

TOWN OF EMPIRE
Monthly Meeting
January 10, 2024

Chair James Pierquet called the monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Empire to order at 7:30 pm on Wednesday, January 10, 2024, 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, Brian Sarauer, Dylan Schneider, 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 December 2023 monthly meeting were approved.

The first order of business was to review / discuss and possibly contract with the Fond du Lac Humane Society an Animal Acceptance and Maintenance Contract. A copy of the contract was sent to the board members prior to the meeting. Supervisor Julka made a motion to accept the contract with the fond du Lac Humane Society. Supervisor Halbur seconded the motion. All were in favor, the motion passed. The Chair requested a list of pet rescues in the arear that the Town could possibly contract to catch strays. Deputy Clerk Morgan stated that he would deliver the contract to the Humane Society.

The second order of business was to have Bob Benike from Immel Insurance & Financial Services to review with the Town Board the Town's insurance coverage. The board requested that the 1994 Ford snowplow truck to be removed from the policy due to the sale of the vehicle. Bob Benike stated that he will email the Clerk a copy of the valuation list.

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. Dylan Schneider from Mary Hill Park had handed out to the board members a packet including a petition signed by the residents. Schneider stated that there were 23 residents in Mary Hill Park at the time of the petition, 1 resident presumed yes, 18 residents stated no, and 4 residents did not respond. Schneider briefly explained the reports from Fond du Lac Fire rescue Fond du Lac County Sheriff's office. Scheider summarized by stating that he had presented records of 17 incidents that occurred over a four-year span.

Permit Issuer Becker stated that there is a new home on Oak Road and Highway 45. Bug Tussle permit was left on the desk for the Town Board to review. The Clerk handed Permit Issuer Becker 10 new home permit seals that he had requested.

Chair Pierquet stated that Steve Klapperich contacted him about splitting a four-acre lot on lake De Neveu and having one driveway to access. Clerk Schnettler stated that Klapperich requested information on who oversaw the Sanitary District. Clerk Schnettler passed along DuWayne Johnson's information. Chair Pierquet stated that he advised Klapperich to contact the Shoreland Zoning and Fond du Lac County for driveway easement.

Supervisor Julka stated that he did not receive any calls about snow plowing. Clerk Schnettler stated that he had received a call that the cul de sac at the end of Richard's Road was not plowed to one of the resident's satisfaction. Supervisor Julka stated that it is common practice to open the roads with the big trucks and then a day or two later come back with the small truck to clean up.

Supervisor Halbur noted that he had nothing to state.

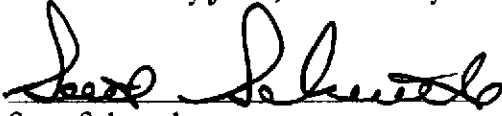
Clerk Schnettler stated he was contacted by the contractor for W4476 & W4478 about how they could go about replacing the pole shed that is on the property. They stated that they would email the Clerk information.

Deputy Clerk Morgan asked what the property was zoned because in the past it was zoned Business. Clerk Schnettler responded that it is now Residential, and the top of the hill is "A-2".

Treasure Gail Schindelholz stated that the town's computer gave her some challenges and requested that they come in and set up their computer and printer the day before the next collection day.

Bills were approved and paid.

On a motion by Julka, seconded by Halbur, all in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.



Scott Schnettler
Town Clerk

These minutes were taken at a meeting of the Town of Empire Board held on January 10, 2024, and entered in this record book this 17th day of February 2024.



Scott Schnettler
Town Clerk