



Town of Wagner



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MEETING MINUTES

MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, October 13th, 2021 6:30 pm

Town of Wagner Town Hall, W2379 County Road JJ, Wausaukee

Attendance: Chairperson Steve Renikow Sr., Supervisors Mollie Arthur and Ed Delfosse, Clerk Cassie Brown, Treasurer Margo Renikow and 8 members of the public.

1. **Call to order – attendance sign in. Called to order by Chairperson Steve Renikow Sr. at 6:29PM.**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance was said.**
3. **Approve agenda. Motion to approve Delfosse/Arthur.**
4. **Correspondence. Chairperson Steve Renikow Sr. stated a letter was received from the Wisconsin Department of Revenue regarding appraisals in the Town for the 2022 equalized value certificate. These will be roadside evaluations and will not impact assessed value. Also, a notice was received from Wisconsin Public Service regarding the rebuilding of underground electric facilities in the area. The Town will be notified if access to the property will be required.**
5. **Board updates. Chairperson Steve Renikow Sr. stated two windows were replaced in the meeting room, and the work on Broennenberg Rd. is complete.**
6. **Public input – Speakers will be limited to 5 minutes. Lynda Caylor asked if there were any updates on the tree and flowers to be planted at Town Hall. Chairperson Steve Renikow Sr. stated there were no updates.**
7. **Discuss/Consider September 8th, 2021 monthly meeting minutes, action if any. Motion to approve Arthur/Delfosse.**
8. **Discussion only Treasurer’s report ending September 30th, 2021. Treasurer Margo Renikow discussed the Town’s ending cash balances.**



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9. **Budget adjustments / transfers. None.**
10. **Fire Department updates. Mike Caylor stated there was one call for a lift assist since the last meeting. Year to date the Fire Department has responded to 26 calls. 144 hours were spent on training and maintenance. Most of this was spent on State mandated testing. Hose and pump testing is complete, and the ladder test will be done next week. DOT testing will be completed in December. The fire prevention program in Wausauke was successful. The Trunk or Treat will be held from 4-6PM on Sunday, October 31st in the Wagner Town Hall parking lot. If you want to participate, please come at 3:30PM to set up.**
11. **Public Works updates. Chairperson Steve Renikow Sr. stated brushing has been done by Public Works, but the Town is still planning to hire Butch Wortner.**
12. **Animal Control updates. None.**
13. **Action Items, action if any:**
 - a. **Discuss/consider Old Depot demolition / legal action. Supervisor Mollie Arthur stated there were no new updates. The Deputy Sherrif has been given paperwork and will notify the Town after three attempts have been made. If no contact is made after three attempts the lawyer will be notified.**
 - b. **Discuss/consider defibrillator for Town Hall. Supervisor Mollie Arthur stated Tom Arthur is continuing to research. This will be addressed at the November meeting.**
 - c. **Discuss/consider air purification system. Supervisors Mollie Arthur and Ed Delfosse researched the systems and agree to installation if grant money is available. Motion to approve putting the job out for bids Arthur/Delfosse. Lynda Caylor questioned how the system is maintained. Chairperson Steve Renikow Sr. stated it requires no maintenance. It self-cleans and does not require energy while running.**
 - d. **Discuss/consider water softener for Town Hall. Chairperson Steve Renikow Sr. stated Brix Plumbing took a water sample for testing. The iron threshold is not above where an iron remover**



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is needed. A water softener will be sufficient. Brix Plumbing provided a quote for \$1,300 labor and material only. The ARPA grant money can be used for this item, as it is meant to stimulate local economy. Motion to approve using ARPA grant money to fund this project, and to hire Brix Plumbing for installation Delfosse/Arthur.

- e. **Discuss/consider update on Wausaukee Rescue Squad.** Chairperson Steve Renikow Sr. stated the levy amount was increased last year to cover the expense of paying the employees to run the rescue squad 24/7. The proposed contract for next year had increased significantly again. Financial information was not provided when requested, so the Town Chairman's from all municipalities impacted would not sign the new contract. A meeting was held that resulted in current leadership of the squad resigning, so Tom Arthur was appointed the temporary President. A new contract is being negotiated and the Town of Wagner is expecting a 6% increase. Terms will remain the same but this increase will cover payroll taxes not accounted for in the prior contract. The new contract is expected to be finalized within the next few months. Mike Caylor is the representative for the Town of Wagner, and Chairperson Steve Renikow Sr. agreed to hire a lawyer that will draft bylaws to protect the Town. The price increase will be accounted for in the budget, and will not be added to the levy at this time.
- f. **Discuss/consider Railroad / Old Depot historical sign.** Julie Brown stated she was asked by Chairperson Steve Renikow Sr. to help with this project. Julie Brown will verify where a sign can be placed. Chairperson Steve Renikow Sr. stated he was contacted by Ember Rickaby and the Historical Society would also like to be involved. Lynda Caylor questioned if a sign would be placed at both Depot stops within the Town. There was also a stop by the Wagner Church. Howie Anderson stated he would like the signs to be of good quality. Chairperson Steve Renikow Sr. questioned if the Town would be interested in financing the signs. Julie Brown suggested using signs similar to the historical sign on Rustic Road, and will provide cost quotes at the next meeting.
- g. **Discuss/consider CPR classes.** Supervisor Mollie Arthur stated more information is needed and will be discussed at the next



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- meeting. These classes are offered through NWTC and should be minimal cost. The ARPA grant should cover this cost.
- h. Discuss/consider Winter operating hours at the Recycling Center. Recycling Center employees have voiced concern as it is dark by 6:00PM during the Winter. Wednesday hours will be from 2-5PM beginning in November. Chairperson Steve Renikow Sr. thanked the Town for cooperation as recycling has been coming in less plastic bags. Saturday hours will remain the same at this time.**
 - i. Discuss/consider opening day deer season closure at the Recycling Center. The Recycling Center will be closed the first day of deer season for safety reasons. This will be November 20th, 2021.**
 - j. Discuss/consider 2022 census redistricting. Clerk Cassie Brown stated that redistricting has been completed as a result of the 2020 census. The only change for the Town of Wagner is the supervisory district number went from 11 to 10. A resolution must be adopted for this change. Motion to approve a resolution creating election wards as part of the 2020 decennial census Arthur/Delfosse.**
 - k. Discuss/consider pay for snow plowing with Town vehicle. Chairperson Steve Renikow Sr. stated Franklin Suennen agreed to plow snow for the Town again this year. This would include the parking lot at Town Hall and the Recycling Center. He will also plow roads that don't have a turnaround for Road King. Chairperson Steve Renikow Sr. stated he would like the Town to pay \$15 per hour for this task only. Other Public Works functions would remain at current rate.**
 - l. Discuss/consider collection of tax payments by Marinette County. Clerk Cassie Brown stated the new contract was due to allow Marinette County to collect tax payments. The cost per parcel remains the same as prior years at \$.85 per parcel and an administrative fee of \$250.00. This process is efficient and streamlined through County. Motion to approve Marinette County collecting property tax payments Arthur/Delfosse.**
 - m. Discuss/consider levy limit and upcoming budget. Clerk Cassie Brown stated there are still several items needed to complete the full budget. The 2021 payable 2022 allowable levy limit was presented to show the variance to 2020. The allowable levy limit**



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variance is \$.43 per hundred thousand due to a slight net new construction increase. This levy limit will be presented at the Special Meeting of the Electors meeting in November.

14. Future agenda items.
 - a. Old Rail Road Depot
 - b. Defibrillator at Town Hall
 - c. Historical signs
 - d. CPR classes

15. Discuss / consider processing current and outstanding vouchers.
Motion to approve Arthur/Delfosse.

16. Adjourn. Motion to approve at 7:11PM Delfosse/Arthur.

17. Upcoming meetings / dates to remember:
 - a. Wagner Fire Department's 3rd Annual Trunk or Treat – Sunday, October 31st, 2021 4:00PM – 6:00PM
 - b. Special Meeting of the Electors – Adopt Budget and Levy Limit – Wednesday, November 10th, 2021 6:00PM
 - c. Monthly Board Meeting – Wednesday, November 10th, 2021 6:30PM

Respectfully Submitted by Clerk Cassie Brown