

TOWN OF EMPIRE
Monthly Meeting
December 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, December 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, Scott Schnettler, Town Clerk, Gail Schindelholz, Treasurer, Mike Morgan, Deputy Clerk, Tom Schindelholz, Trish Schnettler, Mary Toriello, Joan Pennau, Brian Sarauer, and several residents of Mary Hill Park.

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 November 2023 monthly meeting were approved.

Joan Pennau requested to see a copy of the minutes. She was concerned about the site review for the Baker property. Supervisor Julka stated that the minutes she wants are from the planning commission meeting. Deputy Clerk Morgan advised her to submit an open records request. Clerk Schnettler and Deputy Clerk Morgan stated that minutes are a record of what was acted on but not a record of what was said. Everybody was in agreement that the Baker's are open to sharing their site plan.

The first order of business was to approve the Public Participation Plan provided by Cedar Corporation. Supervisor Halbur motioned to approve. Supervisor Julka seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed.

The second order of business was to have the Planning Commission to meet with Cedar Corporation to discuss the next 10-year Comprehensive Plan between the dates of January 15, 2024 and January 22, 2024. Chair Pierquet agreed.

Next order of business was to set the date of February 21, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. Empire Town Hall for the first public meeting for the 10-year Comprehensive Plan.

Next order of business was for chair Pierquet to appoint the list of poll workers for 2024-2025.

Next order of business was to discuss the effect of the property tax changes for 2024 and how it relates to the mobile home park at W3085 Artesian Road. Deputy Clerk Morgan spoke with the assessors and was informed it would be put on their lot rentals.

Next order of business was to discuss and possibly approve the short-term license for The White House on the Hill located at W4415 Mary Hill Drive. Chair Pierquet stated after meeting with the owners, reviewing paperwork, and discussing with legal counsel there is no reason why the license should not be approved. The residents from Mary Hill Park, in attendance, opposed the approval of the short-term license. Chair Pierquet requested documentation to support their statements to take to legal counsel, as well as a petition with all signatures on it. Supervisor Julka moved to table the approval of the short-term license until next meeting. Supervisor Halbur seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Permit Issuer Becker was out ill so there was no update.

Chair Pierquet stated that Steve Klapperich contacted him about building a boathouse on Lake DeNeveu Property without a residence. Chair Pierquet stated that he advised Klapperich to contact the Shoreland Zoning and the Lake DeNeveu Association.

Supervisor Julka stated construction in continuing on the tower on H and Pine.

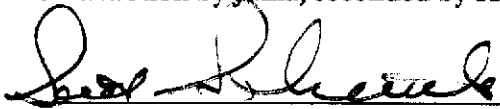
Supervisor Halbur noted that there was tree down by Ledgeview Precast on UU. Told to contact the county.

Clerk Schnettler stated he was contacted by the County Health Department about a residence on Mary Hill Drive about possible hoarding. Our ordinance applies to situations that could cause health concerns. County agreed it was not a town concern and advised the resident it should be addressed in their HOA Bylaws. Harters Lakeside Disposal stated bulk pickup will be May 9-10, 2024 and October 10-11, 2024. Stanchfield rezoning meeting will be the same night that the Planning Commission will meet with Cedar Corporation.

Deputy Clerk Morgan would like to add to next months agenda creating a contract with the Humane Society and possibly somebody to collect strays.

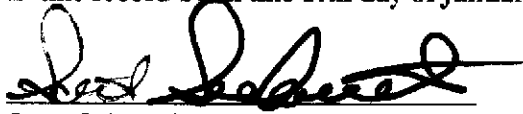
Bills were approved and paid.

On a motion by Julka, seconded by Halbur, all in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 8:58 p.m.



Scott Schnettler
Town Clerk

These minutes were taken at a meeting of the Town of Empire Board held on December 13, 2023, and entered in this record book this 14th day of January 2024.



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