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, and Treasurer Marilyn Martin in attendance. 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 she had found an office space in Hortonville for the Town to lease and would like to move forward with the process to rent it. The cost is \$1000 per month but the Landlord would reduce the cost by \$200 per month for the first year to offset the cost of the ADA adjustments the Town will need to make. Utilities are estimated at \$180 a month. The Clerk said that the Town had reached a point where it needed to have a central location for records and to have a regular space to meet with residents for things like in person absentee voting and making payments. This will also serve as a modern, comfortable location for poll worker training, Planning Commission workshops, and an alternative meeting place if extreme weather-heat/cold. The Town has begun to put away money towards a new Town Hall and is looking for land, but it may be several years before a new Town Hall is finally built. Motion by Chair Clegg to move forward with the process of renting the space. 2nd by Willenkamp. Carried – unanimous. A special electors meeting will be scheduled March 8th (per State Statue) to get final approval from the electors to lease the space.

Treasurer's report: Treasurer provided the report for Dec of 2023 that we had income of \$41,750.53 and outgoing expenses of \$21,942.18 leaving a total balance of \$391.669.70 remaining in Wolf River Money Market Accounts which includes \$223,304.92 in the contingency account, \$66,060.18 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. The final Fire Hall Loan payment has been made of \$3,755.62. Hortonia's part of the Hall is now paid for in full. There is \$22,736.11 in the Park Fund, \$394.50 in Dog License account, and \$484,325.93 in the Tax Account (with Dec/Jan collections coming in). Wolf River Checking (dist. Acct) \$3448.10 Willenkamp motioned to accept the Treasurer's report. Zuehlsdorf 2^{nd.} Motion Carried – unanimous.

Hear from the Floor: Gail Hagg from the New London ATV Club was in attendance to check on progress of the Town ATV ordinance and applying to open the County Roads to ATV use. Clerk Neuenfeldt said she will collaborate with the Club in Jan/Feb to get applications completed to send to the county.

Old Business: NONE

New Business: The County and State Highway are looking at the land on the corner of lower Givens and Hwy 15 to set up a Hwy Salt and Equipment Storage to work out of. Chairman Clegg will be working on an agreement to provide road upkeep in Givens for the increased wear and tear. Chairman is also looking into setting up an agreement with the County and Village for Nye St and what the maintenance/plowing schedule will be. (This is the part of TT that the County turned over to Hortonville and Hortonia when old Hwy 15 became JJ).

Payment of bills: Willenkamp motioned and Zuehlsdorf 2nd to pay bills \$65,586.72. including Motion <u>Carried</u> – unanimous

Meeting Adjourned— Willenkamp motioned and Zuehlsdorf 2nd. Motion <u>Carried</u> — unanimous. Meeting adjourned 7:53pm Next regular Board meeting: Feb 20th, 2023, at 7 pm