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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: **Applicants included** Dennis Colburn, Michael Dobson, Daryl Joy, Jim Kollross, Leonard Wiedemeier. 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/Tygo 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.
 - I. 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 and will likely end up in litigation. When asked about the county assisting with PFAS testing like Dane County he stated there would likely be no funds available.
- 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 4 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. Wortner replied "no one". 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



MEETING MINUTES Town of Peshtigo Special Board Meeting/Budget Workshop Tuesday, October 10, 2023 at 6 p.m.

- 1) Call to order: Chairperson Friday called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.
- 2) Pledge of allegiance
- 3) Roll call: All present:

Chairperson Friday, Supervisor Coble, Supervisor Wortner, Supervisor Furton, Supervisor Joy

- 4) Verification of Proper Notice: Chairperson Friday verified.
- 5) Approve Agenda: Wortner motion to approve agenda/Second by Coble. Motion carried with 5 yes votes.
- 6) CDBG Town Hall Improvement Bid Opening & Discussion: No bids received. Coble motion to move forward with MSA splitting the project (with permission from DOA) with approval for sole solicitation, along with board pre-approval for Chairperson Friday and Supervisor Coble to move forward with any action required to keep the process moving/Second by Joy. Motion carried with 5 yes votes.
- 7) Proposed 2024 Town Budget Workshop: Town Board discussed 2024 proposed budget.
- 8) ARPA Fund Discussion: Town Board discussed ARPA Funds.
- 9) Upcoming Meetings: Regular Monthly Board Meeting Tuesday, October 17, 2023 at 7 p.m.
- 10) Motion to Adjourn: Coble motion to adjourn at 7:35pm/Second by Joy. Motion carried with 5 yes votes.

Kayla Okins, Clerk 10/12/2023



Town of Peshtigo Fire Department Report to the Town Board October 17, 2023

11 Calls since the September 19th, 2023 Monthly Town Board meeting:

Sept. 20 th	W1536 US Hwy 41, Vehicle Crash					
Sept. 21st	US Hwy 41 at County T, Vehicle Crash					
Sept. 27 th	N3407 Rehms Rd., EMS Assist					
Oct. 2 nd	W2584 Montana Way, Vehicle Fire inside repair shop					
Oct. 2 nd	N3407 Rehms Rd., EMS Assist					
Oct. 5 th	N2539 Deer Path Lane, Natural Gas Leak inside residence					
Oct. 6 th	US Hwy 41 at County Y, Close down SB lanes and detour traffic due to vehicle crash					
Oct. 9 th	W5308 Loucks Rd., Barn Fire assist (Canceled enroute)					
Oct. 11th	Shore Drive at Rader Rd., Vehicle Crash					
Oct. 12 th	W1888 US Hwy 41, Vehicle Crash					
Oct. 16 th	N2673 Shore Drive, Fire Alarm Activation					

Apparatus and Equipment Status:

- Repairs completed on Brush 2 (F-350) replacement of two tire pressure monitoring sensors.
- Annual ladder testing is scheduled for Wednesday of this week.

Training:

- October training focused on vehicle extrication and was conducted at RZR Auto Salvage where firefighters were able to
 practice with both hydraulic and E-Draulic tools on a number of vehicles.
- Three firefighters (DeForge, Staszak, Walk) completed a 30-hour NWTC Driver-Operator course.
- James Matthews achieved State Certification as a Fire Inspector.

Fire Prevention and Education:

- Free smoke alarms are still available for installation at households within the Town of Peshtigo.
- Participated in the Peshtigo Historical Days parade with two fire trucks.
- Our Open House and Fire Safety Day was held at the Town Hall/Fire Station on Sat., Oct. 7th.
- Two lucky children had their names drawn and received a ride to school in a fire truck last week.

Other:

• The Fire Commission met on Sept. 28th to approve reappointments of Assistant Chief (Seils) and two captains (Monnette and Kass). They also reviewed and recommended approval of the fire department budget requests for 2024.

Personnel:

- Our current roster stands at 21 volunteer firefighters.
- Chad Ryczek resigned last month since he is moving out of the area due to a new job.
- Justin Walk successfully completed his initial probation and has been approved as an active firefighter.
- We are currently accepting applications for new firefighters.

Mike Folgert Fire Chief



September 2023 Constable Report

9/2/23 Call for lost dog.

9/2/23 Call for lost dog- same as above.

9/19/2023 Follow-up on citation on Riverside Drive. No changes at this time.



TREASURER'S REPORT 9/30/2023

MONTHLY ACTIVITY BMO Checking BMO Platinum Business MM BMO Payroll Checking PNB Checking - CDBG Change Fund Receipts Disbursements Transfers Undeposited Funds		\$ \$ \$ \$ \$	8/31/2023 35,104.44 50,646.14 4,323.37 8.71 215.00	\$	77,275.91 118,252.81	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$	9/30/2023 77,447.51 28,046.57 5,187.54 8.71 215.00
TOTALS		\$	90,297.66	\$	(40,976.90)	\$	110,905.33
LOCAL INVESTMENTS							
	Due		8/31/2023				9/30/2023
Stephenson National (FD)	11/22/2023					\$	-
Stephenson National (RD)	11/22/2023	\$	158,644.36			\$	158,644.36
Stephenson National (CO)	11/22/2023	\$	105,762.89			\$	105,762.89
BMO CD			\$150,000.00			\$	150,000.00
TOTAL					•		\$414,407.25
LOCAL GOVERNMENT INVESTMENT POOL (LGIP)							
			8/31/2023				9/30/2023
Fire Dept. Equip.		\$	253.33			\$	254.44
Roads		\$	93,575.35			\$	23,750.81
Capital Outlay-Mach. & Equip.		\$	70,271.44			\$	70,580.39
Recycling		\$	11,649.31			\$	11,700.53
ARPA		\$	145,848.58			\$	146,848.58
TOTAL					-	\$	253,134.75
TOTAL INVESTMENTS					-		\$667,542.00
TOTAL CASH & INVESTMENTS					_	\$	778,447.33

Jodi Maney Treasurer

toptreasurer@townofpeshtigo.org

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Title</u>	Start Date	Current Wage/hour
Keith Swallow	Road Foreman	7/24/2015	\$24.52
Jeff Maney	General Laborer	5/19/2023	\$20
Paul McClain	RC Lead	6/9/2021	\$21.53
Bob Eggener	RC Attendant	1/1/2001	\$18.13
John Berg	RC Attendant	8/31/2021	\$16.64
Dennis Czapiewski	RC Attendant, per diem	5/16/2023	\$14
Wayne Kamka	RC Attendant, per diem	6/20/2023	\$14
Rebecca Archambault	Chief Election Inspector	10/27/2016	\$17.00
Election Inspectors	Election Inspectors	Varies	\$13.00

Tyco Deep Well Progress Update

Program Objective

Tyco's priority is to ensure the community's water is **safe** and that residents are protected from PFAS impacts from historic operations by providing a **long term, reliable drinking water solution** for residents in the Potable Well Sampling Area

Deep Well Requests

- 98 Replacement wells requested to date; additional requests received on regular basis
- 20 Replacement wells installed
- 78 Wells queued for installation
- Bottled water and POETS service continuing until deep well completion
- Construction planned through at least 2024
- Currently partnering with 14 local contractors
- Outreach continues and opportunity remains for all PWSA parcel owners

Results to Date

- Radium levels are reduced to approximately an order or magnitude below (1/10) the maximum contaminant level
- Other compounds are being filtered to multiple orders of magnitude below criteria
- The treated water is safe to drink
- Groundwater monitoring is ongoing
- 1 year of individual private well monitoring
 Results are consistent from quarter to quarter
- 4 5 deep bedrock monitoring wells throughout community being monitored under WDNR oversight
- General response is that water pressure has increased with the new wells

RE: Town of Peshtigo Update

Sellwood, Alyssa A - DNR <alyssa.sellwood@wisconsin.gov>

Fri 10/13/2023 7:53 PM

To:Town of Peshtigo Chair <topchair@townofpeshtigo.org>

Cc:Thistle, Jodie M - DNR <jodie.thistle@wisconsin.gov>;Sieger, Christine T - DNR <christine.sieger@wisconsin.gov>

Hi Jennifer - Here are updates for PFAS that may be of interest to town of Peshtigo residents in your monthly board meeting:

Site Investigation: - JCI/Tyco is continuing its investigation of PFAS contamination in and around the FTC. They have plans to install and sample new monitoring wells in the PWSA in the town of Peshtigo in the coming months. The DNR anticipates receiving a report to document finding and conclusions for this additional investigation in early 2024.

Deep Wells - To date, JCI/Tyco has installed around 20 deep drinking wells for residents who have signed on for a deep well in the PWSA. This summer, JCI/Tyco also completed two new monitoring wells in this deep aquifer and plans to install two more deep monitoring wells in the PWSA this fall. JCI/Tyco's initial testing results of the new deep wells were as expected: the water did not contain PFAS at levels of concern, but did have elevated levels of radium, strontium and other water quality that warrant treatment. In a few instances the new deeps wells have had to be retrofit with a special deeper casing to address sulfur issues.

High School Irrigation Well: - In June 2023, JCI/Tyco installed a new irrigation well at Marinette High School to replace the old irrigation well that was found to have a faulty casing and was drawing PFAS from the shallow aquifer. PFAS were not detected at levels of health concern in samples collected from the new irrigation well. JCI/Tyco will continue semi-annual sampling of the irrigation well under an agreement it has with the school district.

Alyssa Sellwood Phone: 608-622-8606

Alyssa.Sellwood@wisconsin.gov

RE: Town of Peshtigo Utility District

Ewanowski, Nate < Nate. Ewanowski@strand.com >

Tue 10/3/2023 8:37 AM

To:Town of Peshtigo Chair <topchair@townofpeshtigo.org>
Cc:Wood, Ben <Ben.Wood@strand.com>;Town of Peshtigo Clerk <topclerk@townofpeshtigo.org>

Morning Jennifer,

That sounds good with us. The budget costs below are shown as ranges to incorporate the many factors that would need to be discussed. These don't include any attorney fees which could be significant depending on where the meetings go.

2a. Updated Alternatives Analysis / Engineering Report - \$35,000 to \$75,000

2b. Stakeholder Meetings (on call/as needed) - \$10,000 to \$20,000

2c. Cost of Service Study - \$10,000 to \$20,000

Let us know if you have any questions or want to discuss further.

Thanks, Nate

From: Town of Peshtigo Chair <topchair@townofpeshtigo.org>

Sent: Monday, October 2, 2023 12:17 PM

To: Ewanowski, Nate < Nate. Ewanowski@strand.com>

Cc: Wood, Ben <Ben.Wood@strand.com>; Town of Peshtigo Clerk <topclerk@townofpeshtigo.org>

Subject: Re: Town of Peshtigo Utility District

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]: Verify sender before opening links or attachments.

Thank you for your detailed response. I am looking for an estimated cost to have Strand Engineering move forward which would essentially pertain to #2 in your summation. I am not looking for an exact amount but even a range of costs that I can bring to the Town Board for discussion.

Thank you, Jennifer

From: Ewanowski, Nate < Nate. Ewanowski@strand.com >

Sent: Monday, October 2, 2023 11:40 AM

To: Town of Peshtigo Chair < topchair@townofpeshtigo.org>

Cc: Wood, Ben <<u>Ben.Wood@strand.com</u>>
Subject: RE: Town of Peshtigo Utility District

Hi Jennifer,

Thanks for reaching out to get additional details and budget costs related to the Utility District. If you're looking for the costs for the process of creating a legal Utility District boundary after/if the Board approves it, those would likely be minimal and will include Attorney time and publishing costs. The "prerequisite" activities have been completed and the Board could take that to vote at any time. Reminder, creating a Utility District opens some doors to continue to explore the creation of a Water Utility without obligating the Town to actually create a Water Utility (and if the Town decided to further pursue a water utility, there would be all kinds of cost of service studies, public hearings, etc. that would need to happen before an eventual referendum/Board vote to create a Water Utility).



If you're looking for costs of the items that could take place after the Utility District boundary is created, we probably should have a discussion on what sort of direction and schedule the Town wants to take at this time. Although there was a preliminary plan setup as part of our Program Management Plan, there's a lot of different variables now that need to be considered. Nonetheless, the general big-picture next steps most likely include:

- 1. Board vote on Utility District Creation. Set up accounts to track 'utility district costs,'. Publish legal boundaries.
- 2. Complete additional studies/analyses/etc. based on updated information.
 - a. Revisit alternatives analysis. Potentially explore new alternatives plus revisit some assumptions in the existing alternatives to see if they're still viable. Review and incorporate updated private well sampling and private deep well construction locations.
 - b. Participate in stakeholder meetings with neighboring municipalities, DNR, State Reps, etc.
 - c. Complete a cost of service study for a preferred top 1-2 alternatives.
- 3. Board action on starting steps of creating a Water Utility (if that's a preferred option)
 - a. Summarize findings of alternatives analysis and cost of service study.
 - b. Outline the steps of creating a water utility, if applicable, so the Board understands the effort involved.
- 4. Funding applications/Design/Etc.
 - a. DNR Safe Drinking Water Loan Program
 - i. Intent to Apply
 - ii. Application/Design/Construction
 - b. United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development Program
 - c. Public Service Commission Water Utility Creation Authorization Application
 - d. EPA Grant Funds

In addition to the steps above, below are a couple questions that should be discussed before recommending a capital plan and providing budget numbers:

- How does the Town feel about past alternatives and what additional alternatives should be considered?
- How soon should the Town complete a cost of service study to see how much customers will have to pay for water service, if going the water utility creation route?
- Does the Town want to apply to the DNR Safe Drinking Water Loan Program to potentially receive principal
 forgiveness dollars to assist in the creation of a Water Utility? Note, the intent to apply deadline is the end
 of October. This needs to be completed to be eligible for SFY 2025 funding.
- What is the status of the EPA Grant Funds and what sort of items are the funds eligible for?

I know this is long-winded and only answered your request with questions, but there's a lot of variables to understand before we give reasonable budget costs. Based on where our conversations with the Town last left off, it seems like 2024 tasks could reasonably include some of the additional studies (bullet number 2 above), but we'd like to talk it through with you and get an update on the Town's perspective. Ben Wood and I are generally open every day this week if you'd like to schedule a call to discuss further.

Thanks, Nate



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