

TOWN OF EMPIRE

Monthly Meeting

September 13, 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, September 13, 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, Graham Goebel, Steven Loehr, Amy Ries, Tom Schindelholz, Trish Schnettler, Mary Costello, Brian Sarauer, and other residents.

Chair Pierquet called the meeting to order and announced that a quorum was present.

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

The first order of business was Chair Jim Pierquet to appoint Steven Loehr and to the Planning Commission.

The second order of business was Chair Jim Pierquet to appoint Graham Goebel to the Planning Commission.

Next order of business was to Have Amy Ries Director of Agriculture Programs from Envision of Greater Fond du Lac speak to the board. Amy discussed different programs and activities that Envision offers for agriculture information and small business start-up. Amy also discussed internet and affordable housing concerns for Fond du Lac County.

Next order of business is to review and discuss the Mike Baumhardt certified survey. There wasn't anyone present to represent the survey. Mike Baumhardt at about 6:15pm contacted Mike Morgan via the telephone that he would not be able to attend the meeting this evening nor would his surveyor. Mike Baumhardt state that the city and county both approved the certified survey. Mike Baumhardt's intent is to square off a ten-acre piece at the end of Danny Lane. Property will need to be rezoned, needs to be approved by the sanitary district, and may have to be approved by the town's subdivision ordinance. Supervisor Julka moved to approve the certified survey. Supervisor Halbur second, all in favor, motion passed.

Next order of business is Mary Costello to discuss erosion problem in Mary Hill Park. Chair Pierquet stated he will have conversations with Road Superintendent Meier about the conditions and possible solutions. Road Superintendent Meier has been in contact with Andrews to discuss drainage.

Next order of business is Brian Sarauer to discuss prohibiting truck access to Mary Hill Park. Chair Pierquet stated Wisconsin DOT will place a no truck allowed sign below the Mary Hill Park sign.

Next order of business is to address burning at Badger Masonry and Fireplace Supply at N5887 County Road K. Chair Pierquet requested to send them a copy of the nuisance ordinance and a letter advising them of safe burning practices.

Next order of business is to sign the contract with Cedar Corporation to construct the town's next comprehensive plan.

Permit Issuer Becker had stated he was contacted about a mobile home on Gardenia Lane that was in disrepair and resident concerned if a permit was issued. Permit Issuer Becker is informing the board of the situation and reminded the resident he is not a code enforcement officer.

Supervisor Halbur had nothing to state.

Supervisor Julka stated he was contacted about a possible garage being built on Empire Lane. Supervisor Julka investigated and all he found was a gravel pad. Supervisor Julka was asked about a black camera on Hwy 45 across from Boyke's Subdivision. A member of the audience stated that the county uses that camera to monitor license plates to aid in investigations.

Clerk Schnettler stated there will be a certified survey for next month. It was not received in time for this agenda.

Bills were approved and paid.

On a motion by Julka, seconded by Halbur, the meeting was adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Scott Schnettler
Town Clerk

These minutes were taken at a meeting of the Town of Empire Board held on September 13, 2023, and entered in this record book this 12 day of October 2023.

Scott Schnettler
Town Clerk