

TOWN OF CUTLER MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

Monday November 13, 2023

CUTLER TOWN HALL N10846 2nd Ave; Camp Douglas, WI

Town Board Members in attendance: Martin Potter (Chairman), Bobbie Georgeson (Clerk), Curt Jorgensen (Supervisor), Jim Hayward (Supervisor), and Terry Hayward (Treasurer). Also in attendance were Robert Fink, Tania Garrity, and Bobby Shaw. Jim Hayward called the monthly meeting to order at 5:44 p.m., immediately following the Budget Hearing.

Minutes: Bobbie distributed October minutes, approved with no corrections.

Treasurer's Report Terry gave October Financial Report

- Received final General Transportation Aid payment for 2023, \$36,013.63.
- We had to add a special charge to Dennis & Stephanie Johnson 2023 tax bill for \$175.19. This is for a lottery credit they shouldn't have received in 2022 on pp account 2900600468. The state had tried to recover these funds, this is the way they will ensure getting their money returned.
- Terry reported one (1) remaining delinquent PP tax bill, for a total of \$41.64, outstanding. Terry is continuing to try to collect from Mark Nagel.

Clerk's Report Bobbie reported correspondence received during the month.

- Elections workers qualified for 2024-2025 are: Brian Krause and Cheryl Georgeson (prefers NOT to be included anymore), along with Bobbie. Curt made a motion to approve workers, Jim seconded, motion passed. Search for additional workers continue, NEED workers, especially a chief. Neighboring towns may be an option. 2024 Election dates: 20FEB2024 Spring Primary, 02APR2024 Pres. Pref. Primary & Spring Elec, 13AUG2024 Partisan Primary, 05NOV2024 General Election
- Estimated population for Town of Cutler of voting age is 249. This is required by WI Statute 5.66.
- Mark & Lisa Stamper verified that their primary residence at W8883 Cranberry Creek Road wasn't established until after 01JAN2023. Their Lottery Credit will begin next year for this property.
- Tax Levy Certifications have been received.
 - Juneau County \$230,828.57 (up \$1,754.77 from \$229,073.80)
 - Necedah Schools \$160,585.76 (up \$ 8,876.43 from \$151,709.33)
 - New Lisbon Schools \$ 42,900.44 (up 6,154.44 from \$36,746.00)
 - Tomah Schools \$ 62,923.65 (up 10,970.83 from \$51,952.82)
 - Western Technical College \$43,169.83 (up \$1,785.50 from \$41,384.33)
- Wisconsin Towns Association sent notice that general dues for the association will increase on average \$50 per town for next year. This year WTA gave two (2) options for TAC dues. Towns can choose to pay for an 18-month TAC membership (Jan 2024-Jun 2025) or pay for a 12 month (Jan 2024-Dec2024) and be billed in fall 2024 for 6 month (Jan 2025-Jun 2025). Cutler chose 18 month option.
- WI Towns Assoc JC Unit Mtg was held 01NOV2023 at JC Hwy Dept in Mauston. Bobbie & Martin attended. Howard Marklein, Tony Kurtz, and a representative from Ron Paul's office gave updates on Shared Revenue, Road Grant programs, and future focus items. Tony gave us a 2023-2024 Blue Book. Howard told us that he had been sued 10/31 "for doing his job" and is expecting it to go to the State Supreme Court. Joe Ruth (WTA Attorney), Andy Zobel (JC Sheriff), Jeremy Bonikowski (JC EM Director), Chris Leopold (Mauston Ambulance Chief), Jerry Derr & Betty Manson all gave updates as well. Next meeting will be 07FEB2024 at Juneau County Highway Dept
- MAAA buy-in check and contract was delivered 24OCT2023 at the monthly meeting. Martin & Bobbie attended. The personnel to increase has mostly been hired and is in place. Much of the equipment has been ordered, as items arrive for new station, they will be getting stored in enclosed trailer DONATED for use by Jeff Manthey (Manthey Salvage). This will allow everything to be kept safe and easily delivered to new station (Necedah) when the time to move in arrives. Mid-November an "Ambulance Blessing" will be scheduled when unit is ready to be put in action. Notice will be sent for everyone to

decide to attend. Before meeting, 1 new contract, 2 buy-in checks, and 5 existing contracts had been received by Chief Leopold. After meeting, 5 more buy-in checks and contracts were delivered.

- Miscellaneous magazines and local newsletters received.

Communications to the Board – None currently

Town Permit Application determinations

- UPDATE regarding Camper notice for Jeremy Schultz & Andrea Messenger, 24OCT2023 Patty at JC Clerk of Courts office called to determine whether this case should be dismissed and filed in another court. Lawyer was contacted to verify filed in appropriate court. As of tonight’s meeting, new paperwork submitted and new court date is 13DEC to begin the process due to court error in believing this was to be filed in Monroe County. We’re located in Juneau, this was correct.
- GEC provided new permit log.

Unfinished Business

- Budget Hearing –Terry Hayward made a motion to approve budget, Bobbie Georgeson seconded, motion passed unanimously during special elector meeting, earlier tonight. Curt made a motion to accept the approved budget, Jim seconded, motion carried.

Highway Maintenance

- Road sign thefts being addressed. Signs have been replaced and a new procedure is being implemented going forward. Garbage dumping is occurring more often. Modern Disposal account set up to allow option for patrolman to dispose of what he’s picking up. Be watchful, report anyone you see littering or dropping items along the road. Town will be actively pursuing offenders.
- Mowing, grading, brush clean-up, and culvert “bump” on 19th completed. Plan to continue garbage clean-up, ditch cleaning, and grading in NOV. Purchases of 4X4 and 4X6 posts approved. Sand delivered, from county. Plow truck is ready.
- 2nd Ave (North of State Hwy 21 to County Road H) Martin signed contract with Ayres to complete STP- Local budget cost estimate to provide to NCRP for them to write grant application. Application submitted.
- Computer submission of July storm damage cleanup costs submitted to state 25SEP2023, for \$3105.00 reimbursement through FEMA Grant. Notified, via email, on 25OCT2023 that Town of Cutler is eligible for reimbursement in the amount of \$2,173.50 (70%). Unfortunately, the Wisconsin Disaster Fund has exceeded the funding that was made available for this fiscal year. They have requested additional funds and have no timeline whether additional funds will be obtained to pay this. If they get additional funds, Cutler will be contacted with the additional steps required to receive the funds.
- 2024-2026 TRIP (\$172,410.38 will be divided between 8 towns). We are in 2024, Martin submitted 22nd St from Cty H East toward Cty M as our project, before 01NOV2023. \$21,551.30 reimbursement amount is expected.
- Cutler Cranberry hauled 3 loads of rock on Eisfeldt Road, per Scott Construction advisement, for corner to help eliminate future washout of road.

New Business – Tania Garrity (representing Eagles Nest) gathered personal property information from building improvements on Eagles Nest land, will be seeking advice regarding the state change for personal property/real estate property. Currently does NOT want town to implement Ordinance creating mobile home parks. Plan on paying the fees associated with land improvements on Eagles Nest real estate tax statements for themselves.

Payment of Vouchers Various bills were presented, reviewed, and approved for payment.

Public Comment None currently

Next Monthly Meeting Monday, 11DEC2023, at 6:30 p.m.

Curt made a motion to adjourn, Jim seconded, motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:34 pm
Bobbie K Georgeson, Clerk