

Meeting Minutes-Town of Hortonia-Town Board Meeting-July 15th, 2025

Public Notice and Previous Meeting Minutes

Public notice is made.

Clerk's Report and minutes:

Motion made and seconded to approve the minutes of the last board meeting.

Board of Review: No challenges, to take place at the town office, 215 West Main, July 23rd from 3 to 5pm.

The Planning Commission meeting for July is canceled. August 26th will be the next meeting.

Treasurer's Report -Balances for June:

Park fund: \$23,174.40

Dog license account: \$1,608.25

Checking account: \$37,997.03

Increased interest rate of 4.39% on the tax account.

Money market account: \$343,594.25

Tax account: \$78,853

Motion and seconded to accept the treasurer's report. Carried

Motion and seconded to authorize the clerk to fill in for Treasurer while she's out for medical procedure. Carried.

Here From the Floor:

Resident K Brown has been talking with people from the Town for two years regarding a nuisance property next to hers.

He has emails from Glenn from September of 23, dealt with Jeff Sanders, and talked to Paul Hanlon in September of 2024.

The property in question received a registered letter giving the property owner 30 days to clean it up, but it has only gotten worse.

Attorney Parmentier suggested pursuing an in-junctional suit in County Circuit Court and discussed the new Nuisance ordinance that was enacted last month. Much stronger "teeth" to pursue action.

Enforcement mechanisms are complicated, considering costs of circuit court.

More actions will be discussed in the closed session.

The attorney reviewed what closed sessions entailed and the circumstances under which they were allowed.

(The reason for closed sessions is to discuss strengths and weaknesses without the other side hearing the weaknesses. The goal is not to keep secrets, but to keep strategic things confidential in the interest of the town.)

Constable Report: Someone dropped off a dog with a leash at Rick's house. He has adopted it.

There were horses loose-out on 15, and there are concerns about the number of animals and whether it's being run as a business. Nine horses got out one day.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Road Maintenance and County Projects

Road condition by the railroad tracks on Lower Givens is bad.

The plan is to patch it temporarily until the county builds their buildings and determines the driveway location.

The town has money to fix the road up to the railroad fence. The county bought 11 acres from the state for \$48,000 for an Equipment Storage Garage.

Spectrum Issues-poor repair of right of way following installation.

Contractors were leaving stones and rocks all over the place after digging.

Spectrum was contacted and claimed to have cleaned up the mess. Chair will contact them again

There is a bump in the blacktop where they bored underneath it on Everts Lane.

The Evergreen sign on 45 needs a new pole and sign.

Working on yield signs at the railroad tracks, coordinating with the railroad.

Flagpole Replacement

The current flagpole is bent and needs to be replaced. A new flagpole will cost \$1250 with \$355 for installation. There is a veteran-owned company in Wisconsin that sells flag poles for \$250.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the new flagpole. Carried

Attorney Update:

MCC Application and Plan Commission Meeting : The Plan Commission made recommendations to approve the MCC application for a conditional use permit, an amendment to the town's future land use map, and a rezone.

The recommendations now must be approved by the Town Board. There wasn't enough time to prepare the permit documents for today's meeting. The board needs to decide whether to address the MCC application at the next regular meeting or schedule a special meeting.

The Special meeting is set for August 21st at 4:30pm at the Town Office.

The August Town Board meeting is set for the 19th meeting at 4:00.

Payment and Expenses

A motion is made and seconded to pay the expenses.

Motion made to adjourn and move to a closed session.

Purpose: conferring with legal counsel rendering oral or written advice to be adopted by the town with respect to litigation, which town ISRA is likely to become involved.

Roll call vote:

Chairman Dennis: Aye

Sup. Willenkamp: Aye

Sup. Zuehlsdorf: Aye