional Election Inspector Approval: **Wortner motion to approve Kathleen Willmann and Shane Johnson as election inspectors/Second by Coble. Motion carried with 5 yes.**
- 14) Board of Appeals Membership: **Wortner motion to reappoint Tom Lawson and Ron Charon in their current positions for another 3 years, expiring 01-31-2027/Second by Joy. Motion carried with 5 yes votes.**
- 15) Ordinance/Policy Review Committee: **Friday motion to create committee with Friday and Wortner as co-chairs, Joyce Buchman and Wendel Johnson as resident involvement and place an ad in the Peshtigo Times to get additional applicants/Second by Coble. Motion carried with 5 yes.**
- 16) Discounted Fire Number signs/posts: **Wortner motion to approve running the discounted rates for replacement fire number signs with post for \$25 through April 2, 2024/Second by Coble. Motion carried with 5 yes.**
- 17) Proposed amendment to Ordinance Sec 2-134: **Furton motion to approve all with the exception of "b2", no second. Motion failed. Friday motion to amend the ordinance as presented/Second by Coble. Furton opposed. Motion carried with 4 yes.**
- 18) PFAS contamination
- a. Thriving Earth Exchange update: **update can be viewed in packet, pages 22-27**
 - b. Tyco/JCI update: **update can be viewed in packet, page 28**
 - c. WDNR update: **update can be viewed in packet, pages 29-41**
 - d. EPA Superfund Designation: **No update at this time.**
 - e. \$1.667 million Federal grant funds, UW grant writing team update, Supervisor Furton: **Furton commented that funds cannot be used for POETs or monitoring. We cannot secure a list of grants while in a 'holding pattern' on the Town's direction for permanent safe drinking water, as it is currently too broad. Amendments could be made to give better direction.**
- 19) Ad hoc committee updates:
- a. CDBG-CV – Chairperson Friday, Treasurer Maney
 - i. Town Hall improvement update – Supervisors Coble and Joy: **Joy spoke on receiving a 2nd bid for the Town Hall project. More invoices may be coming from engineers. There may be additional CDBG funds available, so the Town may go for an amendment.**
- 20) Standing Committee Updates:
- a. Buildings & Grounds – Chairperson Coble, Vice Chairperson Joy
 - i. Bid process for Fire Department drains: **Holding off on this project until CDBG funds are calculated by WI DOA.**
 - b. Recycling Center – Chairperson Coble, Vice Chairperson Wortner: **Coble stated that contrary to complaints, RC price increases have been discussed, on website, and in the newsletter. He stated that the Recycling Center attendants will use wisdom when pricing "additional cost based on size/weight." Coble is looking into other companies to save the Town money.**
 - c. Roads & Ditches – Chairperson Wortner, Vice Chairperson Joy
 - i. Road Maintenance/Snowplow Operations/Contract: **Joy spoke of the cost of plowing vs the cost of Town portion of taxes and how he is being fiscally responsible on when to send plows out, after considering buses, ERS/EMS, fire departments, etc. Joy will be meeting with Cramer to discuss further.**
- 21) Upcoming Meetings – Regular Board Meeting, Tuesday, February 20, 2024 at 7 p.m.
- 22) Motion to Adjourn: **Coble motion to adjourn at 8:30pm/Second by Wortner. Motion carried with 5 yes.**

Kayla Okins, Clerk 01/23/2024