

TOWN OF HORTONIA
Minutes of monthly Town Board meeting Sept 15th, 2023 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 August 2023 TB meeting, Zuehlsdorf 2nd. Motion [Carried](#) – unanimous. The clerk reported that Depositions would take place in the ongoing JRSC case. Town Clerk will be speaking with town attorney to get an update on the trailer park situation.

Treasurer's report: Treasurer provided the report for August 2023 that we had income of \$92,298.72 and outgoing expenses of \$29,766.60 leaving a total balance of \$507,600.93 remaining in Wolf River Money Market Accounts which includes \$201,801.74 in the contingency account, \$85,707 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 \$22,697.77 in the Park Fund, \$465 in Dog License account, and \$41,150.25 in the Tax Account. Wolf River Checking (dist. Acct) \$4690.00 Willenkamp motioned to accept the Treasurer's report. Zuehlsdorf 2nd. Motion [Carried](#) – unanimous.

Hear from the Floor: ATV Club of New London inquired about progress of applying for opening of County Roads-Still working on it. (Update that public hearing will take place prior to the Nov Board meeting at 6pm) Resident from Gaigg Lane came to the board to request reimbursement for their time spent gathering information. The Town Board said that it was not something that he was contracted to do. The clerk also said that while the town appreciated the residents' help there was never any formal understanding of reimbursement. The board reiterated that an ongoing investigation was under way and that once its complete the town would be taking action. The Board is limited in the action it can take until all of the legal processes they had to abide by were fulfilled.

Old Business: HHFD SAP agreement: Representatives from the Village and Fire Dept came to go over the various plans for catching up the funds for establishing retirement for volunteers. There will be a point system set up to determine eligibility and service award for the EMS and Fire Fighters. The Town Board agreed to a Tiered plan with the Village to establish the Fund. Motion [Carried](#) – unanimous. Chairman Clegg motioned to approve, 2nd Supervisor Zuehlsdorf. Town Board agrees to setting up of points system as laid out in by the Village and HFFD/EMS Motion by Clegg, 2nd by Willenkamp. Motion [Carried](#) – unanimous.

Chairman Clegg said that the town will be working to clear brush and spray weeds through the fall. He continues to work on an ongoing plan for future road maintenance, including trying to get maintenance done of the tracks across Givens Rd. Highway 15 will be closed August 21st- November 3rd between Wolfwrath's nursery and Whistlers Knoll. Semi-Trucks are still trying to get through and continue to turn around in private drives.

New Business: 2024 Budget process to begin in the End of October, Clerk asked Board members to let her know of specific items that needed to be considered.

Payment of bills: Willenkamp motioned and Zuehlsdorf 2nd to pay bills \$20,846.35 including \$3,765.50 for the Fire Hall Loan Motion [Carried](#) – unanimous

Meeting Adjourned– Willenkamp motioned and Clegg 2nd. Motion [Carried](#) – unanimous. Meeting adjourned 7:40pm Next regular Board meeting: Oct 17th, 2023, at 7 pm These minutes are unapproved
Submitted by, Lyn Neuenfeldt, Clerk.