

TOWN OF EMPIRE

Monthly Meeting

April 9, 2025

Chairman James Pierquet called the monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Empire to order at 7:37 pm on Wednesday, April 9, 2025, 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 Richard Julka and Ted Halbur, Supervisors, Scott Schnettler, Town Clerk, Gail Schindelholz, Treasurer, Mike Morgan, Deputy Clerk, Peter Becker, Permit Insurer, Tom Schindelholz, Jim Baumhardt, Jim Shepard, and several residents.

Chairman James Pierquet announced that a quorum was present and asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes.

On a motion by Julka, seconded by Halbur, the minutes of the March 2025 monthly meeting were approved.

The first order of business is to review and possibly approve recommendation of the Planning Commission on the 10 Year Comprehensive Plan. Chair Pierquet took the time to thank Eric from Cedar Corp, the Planning Commission, and the Town Board for all of their work to put this plan together. Supervisor Halbur motioned based on the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve the 10 Year Comprehensive Plan. Supervisor Julka seconded the motion. All in favor the motion passed.

The second order of business is to review and discuss condition of Pine Road with Jim Baumhardt. Jim Baumhardt spoke to the board stating that his quote for the one mile of Pine Road would be \$199,000 for the asphalt work and \$9,000 for the shoulder work. The shoulder number is pretty solid but the asphalt number is subject to change and would have to be bid. Baumhardt would be willing to contribute \$25,000 and the shouldering as a road bond for them having a quarry on the road and the damage caused by the trucks. Chair Pierquet stated that the Town will be requesting bids for this project soon. Jim Baumhardt requested that the Town do not request shouldering as part of the bid, regardless of who is awarded the bid Baumhardt is going to furnish the shouldering.

The next order of business is to review and act on Mobile Park license application for the Shady Acres Mobile Home Park at N6349 Colonial Dr. Deputy Clerk Morgan reported that the new owner of the mobile home park has paid all of the 2024 fees and their current license. Also, the new owners have contacted Bowmar to make sure all of their information is current. Supervisor Julka made a motion to approve the license for the Shady Acres Mobile Home Park. Supervisor Halbur seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion passed.

The next order of business is to review and possible approve paying membership to the Wisconsin Towns Association for the next year. Clerk Schnettler stated that the fee is \$1385 for the 2025-2026 schedule. Supervisor Julka made a motion to approve the payment of the fee to the Wisconsin Towns Association. Supervisor Halbur seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion passed.

The next order of business is to review and possible approve paying membership to the Wisconsin Towns Association TAC member ship for the next year. Clerk Schnettler stated that the fee is \$1385 for the 2025-2026 schedule. Supervisor Julka made a motion to approve the payment of the fee to the Wisconsin Towns Association TAC membership. Supervisor Halbur seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion passed.

The next order of business is to review and possibly approve the plans to build a house on Elanore Dr. with similar set back as surrounding homes. Clerk made the correction that the house is actually on Marys Avenue not Elanore Dr. This was presented to the Board at the end on the March meeting. There wasn't anyone present at this meeting so the item was tabled.

The next order of business is to discuss the impromptu bus stop located on the corner of Dondor Drive and David Drive. Supervisor Julka had received an series of emails questioning the damage that has occurred with parents parking their vehicles to either wait for the bus to pick up or drop off their children. Supervisor Julka had advised the individual sending the email to attend the April Town Board meeting to discuss possible solutions. The individuals were not present at the meeting. The Board reviewed the photographs that they had submitted. Supervisor Julka was going to reach out to them and discuss possible solutions.

The next order of business is to decide on a date for the 2025 Board of Review. With the options presented by Bowmar it was decided that May 8th was the best fit for everyone's schedule.

Permit Issuer Becker stated that he hasn't had anything the last month.

Supervisor Halbur had nothing to report.

Supervisor Julka stated that he had received an email from an individual interested in purchasing two lots side by side in a subdivision. They wanted to know what it would take to build one home in the center of both of the lots. The Board advised that they would have to the two lots resurveyed into one lot.

Clerk Schnettler was about available dates for using the Town Hall for a sub-division to have their annual meeting. Ted stated that the only reoccurring meeting is 4-H. The Clerk and the Deputy Clerk have received emails about a property that has several cars not currently being used parked outside. Board members were made aware of the location and will check it out. A contractor for the bridge reconstruction has requested office space or the place to park an office trailer during the reconstruction of the bridges. Clerk was advised to contact John Meier for the placement of the trailer and from the Deputy Clerk to have the contractor supply a Certificate of Insurance. Reminder that there is WTA new officer training in May in Fond du Lac. April 15th is the Town's Annual meeting, and May 14th is the next Town Board meeting.

Chair Pierquet advised Pete Becker that he will be receiving a request from Alliant for a utility permit. There has been interest in a group of lots. Many board members have received inquiries about these lots and the individuals were advised to attend the meeting. Nobody has attended this evening's meeting.

Deputy Clerk Morgan stated that he had documentation from the bank that needs signatures. The documents are to set up reserve accounts for equipment and reevaluation.

Comments from the public. Jim Baumhardt stated that request for the trailer is a state requirement. To give a place for the state engineers to work. Pete Becker stated that the school bus stop on Dondor has been going on the 50 years that he has lived there. Richard Julka took the time to note that this would be Jim Pierquet's last monthly meeting. Jim has been our Chair for the last 22 years. Jim was treated to a round of applause. Jim Pierquet stated that it has been a pleasure with the occasional challenge here and there. Clerk Schnettler wanted to welcome Richard Julka in his new role as Town Chair. Steve Abel wanted to welcome Nikki Pierquet into her new role as Town Clerk. An individual asked if in the future there would be the capability to conduct the Town Meetings in a "Zoom" type meeting. Steve Abel, County Chair< stated that there are some legal road blocks that may prevent those types of meetings. At the county level they chose not to conduct meetings in that manner because of those issues.

Bills were approved and paid.

On a motion by Halbur, seconded by Julka, all in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 8:33p.m.

Scott Schnettler
Town Clerk

These minutes were taken at a meeting of the Town of Empire Board held on April 9, 2025, and entered in this record book this 23th day of April 2025.

Scott Schnettler
Town Clerk