

TOWN OF HORTONIA
Minutes of Town Board meeting Jan 16th, 2023 7pm

Meeting called to order at 7 pm by Chairman Dennis Clegg. Supervisors Nancy Willenkamp, Jules Zuehlsdorf, Clerk Lyn Neuenfeldt, Treasurer Marilyn Martin, and Constable Rick Bunnell in attendance.

Guests on the Agenda: HHFD Fire Chief Jack Kuhnke, Ben Hamblin for McMahon Assoc, and Members of the NL ATV Club-Bob Hagg, Gail Hagg, Cory Bierke, and Chris Brickman.

Planning Commission Members: J. Wiesner (Chair), Craig Cwiklowski, Ben Hamblin, and Tom Boettcher.

Residents/Others: Jim Kramer, Julie Kramer, and R. Richeson.

TB verified that public notice of meeting--agenda was posted to Town's Website, www.townofhortonia.org and at the Town Hall.

Minutes/Clerk's Report: Supervisor Willenkamp motioned to approve minutes of the Dec 2023 TB meeting, Zuehlsdorf 2nd. Motion [Carried](#) – unanimous. The clerk reported that the board was continuing to work through the process of leasing the Town Hall, there will be a special elector meeting on the 8th of March at 10am to formally ask the elector for permission to lease the building and set up a Town administrative office. This would also be a location for training and webinars, as well as provide a public location for in-person absentee voting and tax collection. The Clerk and treasurer would have office space there for record retention and consistent high-speed internet access.

The Clerk will be setting up a new election education program for poll workers. This will include access to a new webinar-based system set up by the WI Elections Commission.

Treasurer's report: Treasurer provided the report for January of 2023 that we had income of \$142,141.89 and outgoing expenses of \$65,586.72 leaving a total balance of \$434,449.98 remaining in Wolf River Money Market Accounts which includes \$223,304.92 in the contingency account, \$49,817.48 from County Sales tax payments, \$57,858.00 from Integrity Grading for the repair of lower Givens when the Hwy 15 is complete; and \$20,000 in New Town Hall Fund. There is \$22,744.33 in the Park Fund, \$624.50 in Dog License account, and \$626,683.05 in the Tax Account (with Jan/Feb collections coming in). Wolf River Checking (dist. Acct) \$8,359.25 Willenkamp motioned to accept the Treasurer's report. Zuehlsdorf 2nd. Motion [Carried](#) – unanimous.

Hear from the Floor: Chief Kuhnke introduced himself and said he would be trying to attend several Monthly Meetings per year to give updates of the Fire Dept. He said the New Truck and Trailer should be fully equipped and ready to go on in the next week. The Truck was funded in cooperation between Hortonville and Hortononia and the trailer was paid for with money raised at the annual fundraising events held by the Fire Dept. The Fire Dept hopes to get the radios (which were funded by a grant) in April. *HHFD upcoming events:* The Fire Dept will be holding a Dance Event at the Station on May 18th and a Baseball tournament July 26-27th. More information will be posted on the Town Website.

Planning Commission (PC): Application-Cuff Farms CSM- Chairman Clegg said that PC had recommended denial of the CSM because it did not meet the smallest ration of land required by the Zoning Ordinance in A-1 Farmland preservation. Supervisor Zuehlsdorf said that the Cuff's had talked about tabling it but after consulting with the PC and Staff Zoning Admin. Jeff Sanders, they felt it was cleaner to deny the CSM and look for alternative approaches. The CSM came to the TB because the formal process needed to be completed. Chair Clegg made a motion to deny the CSM, 2nd by Zuehlsdorf- [Carried](#) – unanimous.

Old Business: ATV Ordinance- for the Town to get approval of the opening on County Road T, TT, and M for ATV/UTV use, the County required some of the language in the Town's ordinance to include the

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exact wording of the County ordinance. Motion to approve the amended ordinance made by Chairman Clegg, 2nd by Supervisor Willenkamp- [Carried](#) – unanimous. Gail Hagg of the NL ATV club asked if the Town and Village had worked out an agreement on taking over Nye Street/formerly part of County Road TT from the County. The Clerk said Nye Street was now part of Hortonia and the Village. The Town and Village still had to work out an agreement for shared maintenance, but it was a local Road and would be governed by Local ordinances.

McMahon Proposal for Town Office-Ben Hamblin attended the meeting and talked about the proposal put forth by McMahon and associates to provide design and architecture services for the proposed town office and administrative space. This would include recommending to the town ADA requirements and the best budget conscious ways to make the office meet the standards required by the state for government buildings. The clerk explained more about the town office and where it was found at 215 Main St. in Hortonville. The chairman asked for the present electors to give their opinions about the lease of the town hall and this proposal. Resident Jim Kramer made a motion to approve the proposal pending the special electors meeting taking place at the town hall on March 8th at 10:00 AM. J Wiesner 2nd- [Carried](#) – unanimous. The Town Board will sign the agreement with McMahon once the lease is finished following the March 8th meeting.

New Business: Chairman Clegg and the Clerk talked about new Cel and Highspeed internet services being proposed in the town. A Verizon Tower is being proposed in Hwy 15/JJ near the Village and both Spectrum and ATT are putting in new Fiber service in the Town.

Hear from the Floor: Constable reported complaints of burning trash from a resident in Dale. He said that he asked her to call him when it was happening so he could investigate. Jim Krammer asked if the Chairman could investigate weight limits on Nye Street to prevent truck traffic from the industrial park from using it as a route. The chair said he would investigate it.

Payment of bills: Willenkamp motioned and Zuehlsdorf 2nd to pay bills \$40,630.17. including Motion [Carried](#) – unanimous

Meeting Adjourned– Willenkamp motioned and Zuehlsdorf 2nd. Motion [Carried](#) – unanimous. Meeting adjourned 7:53pm Next regular Board meeting: March 19th, 2023, at 7 pm