

TOWN OF EMPIRE

Monthly Meeting

July 12, 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, July 12, 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, Lauren Herlache, Tom Herlache, and Ben Kooiman.

Chair Pierquet announced that a quorum was present.

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

The first order of business was to appoint Nicole Pierquet to the Planning Commission. Chair Pierquet appointed Nicole to the Planning Commission.

Next order of business is review and update the cement crushing site W4370 Hwy. 23. Chair Pierquet hasn't seen anything going on at the site. Supervisor Halbur had been notified three days prior that Guelig was still crushing. Supervisor Julka had not seen/heard of anything. Deputy Clerk Morgan had seen crushing on Monday of this week or Friday of last week. Guelig applied for a mining permit from the county. The county would not issue because he is not mining. What he is doing is more of a recycling process, that permit would have to come from the state. Chair Pierquet made the decision to reach out to our legal staff.

Next order of business permitting process for utility construction. The Board reviewed a copy of the Counties utilities permit. The Board would like the Clerk to adapt the counties form into a Town of Empire Utilities permit, with two contacts, to present at the next town meeting.

Next order of business is to review and approve Cedar Corporation to create our next comprehensive plan. Richards moves and Ted seconds the motion to approve Cedar Corporation for our next comprehensive plan all were in favor.

Next order of business is to review and update the emergency call list for the county. It was decided to put John Meier, Richard Julka, Ted Halbur, and Scott Schnettler on the list and in that order.

Next order of business is to discuss the sale of the Ford Plow truck. Try word of mouth until the next meeting if we don't get any interest then we will list the truck with John O'Brien at Auctions by O'Brien. Asking price is \$9500.

Chair Pierquet stated that the salt shed has been progressing, and that he had received an invoice from KSI Inc. for approximately 50% of the cost of the shed. He would like that invoice paid as soon as possible. The clerk had planned with the Treasure to get the invoice to her the next day. The Treasure had a check with her at the meeting that she would use for KSI Inc.

Chair Pierquet commented on the paving in Mary Hill Park. He stated that it looked great but that there are drainage issues. Chair Pierquet had conversations with our Road Superintendent and do to the width of the road there isn't much of an option that would cost effective.

Chair Pierquet had a request for speed reduction on County Road UU north of Hwy 23. That has been turned over to the county to do a study.

Supervisor Julka had discovered two Air BnB on Lake DeNevue but don't know who they are. Also, Nadine Arndt has an Air BnB and that she should fill out the proper paper work.

Supervisor Halbur had nothing to state.

Permit Issuer Becker had nothing to state.

Town Clerk Schnettler received a couple emails about the drainage issues in Mary Hill Park. Had conversations with the Road Superintendent and placed the emails on his desk.

Chair Pierquet opened the meeting to public comment.

Ben Kooiman on Grandview Road stated that the tree by the bridge is coming down in next month he is cutting it down. Chair Pierquet stated that it is the schedule for the tree service to remove and the service is DHS.

Deputy Clerk Mike Morgan has been asked if the Town has concern about installing security cameras. With our current situation the board didn't see a big concern.

Bills were approved and paid.

On a motion by Julka, seconded by Halbur, the meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Scott Schnettler
Town Clerk

These minutes were taken at a meeting of the Town of Empire Board held on July 12, 2023, and entered in this record book this 3rd day of August 2023.

Scott Schnettler
Town Clerk