

# TOWN OF EMPIRE

## Monthly Meeting

### June 14, 2023

Chair James Pierquet called the monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Empire to order at 7:30 pm on Wednesday, June 14, 2023, at the Empire town hall. Notice and agenda of this meeting was sent to the Town's official newspaper, the Reporter, and a copy is on file with the Town Clerk.

Present at the meeting were James Pierquet, Chair, Richard Julka and Ted Halbur, Supervisors, Mike Morgan, Town Clerk, Gail Schindelholz, Treasurer, Peter Becker, Permit Issuer, Tom Schindelholz and Trish Schnettler.

Chair Pierquet announced that a quorum was present.

On a motion by Julka, seconded by Halbur, the minutes of the May 2023 monthly meeting were approved.

The first order of business was to discuss the rock crushing site on Hwy 23 operated by Jason Guelig. Guelig is operating his stone crushing equipment in violation of zoning. The property is zoned "Agriculture" and "Residential". Chair Pierquet requested a registered letter to be sent to Guelig to halt all rock crushing activity in 10 days of receipt of the letter.

Next order of business is joining the Wisconsin Retirement System for our road superintendent. Supervisor Julka did research on the WRS. Julka discovered that once you are in the system you can't get out. The town must contribute 7 – 10% and the individual would have to contribute the same amount. The WRS decides what the contribution will be.

Next order of business permitting process for utility construction. The Clerk handed a permit process that was created earlier. Chair Pierquet would like to put a fee to the permit. Fee schedule will be added to the next month's agenda.

Next order of business is to act on the Class B liquor license for the Hive and the Red Cabin at Green Acres. Chair Pierquet requested a motion to approve the liquor licenses for the Hive and the Red Cabin at Green Acres. Supervisor Julka made the motion, Supervisor Halbur seconded, all were in favor, motion passed.

Salt shed construction is underway. Pierquet talked with the state building inspector Brian Noel. The inspector stated that our salt shed looks pretty good. The hope is that it is approved this week so that the concrete work can continue. Our insurance should be notified that the construction has begun. Clerk will notify insurance.

Discuss getting the snowplow truck. Driving the truck then trailering the plow or possibly trailering the whole thing. Supervisor Halbur is going to contact Eden Equipment to see if he could utilize a trailer. With a goal to have the truck and plow in Empire by the end of the month.

Pierquet has the KC Hall reserved the County Unit Christmas Party, and the Red Cabin at Green Acres reserved for the town Christmas party. The County Unit Christmas party will be December 7<sup>th</sup> Pearl Harbor Day, Pierquet would like to recognize the fact that it is Pearl Harbor day during the party.

Pierquet received a call from Jim Wolfe from Overland Heights they would like to downsize the island at the entrance to make the road safer. They are planning on starting the project next year. The subdivision will take care of the cost of the reduction the town will pay for the asphalt.

Supervisor Halbur had nothing to state.

Supervisor Julka had nothing to do state.

Permit Issuer Becker stated that there is a replacement home on Lake DeNeveu. Becker had an issue with his email that was causing difficulties with the inspector but has since gotten it resolved.

Deputy Clerk Morgan had an update on the interest in possible development of a piece of property west of Hwy 151 and north of 4<sup>th</sup> Street. The Town approved a certified survey in a previous meeting. Sewer challenges are slowing down possibly preventing the development. Mike also attended a voting envelope review meeting and discussed Badger Books, an electronic voting registration system.

Town Clerk Schnettler ordered fire numbers for Club DeNeveu and new address on Hwy 23. Overland Heights has a concern of the speed of the big hill. I advised them that it would be difficult to enforce. Discussed that we should expand the Planning Commission from 4 – 7 members. Possibly Andy Bowe, Steve Loehr, Nikki Pierquet. Discuss Vogds complaint about cars at her neighbor's house the Town Board stated that it wasn't a concern, I advised her to attend a Town Meeting. There are a couple of campers setup on residential lots and one is down by Lake DeNeveu on Brad Lenz property.

Chair Pierquet opened the meeting to public comment.

Bills were approved and paid.

On a motion by Julka, seconded by Halbur, the meeting was adjourned at 9:36 p.m.

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Scott Schnettler  
Town Clerk

These minutes were taken at a meeting of the Town of Empire Board held on June 14, 2023, and entered in this record book this 7th day of July, 2023.

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