

TOWN OF HORTONIA
Minutes of monthly Town Board meeting January 17th, 2022 7pm

Meeting called to order at 7 pm by Chairman Dennis Clegg. Supervisors Nancy Willenkamp, Jules Zuehlsdorf, and Clerk Lyn Neuenfeldt. Treasurer Marilyn Martin planned absence. TB verified that public notice of meeting and 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 2022 TB meeting, Zuehlsdorf 2nd. Motion [Carried](#) – unanimous. The clerk announced 2 elections in 2023-Feb 21 Primary and April 4th General. Both would be Statewide. The website is updated, and we will start the process of creating an online record archive. Harter's sent an updated 2023 pickup schedule, that is now up on the website as well.

Treasurer's report: Treasurer reported that for Dec 2022 we transferred \$32,934.74 that remained in the 2021/22 Tax and Dog accounts to Money Market and had income of \$560 and outgoing expenses of \$105,766.78, including the 2nd of 3 payments to MCC for the Falling Wing Project, leaving a total balance of \$426,995.76 remaining in Wolf River Money Market Accounts which includes \$201,801.74 in the contingency account, \$56,679.00 from County Sales tax payments, \$57,858.00 from Integrity Grading for the repair of lower Givens when the Hwy 15 is complete; as well as \$30,896.33 From the Federal Rescue and Recovery ACT. There is \$22,337.77 in the Park Fund, \$125.00 in Dog License account, and \$585,892.25 in the Tax Account. Wolf River Checking (dist. Acct) \$6,452.55. Willenkamp motioned to accept the Treasurer's report. Zuehlsdorf 2nd. Motion [Carried](#) – unanimous.

Hear from the Floor: Outagamie County Sheriff checked in and said there was a State Grant to Monitor traffic/speed violations on 15. They would also watch the intersection of Givens and 15 for people running the stop sign.

Old Business: MCC razed the old House they owned on Givens Road. The town attorney will be hiring a surveyor to work on the ongoing issue with the trailer court. The clerk will meet with the Attorney on Jan 31 to update the ordinance book including the ATV Ordinance.

New Business: Clerk said she had spoken with Andy Moeller from the Fire Dept, they requested the Town and the Village purchase a new pick-up truck as an alternative to buying a new rescue truck. This way they will be able to still use the current rescue trailer and not have to use personal vehicles to pull it. Upgrades to the rescue trailer will be covered by the Fire Dept.

-They also let the Town know they had been given a Grant for the 29 new radios needed. Out of the \$100,000 the district will only need to pay \$11,000 (divided between Town and Village).

-The Fire Dept and EMS have also asked that the Town and Village consider investing in the LOSA program through the state. It helps provide matching funds for a pension to volunteer Fire and EMS. The state will match up to \$343.77 per year for each of the volunteers. Members would have requirements to meet to become eligible. This is meant to help retain talented people and help communities get new volunteers.

The Town Board said they would table this until the February meeting. The clerk would get exact amounts from the HHFD and let the Fire Dept know.

Chairman Clegg and Supervisor Willenkamp reported on the WTA District meeting. Dean Steingraber (Outagamie County Highway Dept Head) said he will be opening County T from Dale to TT for ATV use. Chair will inquire about the Hortonia section from TT to Givens. He also said that he was only going to open select roads and not have the entire county open. Outagamie County will also need to raise its rates for plowing and highway maintenance to keep up with inflation costs. Waupaca County has almost doubled its rates.

-WTA also said they would be offering grants to help with the costs of local roads. Chairman Clegg said the cost of a mile of Road is now up to \$240,000 and is expected to rise. The Board was glad the Chair decided to move forward with extra projects last year.

-Constable Bunnell asked about replacing the Town of Hortonia signs on the borders of the town. Chairman said he would investigate it in Spring.

-Chairman Clegg also said the Town will begin looking for land for a new Town Hall. The plan is to invest in enough land so that there will be a park space adjacent. This will enable the Town to use the Park Fund to help with the Purchase.

Payment of bills: Willenkamp motioned and Zuehlsdorf 2nd to pay bills \$124,450.91 including and payment to MCC for 2022 Road Projects and \$3,765.50 for the Fire Hall Loan Motion [Carried](#) – unanimous

Meeting Adjourned– Willenkamp motioned and Zuehlsdorf 2nd. Motion [Carried](#) – unanimous. Meeting adjourned 7:46pm Next regular Board meeting: February 20th, 2023, at 7 pm [These minutes are unapproved Submitted by, Lyn Neuenfeldt, Clerk.](#)