#### 2024 Town Board Meeting Minutes with Resolutions or Ordinances Passed

The minutes in this document are for the following meetings from 2024:

- January 10, 2024 Regular Monthly Meeting
- February 14, 2024 Regular Monthly Meeting
  - Ordinance 2024-1 Driveway Regulations
- February 19, 2024 Special Meeting (Fire/EMS Services)
- March 13, 2024 Bid Meeting (Culverts)
- March 13, 2024 Regular Monthly Meeting
- March 28, 2024 Special Meeting (Fire/EMS Services)
- April 10, 2024 Bid Meeting (Road Work)
- April 10, 2024 Regular Monthly Meeting
- April 15, 2024 Special Meeting (Silver Creek Fire Department)
- April 17, 2024 Annual Meeting
- May 8, 2024 Board of Review (meet to Adjourn to a later date in the Fall)
- May 8, 2024 Regular Monthly Meeting
- May 15, 2024 Special Meeting (Manitowoc Fire and Rescue)
- June 12, 2024 Bid Meeting (Culverts)
- June 12, 2024 Regular Monthly Meeting
  - Resolution 2024-2 AMEND Resolution 2021-19 to Vacate and Revise the Public Access from Pierce Dr to the Manitowoc River
- July 10, 2024 Regular Monthly Meeting
- July 31, 2024 Special Meeting (Van Serke Rezone Request)
- July 31, 2024 Board of Review
- August 12, 2024 Special Meeting (Manitowoc Fire and Rescue)
- August 14, 2024 Regular Monthly Meeting
- August 19, 2024 Special Meeting (Manitowoc Fire and Rescue)
- September 11, 2024 Regular Monthly Meeting
- September 18, 2024 Special Meeting (Fire Department and EMS Contract)
- October 9, 2024 Regular Monthly Meeting
- October 16, 2024 Budget Preparation Meeting
- November 13, 2024 Public Budget Hearing
- November 13, 2024 Special Town Electors Meeting

• Resolution 2024-3 for Electors to Adopt the Town Tax Levy at Special Town Meeting of the Electors

November 13, 2024 - Regular Monthly Meeting

December 11, 2024 – Regular Monthly Meeting

• Resolution 2024-4 to Amend the 2024 Budget

#### TOWN OF MANITOWOC RAPIDS MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 10, 2024

The January 10, 2024 meeting of the Town of Manitowoc Rapids meeting was called to order by Supervisor Wetenkamp at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Hall, 8624 CTH JJ, Manitowoc, WI.

#### **ROLL CALL**

The roll was called, and members present were: Josh Stradal-Chairperson, Tom Wetenkamp-Supervisor 1, John Jost-Supervisor 2, Jessica Backus-Clerk/Treasurer, Constable Jim Wiesner. Jeremy Stradal-Road Foreman was excused.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Chairperson Stradal presented the minutes from the December 13, 2023 meetings. Supervisor Jost moved to approve the meeting minutes, seconded by Supervisor Wetenkamp. Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

Chairperson Stradal presented the January 10, 2024 agenda. Supervisor Wetenkamp moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Supervisor Jost. Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Clerk Backus presented the cash flow report. Supervisor Wetenkamp moved to approve the cash flow report, seconded by Supervisor Jost. Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chairperson Stradal opened public comment at 6:32 p.m. No one present wished to speak, subsequently Chairperson Stradal closed public input at 6:32 p.m.

#### REPORTS

Constable - Constable Wiesner reported one call for cattle on road.

*Highway* – Road Foreman Stradal provided an estimate from EZ Cut to remove trees blocking the right of way on Goodwin Rd. Chairperson Stradal moved to contract EZ Cut to perform the work, seconded by Supervisor Wetenkamp. Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

*Discussion and possible action on Ordinance 2024-1 Driveway Regulations* Chairperson Stradal presented the ordinance providing driveway regulations. The Board made a few changes and Clerk Backus would send it back to the attorney. The ordinance will be brought to the next meeting.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Discussion and possible action on Resch Property-206 S Alverno Rd

Silver Creek Fire Chief Joe Stanzel reported they burned as much as they could of the house. Constable Wiesner would notify the property owner they have until June 1 to clean up the rest of the property.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

*Items for Next Month* Driveway Ordinance Fire Department Reports Garbage Hauler

#### Vouchers

Clerk Backus presented the January vouchers. Chairperson Stradal moved to approve the vouchers as presented for the month of December, seconded by Supervisor Wetenkamp. Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

#### NEXT MEETING DATES

Monthly Meeting – February 14, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

There being no further discussion, Supervisor Wetenkamp moved to adjourn; seconded by Supervisor Jost, and the motion was adopted by acclamation. The meeting was adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

#### TOWN OF MANITOWOC RAPIDS MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 14, 2024

The February 14, 2024 meeting of the Town of Manitowoc Rapids meeting was called to order by Chairperson Stradal at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Hall, 8624 CTH JJ, Manitowoc, WI.

#### **ROLL CALL**

The roll was called, and members present were: Josh Stradal-Chairperson, Tom Wetenkamp-Supervisor 1, John Jost-Supervisor 2, Jessica Backus-Clerk/Treasurer and Jeremy Stradal-Road Foreman. Constable Jim Wiesner was excused.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Chairperson Stradal presented the minutes from the January 10, 2024 meetings. Supervisor Wetenkamp moved to approve the meeting minutes, seconded by Supervisor Jost. Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

Chairperson Stradal presented the February 14, 2024 agenda. Supervisor Wetenkamp moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Supervisor Jost. Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Clerk Backus presented the cash flow report. Supervisor Wetenkamp moved to approve the cash flow report, seconded by Supervisor Jost. Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chairperson Stradal opened public comment at 6:32 p.m.

Joe Stanzel, Silver Creek First Responders requested the fire numbers on Wimmer Rd be fixed. The signs are not readable.

No one else present wished to speak, subsequently Chairperson Stradal closed public input at 6:33 p.m.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Highway Department on CTH R Construction

#### REPORTS

Constable – No report.

*Highway* – Road Foreman Stradal reported salt delivery will be later this month. The tile line on Alverno Rd across from the Health Care Center needs to be fixed. He would like to have culvert bid opening before the March Monthly Meeting.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### Discussion and action on Ordinance 2024-1 Driveway Regulations

Chairperson Stradal presented the ordinance providing driveway regulations. Chairperson Stradal moved to enact Ordinance 2024-1 Driveway Regulations, seconded by Supervisor Wetenkamp. Upon vote the motion was carried unanimously.

#### Discussion and action on Recycling Center Services and Maintenance Contractor

Supervisor Jost will continue to gather information from three garbage contractors to present at the March meeting.

#### Discussion and action on Culvert and Small Bridge Inventory

Chairperson Stradal tabled until March. He would like a Delmore Representative to attend the March meeting to discuss their options regarding the inventory.

#### Discussion and action on Town Legal Services

Clerk Backus presented the information for a new town attorney due to our former attorney retiring. Chairperson Stradal moved to contract with Hopp Neumann Humke LLP for town legal services, seconded by Supervisor Wetenkamp. Upon vote the motion was carried unanimously.

#### Discussion and action on Private Road Signs

Chairperson Stradal explained there are a handful of very old private road signs in the Town that are hard to read. He suggested replacing them because emergency services need to have the ability to read the road sign. Chairperson Stradal moved to change the private road signs out to match Town signs for safety reasons, seconded by Supervisor Wetenkamp. Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

Discussion on Fire Department and First Responders Year End Reports Chairperson Stradal presented all three fire departments' year end reports.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Items for Next Month Truck Discussion Culvert and Small Bridge Inventory Culvert Bids Recycling Center

#### Vouchers

Clerk Backus presented the February vouchers. Chairperson Stradal moved to approve the vouchers as presented for the month of January, seconded by Supervisor Wetenkamp. Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

#### NEXT MEETING DATES

Bid Opening – March 13, 2024 at 6:15 p.m. Monthly Meeting – March 13, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

There being no further discussion, Supervisor Wetenkamp moved to adjourn; seconded by Supervisor Jost, and the motion was adopted by acclamation. The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

## Ordinance 2024-1 **Driveway Regulations**

The Town of Manitowoc Rapids Town Board, pursuant to its village powers under Secs. 60.10 (2) ,60.22, and 61.34, Wis. Stats. and its oversight authority of town highways and matters pertaining to town highways pursuant to Chapter 82 and Sec. 83.027, Wis. Stat., in order to promote public safety, the public convenience and general welfare, adopt the following regulations pertaining to private driveways, and do ordain as follows:

- Definitions. 1.
  - a. "Driveway" means a private road access to private property from a public highway.
  - b. "Town" is the Town of Manitowoc Rapids, Manitowoc County, WI.
- 2. Minimum space.
  - a. A driveway in the Town which is entirely or primarily composed of cement shall be located at least thirteen (13) feet (the "minimum space") from the material surface of a public highway.
  - b. The minimum space between the driveway and the material surface of the highway may be composed of the same material as the public highway.
- 3. <u>Minimum width</u>. The driving surface for the entire length of the driveway shall be a minimum width of fourteen (14) feet. Any future resurfacing of the driveway (concrete, blacktop, etc.) shall maintain the minimum fourteen (14) feet surface width.
- Driveway culvert. 4.
  - a. A culvert shall be installed for each driveway and shall be located a minimum of five (5) feet from the property line and at right angles to the driveway.
  - b. Apron end walls shall be used for all culverts.
- Driveway for two residential parcels. A driveway which provides access to two (2) 5. residential parcels shall have a minimum driveway width of twenty-two (22) feet and shall be built according to all other Town road specifications.
- 6. <u>Clear of obstructions</u>. All driveways and the area six (6) feet on either side of the edge of the driveway shall have a minimum clearance of fourteen (14) feet in height of trees and vegetation, wires, and similar obstructions.
- <u>Truck Pass/Turnaround</u>. A truck pass/turnaround shall be installed on all driveways 7. that are five hundred (500) feet long, and one or more additional truck pass/turnaround shall be installed for every next five hundred (500) feet or fraction thereof. Example: 500 feet driveway = one (1) truck pass; 750 feet driveway = two (2) truck pass; 1000 feet driveway = two (2) truck pass

### 8. Minimum Curve Measure. All curves in driveways or access roads shall have a minimum of thirty (30) feet inside radius and fifty (50) feet outside radius.

9. <u>Fire Chief Approval</u>. In furtherance of public safety, the Fire Chief of the fire service provider which serves the territory in which the driveway is in the Town, or his/her authorized representative, shall approve the design of the driveway.

- 10. <u>Driveway Permit</u>. A driveway permit issued by the Town is required before starting the construction or removing the existing materials to change the layout of a driveway. The Permit application provided by the Town shall be completed and returned to the Town Road Superintendent together with the \$50.00 application fee. The Permit application must be approved by the Town and the approval of the design of the driveway must be provided by the Fire Chief prior to the issuance of the Driveway Permit.
- 11. <u>Existing Regulations</u>. The provisions of this ordinance are in addition to all existing ordinances, rules and regulations ("existing rules") affecting the subject matter. To the extent any of the provisions of this ordinance conflict with existing rules, the provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed to have repealed the conflicting rules.
- 12. <u>Severability</u>. The provisions of this ordinance are severable. If any portion of this ordinance is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or void, such finding shall not affect the remaining provisions of this ordinance which shall continue in full force and effect.

This ordinance shall be effective upon adoption and posting according to law.

Adopted this 14<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024.

TOWN OF MANITOWOC RAPIDS

Joshua Stradal, Town Chairperson

Thomas Wetenkamp, Supervisor 1

John Jost, Supervisor 2

ATTEST: ssica Backus, Town Clerk

#### TOWN OF MANITOWOC RAPIDS BID OPENING FROM MARCH 13, 2024

Chairperson Stradal called the bid opening meeting to order at 6:15p.m. on March 13, 2024. Town Board Members present were Chairperson Stradal, 1<sup>st</sup> Supervisor Tom Wetenkamp, 2<sup>nd</sup> Supervisor John Jost, along with Road Foreman Stradal and Clerk/Treasurer Backus.

Chairperson Stradal stated there were two contractors that submitted proposals for the 2024 Culvert Proposals. Chairperson Stradal read the proposals.

Chairperson Stradal moved to award the following project numbers 5 (Hershau Rd) and 7 (Goodwin Rd) to Alfson Excavating, and project numbers 1 (Friday St), 2 (Stone Rd-South of P), 3 (Stone Rd-North of P), 4 (Fairway Dr), 6 (Union Rd), 8 (S. Parkview Rd), 9 (S. Parkview Rd), and 10 (Dutch Rd) to Tisler Trucking; seconded by Supervisor Wetenkamp. Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously. The 10 culvert projects total \$81,700. The Town will use ARPA funds to fund the projects. The County will reimburse the Town for 50% of the cost.

Supervisor Wetenkamp moved to adjourned at 6:27 p.m., seconded by Supervisor Jost. Unanimously approved.

#### TOWN OF MANITOWOC RAPIDS MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 13, 2024

The March 13, 2024 meeting of the Town of Manitowoc Rapids meeting was called to order by Chairperson Stradal at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Hall, 8624 CTH JJ, Manitowoc, WI.

#### **ROLL CALL**

The roll was called, and members present were: Josh Stradal-Chairperson, Tom Wetenkamp-Supervisor 1, John Jost-Supervisor 2, Jessica Backus-Clerk/Treasurer, Jeremy Stradal-Road Foreman and Constable Jim Wiesner.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Chairperson Stradal presented the minutes from the February 14, 2024 meetings. Supervisor Wetenkamp moved to approve the meeting minutes, seconded by Supervisor Jost. Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

Chairperson Stradal presented the March 13, 2024 agenda. Supervisor Wetenkamp moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Supervisor Jost. Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Clerk Backus presented the cash flow report. Supervisor Wetenkamp moved to approve the cash flow report, seconded by Supervisor Jost. Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chairperson Stradal opened public comment at 6:35 p.m.

No one present wished to speak, subsequently Chairperson Stradal closed public input at 6:36 p.m.

#### REPORTS

Constable - Constable reported he received two calls.

*Highway* – Road Foreman Stradal reported 6330 Tractor has 2 bad injectors, which will cost \$7200 to fix. The rest of the salt will be delivered soon. A resident requested horse signs be placed on Stone Rd for her and her horse safety when on the road. Chairperson Stradal moved to buy two signs and place one on each end of Stone Rd., seconded by Supervisor Wetenkamp. Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously approved.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Introductions to New Town Attorney Clerk Backus introduced Crystal Eber, Attorney for Hopp Neumann Humke LLP.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

*Discussion and action on Recycling Center Services and Maintenance Contractor* Supervisor Jost provided quotes from GFL and Harter. Chairperson Stradal moved to hire GFL, seconded by Supervisor Wetenkamp. Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously approved.

#### Discussion and action on Culvert and Small Bridge Inventory

Supervisor Jost moved to have Manitowoc County Highway Department collect the inventory of the Culvert and small bridge inventory program, seconded by Supervisor Wetenkamp. Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously approved.

#### Discussion and action regarding ARPA Funds

Clerk Backus presented the letter from the County Executive informing the Board that the County would need the Board to designate the County ARPA funds by July 1.

#### Discussion and action regarding Truck Inventory

Supervisor Jost informed the Board there was one more spot to order a chassis for 2025 and everything else would be available in 2026.

#### Discussion and action March 28 Meeting regarding Fire and EMS

Chairperson Stradal discussed the upcoming agenda for the Special Meeting. Clerk Backus would send the agenda to all towns and villages.

#### Discussion and action regarding Tisler Culvert Work

Chairperson Stradal requested Clerk Backus send Tisler Trucking a formal letter informing him full payment would be sent once the 2023 culvert work was complete.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

*Items for Next Month* Road Work Bids 4/10 at 6pm

#### Vouchers

Clerk Backus presented the March vouchers. Chairperson Stradal moved to approve the vouchers as presented for the month of February, seconded by Supervisor Wetenkamp. Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

#### NEXT MEETING DATES

Special Meeting – March 28, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. Road Bids – April 10, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. Monthly Meeting – April 10, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. Annual Meeting – April 17, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

There being no further discussion, Supervisor Wetenkamp moved to adjourn; seconded by Supervisor Jost, and the motion was adopted by acclamation. The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

#### TOWN OF MANITOWOC RAPIDS MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING FROM MARCH 28, 2024

The special meeting on February 19, 2024 for the Town of Manitowoc Rapids was called to order by Chairperson Stradal at 6:30 p.m. at the Branch Fire Station.

#### **ROLL CALL**

The roll was called, and members present were: Josh Stradal-Chairperson, Tom Wetenkamp-Supervisor 1, Jessica Backus-Clerk/Treasurer, and Constable Jim Wiesner. Supervisor Jost was excused.

#### **GUEST SPEAKERS ON BEHALF OF THEIR MUNICIPALITY**

County Executive Bob Ziegelbauer informed the Board the County was willing to assist municipalities, but it any consolidation needs to start at the municipal level. Also, the County would not provide funding for anything related to fire or EMS services.

Town of Franklin Board Chairperson Gerald Korinek informed the Board their town had information gathering meetings with their four fire departments. Three out of the four had adequate staffing and budget. The Town does not see any territory or contract changes in the future.

Town of Kossuth Board Chairperson Ralph Schuh provided the history of funding for their town's fire department and EMS services. Since the State has increased shared revenue, the town plans to share that with the departments and if they want to change territory lines their Board will listen.

Town of Newton Supervisor Kevin Benke informed the Board they have one fire department that services the whole town. The Town purchase trucks for the department when needed. The Town Hall is the housing facility for the department. They appreciate their fire department and are willing to listen to what they need. Behnke mentioned that if consolidation happens in other towns, the location of the building needs to be a big consideration due to ISO ratings for home insurance purposes.

Village of Valders Board President Devin Schneider informed the Board how their Village funded Ambulance and full-time paramedic services function and who pays the expenses. It is tough on the Village because when there is a budget shortfall, the Village must cover the financial shortage.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Chairperson Stradal opened the discussion to the rest of the municipalities or emergency services departments in attendance.

Village of Mishicot Board President Bernie Samz provided information as to how the Mishicot Ambulance works with each municipality. Their ambulance service is a private organization, which helps not to have budget shortfalls.

Town of Eaton Board Chairperson Rick Christel questioned how to increase the volunteer fire department memberships, along with inflation of the rising department levy costs.

Kiel Fire Department Representative Scott Hastreiter informed the Board that they recruit through an explorer program through the Kiel School District. They have a positive success rate with that program. They also cross-train EMS and Fire services.

Schneider mentioned be reviewed over 12 municipalities with referendums throughout the state this election to increase their levies due to shortfalls.

Newton Fire Department Representative mentioned they have a full roster with at least 14 volunteers that can respond to an emergency throughout the day. All volunteers must attend their drills once a month.

Town of Meeme Representative informed the Board they have 5 fire departments and have no issues with any of them.

Kiel EMS Representative Bob Hennings mentioned the fire departments used to receive funds from the County.

Behnke informed the Board that the County will not provide money for fire or EMS services.

Christel mentioned that everyone should reach out to their County Board Supervisor for further discussion around County funding.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chairperson Stradal opened public comment at 7:22 p.m.

No one present wished to speak, subsequently Chairperson Stradal closed public input at 7:23 p.m.

There being no further discussion, Supervisor Wetenkamp moved to adjourn; seconded by Chairperson Stradal, and the motion was adopted by acclamation. The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

#### TOWN OF MANITOWOC RAPIDS BID OPENING FROM APRIL 10, 2024

Chairperson Stradal called the bid opening meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. on April 10, 2024. Town Board Members present were Chairperson Stradal, 1<sup>st</sup> Supervisor Tom Wetenkamp, 2<sup>nd</sup> Supervisor John Jost, along with Road Foreman Stradal and Clerk/Treasurer Backus.

Clerk Backus informed the Board that the total Highway/Street Construction budget for this year was \$122,376.94.

Chairperson Stradal stated two bids were received for all four repaving projects. One from Northeast Asphalt and the other from MCC. Chairperson Stradal read the bid amounts.

Chairperson Stradal stated one bid was received from Scott Construction for the two single chipseal projects and the wedging project. Chairperson Stradal read the bid amounts.

Chairperson Stradal stated one bid was received from Struck and Erwin for the two resurfacing projects. Chairperson Stradal read the bid amounts.

Chairperson Stradal moved to award the following bidders and projects: Northeast Asphalt the repaving projects of the parking lot for \$26,255.00, Village Dr Curve for \$6,435.00, and Middle Rd and Union Rd Intersection for \$6,320.00; Scott's Construction the chipseal projects of Catalina Ct and Candlelight Ct for \$18,768.00 and S Alverno Rd for \$30,187.00, and the wedging project of Hwy H for \$15,400.00, and reject all other repaving, and resurfacing bids; seconded by Supervisor Wetenkamp. Upon discussion and vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

After all the bids/projects were awarded the Highway/Street Construction budget had \$19,011.94 available for unexpected road issues.

Supervisor Wetenkamp moved to adjourned at 6:12 p.m., seconded by Supervisor Jost. Unanimously approved.

#### TOWN OF MANITOWOC RAPIDS MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 10, 2024

The April 10, 2024 meeting of the Town of Manitowoc Rapids meeting was called to order by Chairperson Stradal at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Hall, 8624 CTH JJ, Manitowoc, WI.

#### **ROLL CALL**

The roll was called, and members present were: Josh Stradal-Chairperson, Tom Wetenkamp-Supervisor 1, John Jost-Supervisor 2, Jessica Backus-Clerk/Treasurer, Jeremy Stradal-Road Foreman and Constable Jim Wiesner.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Chairperson Stradal presented the minutes from the March 13, 2024 Bid Opening and Monthly Meetings and the March 28, 2024 Special Meeting. Supervisor Wetenkamp moved to approve the meeting minutes, seconded by Supervisor Jost. Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

Chairperson Stradal presented the April 10, 2024 agenda. Supervisor Jost moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Supervisor Wetenkamp. Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Clerk Backus presented the cash flow report. Supervisor Wetenkamp moved to approve the cash flow report, seconded by Supervisor Jost. Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chairperson Stradal opened public comment at 6:32 p.m. No one present wished to speak, subsequently Chairperson Stradal closed public input at 6:32 p.m.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

Facebook Silver Creek Fundraiser Statement Endries-Deer Carcasses Removal

#### REPORTS

Constable - Constable reported he received one call.

*Highway* – Road Foreman Stradal reported tractor was fixed. He mentioned end walls should be placed on the culvert on Raynn Dr. Also, he ordered tar and mastic.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### Discussion and action on Carbon Rezone

Randy Drumm Land Use Committee Rep. informed the Board of the proposed rezone request from Dale Carbon (applicant) and Vraj Vihar (landowner). They proposed the 3.36 acres zoned Natural Area be rezoned to Rural Residential to build future homes. The applicant met all the requirements and signed the right to farm. The Land Use Committee recommended approval of the rezone request to the Town Board. Supervisor Jost moved to approve the rezone, seconded by Supervisor Wetenkamp. Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

*Discussion and possible action on Branch Area Recreational Association Liquor License Renewal* Chairperson Stradal moved to approve the renewal of Branch Area Recreational Association Liquor License, seconded by Supervisor Wetenkamp. Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Items for Next Month Truck Discussion

#### **ARPA Funds Discussion**

Vouchers

Clerk Backus presented the April vouchers. Supervisor Wetenkamp moved to approve the vouchers as presented for the month of March, seconded by Supervisor Jost. Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

#### NEXT MEETING DATES

Annual Meeting – April 17, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. Board of Review (to adjourn to a later date) – May 8, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. Monthly Meeting – May 8, 2024 to follow the BOR.

There being no further discussion, Supervisor Jost moved to adjourn; seconded by Supervisor Wetenkamp, and the motion was adopted by acclamation. The meeting was adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

#### TOWN OF MANITOWOC RAPIDS MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING FROM APRIL 15, 2024

The special meeting on April 15, 2024 for the Town of Manitowoc Rapids meeting was called to order by Chairperson Stradal at 5:30 p.m. at the Town Hall, 8624 CTH JJ, Manitowoc, WI.

#### **ROLL CALL**

The roll was called and members present were: Josh Stradal, Chairperson; Tom Wetenkamp, 1<sup>st</sup> Supervisor; John Jost, Supervisor 2, and Jessica Backus, Clerk/Treasurer.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

*Discussion with Silver Creek Fire Department* The board gathered with Silver Creek Fire Department to discuss their fundraisers.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further Town business, Supervisor Wetenkamp moved to adjourn at 5:36 p.m. seconded by Supervisor Jost. Unanimously approved.

#### TOWN OF MANITOWOC RAPIDS MINUTES OF APRIL 17, 2024 ANNUAL MEETING TOWN HALL - 8624 CTH JJ - MANITOWOC, WI 54220

#### CALL TO ORDER

The Annual Meeting of the Town of Manitowoc Rapids was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 17, 2024 at the Town Hall, 8624 CTH JJ, Manitowoc, WI by Chairperson Stradal.

#### **INTRODUCTIONS**

Chairperson Stradal introduced the Town Officials: First Supervisor, Tom Wetenkamp; Second Supervisor, John Jost; Clerk/Treasurer, Jessica Backus, Road Foreman, Jeremy Stradal; Randy Drumm and Gabe Vogel Land Use Committee members. Constable Wiesner was excused.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM APRIL 19, 2023 ANNUAL MEETING**

Copies of the minutes from the April 19, 2023 Annual Meeting were distributed. After review, Dan Langnese moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Ron Wiesner. Upon vote, 14 voted aye by voice vote and 0 voted nay. Motion carried.

#### **2023 FINANCIAL REPORT**

Chairperson Stradal presented the financial report to the public. Ron Weisner moved to approve the 2023 Financial Report as presented, seconded by Bob Siehr. Upon vote, 14 voted aye by voice vote and 0 voted nay. Motion carried.

#### **PUBLIC INPUT**

Chairperson Stradal opened public input at 6:33 p.m.

Dave Waege, introduced himself and informed the public he will be running for Representative to Assembly District 25.

No one else present wished to speak, subsequently Chairperson Stradal closed public input at 6:35p.m.

#### REPORTS

#### Constable

Chairperson Stradal provided the constable report of 23 calls for 2023.

#### Highway

Road Superintendent Stradal reported 200 yards of sand salt was used this winter.

#### **Fire Department/First Responders**

Josh Stradal, Chief of Branch Fire Department, reported they had 31 calls in Manitowoc Rapids in 2023.

Joe Stanzel, Chief of Silver Creek Department, reported the fire department had 11 calls in Manitowoc Rapids for 2023. The first responders reported 39 calls last year.

Tom Arndt, Chief of Rockwood Fire Department, reported they had 5 calls in Manitowoc Rapid for 2023.

#### **Plan Commission**

Randy Drumm provided a report on the last rezone the Town approved.

#### **Branch Area Recreational Association**

Chairperson Stradal provided the BARA report.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Road Work Completed in 2023**

Road Superintendent Stradal reported the 2023 roadwork consisted of 11 culverts, chip sealed a portion of Oakwood Ln and the intersection of Stone Rd and Oakwood Ln, repaved the east portion of the Town Hall parking lot, Hwy H Curve, and patches on Stone Rd, and completing the reconstruction of N Union Rd Bridge.

#### Road Work for 2024

Road Superintendent Stradal reported the 2024 roadwork will consists of 10 culvert replacements, chip sealing projects of Catalina Ct and Candlelight Ct and S Alverno Rd, along with repaying Village Dr Curve and the intersection of Middle Rd and Union Rd, and the rest of the front Town Hall parking lot, and wedging Hwy H.

#### **Open Book/Board of Review**

Open Book will be July 16, 2024 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Board of Review will be July 31, 2024 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

#### Next Annual Meeting – April 16, 2025

The next annual meeting would be Wednesday, April 16, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further comments or discussion, Ron Wiesner moved to adjourn, seconded by Randy Drumm and so moved by the 13 towns' people in attendance. The meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

#### TOWN OF MANITOWOC RAPIDS MINUTES FROM THE MAY 8, 2024

The May 8, 2024 meeting of the Town of Manitowoc Rapids meeting was called to order by Chairperson Stradal at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Hall, 8624 CTH JJ, Manitowoc, WI.

#### **ROLL CALL**

The roll was called, and members present were: Josh Stradal-Chairperson, Tom Wetenkamp-Supervisor 1, John Jost-Supervisor 2, Jessica Backus-Clerk/Treasurer, Jeremy Stradal-Road Foreman and Constable Jim Wiesner.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Chairperson Stradal presented the minutes from the April 10, 2024 Bid Opening and Monthly Meetings. Supervisor Wetenkamp moved to approve the meeting minutes, seconded by Supervisor Jost. Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

Chairperson Stradal presented the May 8, 2024 agenda, along with the addition of a new hire at the recycling center. Supervisor Jost moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Supervisor Wetenkamp. Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Clerk Backus presented the cash flow report. Supervisor Wetenkamp moved to approve the cash flow report, seconded by Supervisor Jost. Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chairperson Stradal opened public comment at 6:33 p.m. No one present wished to speak, subsequently Chairperson Stradal closed public input at 6:33 p.m.

#### REPORTS

Constable - Constable reported he received one call.

*Highway* – Road Foreman Stradal reported the blacktop has been fixed from the awarded 2023 culverts. The noxious weeds would need to be taken care of this coming month.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### Discussion and action on Schultz-Conditional Use Permit

Chairperson Stradal explained Chris and Brittany Schultz have applied for a conditional use permit to operate a vacation home rental business at 3722 Branch River Rd. The property was zoned High Density Residential, which allows for vacation home rentals. They are looking to rent it out for a 3-night minimum. He spoke with the neighbors, and they were ok with the permit. Chairperson Stradal applied one condition that the permit would need to be reviewed after one year to make sure there aren't any complaints. With that condition along with any others the County would implement, Chairperson Stradal moved to approve the CUP, seconded by Supervisor Wetenkamp. Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

#### Discussion and possible action on Future Truck Purchase

Supervisor Jost provided info that the cab and chaise build would start the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of this year. We could receive it in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2025. The cost would be \$150,663 for the chaise. Chairperson Stradal moved to approve the purchase of the cab and chaise, seconded by Supervisor Jost. Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

#### Discussion and possible action on remaining ARPA Funds

Clerk Backus reported \$42,410 was left in the ARPA funds account. Chairperson Stradal moved to apply \$18,100 towards the rest of the bridge loan and the rest of the funds towards culverts, seconded by Supervisor Wetenkamp. Upon vote, the

motion was carried unanimously.

#### Discussion and action on Manitowoc Fire and Rescue

Chairperson Stradal informed the Board he would like to meet with Manitowoc Fire and Rescue to discuss their Automatic Aid Agreement.

#### Discussion and action regarding Recycling New Hire

Supervisor Jost informed the board one of the recycling center employees resigned. He did receive an application to fill that vacant position from Robert Warwick. Chairperson Stradal moved to hire Robert Warwick, seconded by Supervisor Jost. Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

*Items for Next Month* Manitowoc Fire and Rescue Update on Truck Culvert Bid Opening

#### Vouchers

Clerk Backus presented the May vouchers. Chairperson Stradal moved to approve the vouchers as presented for the month of April, seconded by Supervisor Wetenkamp. Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

#### NEXT MEETING DATES

Bid Meeting – June 12, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. Monthly Meeting – June 12, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

There being no further discussion, Supervisor Wetenkamp moved to adjourn; seconded by Supervisor Jost, and the motion was adopted by acclamation. The meeting was adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

#### TOWN OF MANITOWOC RAPIDS MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING FROM MAY 15, 2024

The special meeting on May 15, 2024 for the Town of Manitowoc Rapids meeting was called to order by Chairperson Stradal at 3:30 p.m. at City Hall, 900 Quay St, Manitowoc, WI.

#### **ROLL CALL**

The roll was called and members present were: Josh Stradal, Chairperson; Tom Wetenkamp, 1<sup>st</sup> Supervisor; and John Jost, Supervisor 2.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

*Discussion and possible action with Manitowoc Fire and Rescue* The board gathered with the City of Manitowoc Fire and Rescue to discuss future fire protection for the Town of Manitowoc Rapids.

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further Town business, Supervisor Wetenkamp moved to adjourn at 4:25 p.m. seconded by Supervisor Jost. Unanimously approved.

#### TOWN OF MANITOWOC RAPIDS BID OPENING FROM JUNE 12, 2024

Chairperson Stradal called the bid opening meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. on June 12, 2024. Town Board Members present were Chairperson Stradal, 1<sup>st</sup> Supervisor Tom Wetenkamp, 2<sup>nd</sup> Supervisor John Jost, and Clerk/Treasurer Backus.

Chairperson Stradal stated there were two contractors that submitted proposals for the 2025 Culvert Proposals. Chairperson Stradal read the proposals.

Chairperson Stradal moved to award the following project numbers 1 (Augusta Way and Hershau Rd), 2 (Middle Rd), 3 (Middle Rd), 4 (Fairway Dr), 5 (Pineview Ct and Fairway Dr), 6 (Union Rd), and 7 (Village Dr) to Tisler Trucking; seconded by Supervisor Wetenkamp. Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously. The 7 culvert projects total \$48,400. The Town will use ARPA funds to fund the projects. The County will reimburse the Town for 50% of the cost.

Supervisor Jost moved to adjourned at 6:12 p.m., seconded by Supervisor Wetenkamp. Upon vote3, the motion was carried unanimously.

#### TOWN OF MANITOWOC RAPIDS MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 12, 2024

The June 12, 2024 meeting of the Town of Manitowoc Rapids meeting was called to order by Chairperson Stradal at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Hall, 8624 CTH JJ, Manitowoc, WI.

#### **ROLL CALL**

The roll was called, and members present were: Josh Stradal-Chairperson, Tom Wetenkamp-Supervisor 1, John Jost-Supervisor 2, Jessica Backus-Clerk/Treasurer, and Constable Jim Wiesner. Jeremy Stradal-Road Foreman was excused.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Chairperson Stradal presented the minutes from the May 8, 2024 Monthly Meeting and May 15, 2024 Special Meeting. Supervisor Wetenkamp moved to approve the meeting minutes, seconded by Supervisor Jost. Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

Chairperson Stradal presented the June 12, 2024 agenda. Supervisor Wetenkamp moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Supervisor Jost. Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Clerk Backus presented the cash flow report. Supervisor Jost moved to approve the cash flow report, seconded by Supervisor Wetenkamp. Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chairperson Stradal opened public comment at 6:32 p.m. No one present wished to speak, subsequently Chairperson Stradal closed public input at 6:32 p.m.

#### REPORTS

Constable - Constable reported he received five calls.

*Highway* – Supervisor Jost reported the mastic was complete. Next week the culverts would be done on Parkview Rd and NEA would be there for the blacktop work by the railroad. Road Foreman Stradal would like to request possible at concrete slabs for the new dumpsters at the Recycling Center.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### Discussion and action on Thompson Machinery Variance Request

Chairperson Stradal explained Thomason Machinery was requesting a variance to construct a 37'x50' building addition at 15' from the Basswood Rd. right-of-way line located in an industrial zoned district. Chairperson Stradal moved to approve variance, seconded by Supervisor Wetenkamp. Discussion took place. Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

#### Discussion on Manitowoc Fire and Rescue

Chairperson Stradal reported the Board met with Manitowoc Fire and Rescue to discuss future options of fire services for the Town.

#### Discussion and possible action on Public Access by Theis Property

Clerk Backus explained that the original map on the resolution to vacate the public access on Pierce Dr had to be amended. Chairperson Stradal moved to approve Resolution 2024-2 AMEND Resolution 2021-19 to Vacate and Revise the Public Access from Pierce Dr to the Manitowoc River, seconded by Supervisor Wetenkamp. Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

#### Discussion and action on Town Storage Shed

Supervisor Jost explained birds have been nesting in the shed and creating a mess on the equipment below. Road Foreman Stradal received a quote from Phipps Construction for bird netting and a new overhead door. Discussion took place. Chairperson Stradal moved to for Phipps to install a new door and hold off on bird netting to see if the new door keeps the birds out, seconded by Supervisor Jost. Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

#### Discussion and action on 2024-2025 Liquor License Renewals

Clerk Backus provided the following renewal applications for Branch Station, Country Visions, Tavern 10, Wildcats Longbranch Saloon, and The Golf Course on Branch River. Supervisor Jost moved to approve all liquor licenses renewals, seconded by Supervisor Wetenkamp. Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

*Update on Truck* Supervisor Jost reported on the progress of the truck.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

*Items for Next Month* Manitowoc Fire and Rescue Truck

#### Vouchers

Clerk Backus presented the June vouchers. Chairperson Stradal moved to approve the vouchers as presented for the month of May, seconded by Supervisor Jost. Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

#### NEXT MEETING DATES

Monthly Meeting – July 10, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

There being no further discussion, Supervisor Wetenkamp moved to adjourn; seconded by Supervisor Jost, and the motion was adopted by acclamation. The meeting was adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

# **Resolution 2024-2**

# AMEND Resolution 2021-19 to Vacate and Revise the Public Access from Pierce Dr to the Manitowoc River Town of Manitowoc Rapids, Manitowoc County, Wisconsin

WHEREAS, the Town of Manitowoc Rapids ("Town") has established a public access from Pierce Drive to the Manitowoc River as shown on the certified survey dated September 20, 1966, and recorded in Volume 2, page 349, being a survey in Government Lots 6 and 8, Section 14, Township 19 North, Range 23 East, in the town of Manitowoc Rapids, Manitowoc County, Wi

## ("original access"); and

WHEREAS, the owners of property adjacent to the original access have agreed to adjust their respective property lines and approve a new certified survey, being a resurvey of the original survey, which will also include a revised public access for the town with adjusted boundary lines ("revised access"); and

WHEREAS, the Town Board agrees to vacate the existing access in consideration of the establishment and dedication of the revised access as shown on the new certified survey map;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board hereby vacates the public access (original access) from Pierce Drive to the Manitowoc River as recorded in Volume 2, Page 349, and hereby approves and accepts the dedication of the public access (revised access) shown on the new *Certified Survey Map Volume 35, Page 295, document number 1244889*, located in Government Lots 6 and 8, section 14, Township 19 North, Range 23 East, being a resurvey of Tracts 1-2, 2-2, 3-2, 4-2, and public access, of a certified survey recorded in Volume 2, Page 349;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Clerk is authorized to sign on behalf of the Town of Manitowoc Rapids Town Board a certificate evidencing the approval of the town board of the certified survey map and the dedication of the public access.

Adopted June 12, 2024

TOWN OF MANITOWOC RAPIDS

Josh Stradal, Town Chairperson Thomas Wetenkamp, Town Supervisor 1

John Jost, Town Supervisor 2

ATTEST: Jessica Backus, Clerk/Treasurer

#### TOWN OF MANITOWOC RAPIDS MINUTES FROM THE JULY 10, 2024

The July 10, 2024 meeting of the Town of Manitowoc Rapids meeting was called to order by Chairperson Stradal at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Hall, 8624 CTH JJ, Manitowoc, WI.

#### **ROLL CALL**

The roll was called, and members present were: Josh Stradal-Chairperson, Tom Wetenkamp-Supervisor 1, Jeremy Stradal-Road Foreman, and Jessica Backus-Clerk/Treasurer. Supervisor Jost and Constable Jim Wiesner.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Chairperson Stradal presented the minutes from the June 12, 2024 Monthly Meeting. Supervisor Wetenkamp moved to approve the meeting minutes, seconded by Chairperson Stradal. Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

Chairperson Stradal presented the July 10, 2024 agenda. Chairperson Stradal moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Supervisor Wetenkamp. Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Clerk Backus presented the cash flow report. Supervisor Wetenkamp moved to approve the cash flow report, seconded by Chairperson Stradal. Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chairperson Stradal opened public comment at 6:33 p.m.

Tom Bolle, 4480 Stone Rd, questioned the possibility of a speed limit reduction on Stone Rd from STH 310 to Homestead Rd.

No one present wished to speak, subsequently Chairperson Stradal closed public input at 6:34 p.m.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

Fire Department and EMS Reports

#### REPORTS

Constable - No report.

*Highway* – Road Foreman Stradal reported the railroad tracks and culvert area on S Parkview Rd will be blacktopped next week by NEA.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### Discussion and action on Van Serke Rezone Request

Mike Check, Land Use Committee Chair reported Fred Van Serke would like to rezone 5 acres of his land from Exclusive Agriculture to Large Estate Residential for the purpose of building a storage building. The committee made a recommendation to approve the rezone request and move it to the County. Chairperson Stradal moved to approve the rezone request for Fred Van Serke, seconded by Supervisor Wetenkamp. Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

#### Discussion on Manitowoc Fire and Rescue

Chairperson Stradal reported conversation continues with Chief Blaser regarding fire prevention for our Town. He would have more information for the August meeting.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

*Update on Truck* No current update.

#### Update on Local Roads Improvement Program (LRIP)

Chairperson Stradal reported the Town has until June 30, 2029 to complete the LRIP project of S Park View Rd.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

*Items for Next Month* Stone Rd Speed Limit Manitowoc Fire Truck

Vouchers

Clerk Backus presented the July vouchers. Supervisor Wetenkamp moved to approve the vouchers as presented for the month of June, seconded by Chairperson Stradal. Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

#### NEXT MEETING DATES

Open Book – July 16, 2024 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Board of Review – July 31, 2024 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Monthly Meeting – August 14, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

There being no further discussion, Supervisor Wetenkamp moved to adjourn; seconded by Chairperson Stradal, and the motion was adopted by acclamation. The meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

#### TOWN OF MANITOWOC RAPIDS MINUTES FROM THE JULY 31, 2024

The July 31, 2024 meeting of the Town of Manitowoc Rapids meeting was called to order by Chairperson Stradal at 5:10 p.m. at the Town Hall, 8624 CTH JJ, Manitowoc, WI.

#### **ROLL CALL**

The roll was called, and members present were: Josh Stradal-Chairperson, Tom Wetenkamp-Supervisor 1, John Jost-Supervisor 2, and Jessica Backus-Clerk/Treasurer.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### Discussion and action on Van Serke Rezone Request

Mike Check, Land Use Committee Chair reported Fred Van Serke would like to rezone 10 acres of his land from Exclusive Agriculture to General Agriculture to continue the use of farm land. The committee made a recommendation to approve the rezone request and move it to the County. Chairperson Stradal moved to approve the rezone request for Fred Van Serke, seconded by Supervisor Wetenkamp. Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

There being no further discussion, Supervisor Wetenkamp moved to adjourn; seconded by Chairperson Stradal, and the motion was adopted by acclamation. The meeting was adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

#### TOWN OF MANITOWOC RAPIDS MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING FROM AUGUST 12, 2024

The special meeting on August 12, 2024 for the Town of Manitowoc Rapids meeting was called to order by Chairperson Stradal at 5:30 p.m. at Manitowoc Rapids Town Hall, 8624 CTH JJ, Manitowoc, WI.

#### **ROLL CALL**

The roll was called and members present were: Josh Stradal, Chairperson; Tom Wetenkamp, 1<sup>st</sup> Supervisor; and John Jost, Supervisor 2.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### Discussion and possible action with Manitowoc Fire and Rescue

Chairperson Stradal informed the board the City of Manitowoc Fire Department would be willing to enter into a contract with the Town to cover the sections that Rockwood and Silver Creek Volunteer Fire Departments currently cover. Both fire departments service the sections boarding the City of Manitowoc. The reason the Board has been researching a possible change in fire service is based on the best response time for the Town people in those sections. Manitowoc has a fulltime fire department, which would provide a much quicker response time in an emergency.

Stradal reported by contracting with the City this could bring possible savings to town residents homeowners insurance based on their ISO (fire protection) rating of 2. The volunteer fire departments have an ISO rating of 9. When discussed with the Town's insurance agent, he mentioned a homeowner that would receive an ISO rating of a 2 would see significant savings from their current rating of a 9.

For 2024, the Town paid the City Ambulance/EMS \$10,440 (\$5 per town resident), Rockwood Volunteer Fire Department \$29,113, Silver Creek Volunteer Fire Department \$60,466, and Branch Volunteer Fire Department \$134,370. The total for the ambulance, Rockwood and Silver Creek totaled \$100,019. The fire departments rates are based off 0.75 of a mill per thousand dollars of assessed valuation of real estate property. The City would consider a five-year contract in the amount of \$100,000 for City Fire and Ambulance Services. By locking in a fire year contract, this would guarantee no rate increase for fire or ambulance service until 2030. With the volunteer fire department, an increase takes place every year because of the assessed value changes every year.

The Board will bring this discussion to the Monthly Meeting on Wednesday, August 14.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further Town business, Supervisor Wetenkamp moved to adjourn at 5:59 p.m. seconded by Supervisor Jost. Unanimously approved.

#### TOWN OF MANITOWOC RAPIDS MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 14, 2024

The August 14, 2024 meeting of the Town of Manitowoc Rapids meeting was called to order by Chairperson Stradal at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Hall, 8624 CTH JJ, Manitowoc, WI.

#### **ROLL CALL**

The roll was called, and members present were: Josh Stradal-Chairperson, Tom Wetenkamp-Supervisor 1, Jeremy Stradal-Road Foreman, and Jessica Backus-Clerk/Treasurer. Supervisor Jost and Constable Jim Wiesner.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Chairperson Stradal presented the minutes from the July 10, 2024 Monthly Meeting. Supervisor Wetenkamp moved to approve the meeting minutes, seconded by Supervisor Jost. Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

Chairperson Stradal presented the August 14, 2024 agenda. Supervisor Jost moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Supervisor Wetenkamp. Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Clerk Backus presented the cash flow report. Supervisor Wetenkamp moved to approve the cash flow report, seconded by Supervisor Jost Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chairperson Stradal opened public comment at 6:32 p.m. No one present wished to speak, subsequently Chairperson Stradal closed public input at 6:32 p.m.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

#### REPORTS

*Constable* – Constable Wiesner reported he received three calls. He requested Clerk Backus send noxious weed letters to the property owners of 3809 Stone Rd and 10133 Old Highway 151. He received a nuisance complaint regarding someone living behind 4608 Pierce Dr. in a camper. Clerk Backus would email County Planning and Zoning to report the issue.

*Highway* – Road Foreman Stradal reported that a speed limit could be reduced by 10mph without a speed study. Currently Stone Rd speed limit is 55mph, which means the Town can reduce it to 45mph. Chairperson Stradal requested the speed limit be added to next month's agenda. Lastly, the road work award to Scott's Construction and NEA was completed.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### Discussion on Manitowoc Fire and Rescue

Chairperson Stradal informed the board the City of Manitowoc Fire Department would be willing to enter into a contract with the Town to cover the sections that Rockwood and Silver Creek Volunteer Fire Departments currently cover, which are adjacent to the City of Manitowoc. The reason the Board has been researching a possible change in fire service is based on the best response time for the Town people in those sections. Manitowoc has a fulltime fire department, which would provide a much quicker response time in an emergency. The City would consider a five-year contract in the amount of \$100,000 for City Fire and Ambulance Services. By locking in a fire year contract, this would guarantee no rate increase for fire or ambulance service until 2030. The cost between switching to the city for fire and ambulance from Rockwood and Silver Creek would be a wash. However, the Town's insurance agent mentioned a homeowner that would receive the City's ISO rating

of a 2 would see significant savings from their volunteer fire department rating of a 9. The Board will continue this discussion with the two fire departments and the City.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

*Update on Truck* Nothing to report.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

*Items for Next Month* Generator Stone Rd Truck FD Contracts

Vouchers

Clerk Backus presented the August vouchers. Chairperson Stradal moved to approve the vouchers as presented for the month of July, seconded by Supervisor Wetenkamp. Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

#### NEXT MEETING DATES

Monthly Meeting - September 11, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

There being no further discussion, Supervisor Wetenkamp moved to adjourn; seconded by Supervisor Jost, and the motion was adopted by acclamation. The meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

#### TOWN OF MANITOWOC RAPIDS MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING FROM AUGUST 19, 2024

The special meeting on August 19, 2024 for the Town of Manitowoc Rapids meeting was called to order by Chairperson Stradal at 5:30 p.m. at Manitowoc Rapids Town Hall, 8624 CTH JJ, Manitowoc, WI.

#### **ROLL CALL**

The roll was called and members present were: Josh Stradal, Chairperson; Tom Wetenkamp, 1<sup>st</sup> Supervisor; and John Jost, Supervisor 2.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chairperson Stradal opened public comment at 5:30 p.m.

Paul Roelke, 2325 Victoria Dr, does not support the change of fire service from Rockwood and Silver Creek Volunteer to City of Manitowoc. He believes the current system has worked since it was implemented and urges the Board to obtain more research.

Marietta Johnson, 2118 Wimmer Rd, expressed concern how many town residents are not aware of possibly losing the service performed by the Silver Creek Volunteer Fire Department. She questioned why the Chairman, also the Chief of Branch VFD did not recuse himself of this discussion.

Glenn Kapplemann, 2213 Shadyside Rd, voiced concern as to how the City of Manitowoc would service a rural resident without a water source such as a fire hydrant.

Randy Drumm, 101 S Parkview Rd, questioned what would happen to the fire service once the five-year contract came due with the City. He also believes there should be negotiations between the town board and volunteer fire departments if this is a concern over money.

No one else present wished to speak, subsequently Chairperson Stradal closed public input at 5:43 p.m.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### Discussion and possible action with Manitowoc Fire and Rescue

Chairperson Stradal responded to the questions asked during public input. He informed the public each meeting regarding the fire department's discussion was always posted and nothing was kept from the public. The Town Board (board) just received the contract amount from the City of Manitowoc (city) at a meeting last week before any further discussion was to take place. Tonight's meeting was at the request of Silver Creek Volunteer Fire Department (SCVDS). Stradal reassured the public the EMS services would continue as is with Silver Creek, Branch, and the City of Manitowoc Ambulance. He informed the public he did not recuse himself because this has no impact on the Branch Volunteer Fire Department (BVFD).

Fire Chief Todd Blaser responded to a concern from the public as to what the city would do if they ran out of water in a rural area. Blaser informed the public that the city was not set up for rural fire fighting and that was why only the sections bordering the city are considered within this contract because they would have access to hydrants. The areas without hydrants would be serviced by their engines that carry 750 gallons of water. The city's response time would be one minute out of the station and four to five minutes to the location at the furthest section in the town. There would be enough water for a full five minutes. By that time another engine would already be there. They would use MABAS and have other departments willing to respond arrive to assist. Stradal questioned if there was any area of the city that did not have a hydrant. Blaser confirmed there was one residence on Dutch Rd that does not have a hydrant. Stradal mentioned the city does have pre-plans in place to cover areas in the Town that are not hydrated.

Regarding the five-year contract, Stradal responded that no one knows what will happen five years from now. He mentioned that currently the Town pays five dollars per person on a yearly basis for city ambulance service. His concern was how much will it cost the Town in the future and how will the town cover the potential increases. He felt more comfortable with a five-year contract where the town knows the payment for fire and ambulance would be \$100,000.

SCVFD Assistant Chief Kevin Klosinski questioned if the city was offered the contract, do they plan to install hydrants in the future and what would be the cost to residents. The volunteer fire departments have the equipment to fight a rural barn fire, the city does not. SCVFD Chief Joe Stanzel informed the Board that all three volunteer departments are required to have the equipment to do the job of fighting rural fires. Klosinski also questioned what the plan would be once the five years expired. Stradal mentioned that no one knows what the plan would be in five years. The only thing we know right now is that the town would be locked in for five years at the same cost. Kosinski questioned the savings homeowners would receive if their ISO rating changed from a nine to a two and if any research was done. He mentioned that he contacted an individual at the ISO office and questioned these changes. The individual informed him that rating two applies to an area within 1000ft radius of a hydrant, and an eight B rating would apply to an area outside the 1000ft radius of a hydrant and within five road miles of a fire station. He does not believe many residents would be covered under this definition and would not receive the savings. Stradal mentioned that anyone that is within the 1000ft of a hydrant would receive the ISO of a two and provided maps as to where hydrants were in the town. Klosinski believes there should be a town board meeting where all the town residents that may be affected have a chance to speak. He questioned why BVFD was not mentioned. This looks very unethical by losing two fire departments, but not BVFD. This will affect the agreements with mutual aid and more municipalities than just the Town of Manitowoc Rapids. Stradal believes by contracting with the city to service the areas bordering the city, this would benefit those homes by reducing their ISO rating and protect the people in the town for five years. Stanzel mentioned the board could work with the two fire departments to lock in a five-year contract as well. Stradal agreed, but the board wants to benefit the people of the town with the lower ISO rating. Stanzel mentioned SCVFD has been in contact with an individual regarding what can be done to lower their ISO rating, and they will continue trying to lower the rate.

Stradal questioned what type of negative impact moving to the city for fire services would have on the town. Klosinski believes by making this move it would decimate SCVFD and the town would be sending the wrong message. No one would want to volunteer and help in the town anymore. The residents wouldn't see a change in their insurance right away. This would also affect personnel that live in the town. He reviewed the contract numbers and did not see a potential savings. The SCVFD has been here a long time and there haven't been any complaints. He questioned why the move. Stradal mentioned there haven't been any complaints. This would be a lateral move with a full-time department and a quicker response time for town residents.

Stradal asked how many people on SCVFD live within the town. Stanzel believes there are 12 out of 36. Stradal mentioned what Klosinski thinks was negative impact would affect the entire township in two to three years when ambulance costs increase significantly, which the township has to cover it. Meanwhile two-thirds of SCVFD live in another town or in the city. Stanzel commented that just because two-thirds do not live in the town, doesn't mean their families aren't here. Most of SCVFD members have family in the town.

Rockwood Volunteer Fire Department (RVFD) Chief Tom Arndt mentioned he was unaware this conversation was taking place. He remembered meeting with the board less than a year ago to discuss how their fire department services the town. During that meeting, he believes it was stated that there was no intention to eliminate any fire protection that currently services the town, and the goal was to have a collaboration to improve the fire protection for the town. However, there does not seem to be any collaboration, and this discussion seems to be very different than the discussion back in October. He understands budget seemed to be the issue and if negotiations can take place with the city, why not with the current fire departments. Response times are important as well, but why has BVFD been responding to the city. He questioned where the resources were going to come from when the city was responding to another call. Jess Schwalbe, RVFD member,

informed the board that if all the areas had hydrants it would be a different story, but there are a lot of area without full water supply.

Arndt thought there should have been further discussion with the volunteer fire departments to inform everyone that this was what the board may have been considering. Stradal mentioned that back in October this was not what the board was considering. This discussion started in January/February when ambulance rates started to increase, which was the reason the board held the meeting in March for towns and villages. The fire department discussion has been on the Town Board agenda for the past few months, but nothing was ever discussed due to no new info to discuss. It was on last week's monthly meeting agenda again and discussion took place when the city was able to provide a contract amount. The board was not hiding anything from the public. The current contracts would continue through the end of the year. Then in 2025, the board would extend a contract for RVFD and SCVFD for the first 3 or 6 months, then the city contract would start at 9 months or 6 months and continue for the next five years. This would allow the city to get acclimated with rural fire fighting. Nothing has been finalized and discussion will continue. However, the discussions need to be on the positive and negative effects on a town's people and businesses. Not the negative impact on the fire departments. Stanzel believes the people should be made aware of what could happen if the volunteer fire departments are no longer able to assist. Also, the homes that are within 1000ft of the hydrants in the town are already receiving the lower rate as long as the homeowner contacts their insurance company.

Stradal believes by locking in the five-year contract with the city this would save the town taxpayers money because the ambulance service would be included in that cost. Right now, we are on an annual contract with the ambulance, which will be increasing. This contract would lock in the same rate for five years.

Klosinski questioned how the city taxpayers feel about the city fire services working outside the city boundaries. Blaser hopes everyone realizes there is a benefit in public safety. Blaser mentioned the city does not have any interest in BVFD because that territory is rural. The territories we are discussing right now, the city can serve, and the local government supports it. Stanzel questioned the possibility of only the ambulance locking in a five-year contract. Blaser could not answer that question.

Supervisor John Jost questioned what each department's response time was during the week. Stanzel responded SCVFD could have someone respond in three to five minutes from the station. The truck will go out with two volunteers, the rest of the volunteers follow and suit-up at the fire. Stradal mentioned if only one person responds and gets to the scene, that one person would still have to wait until a second guy arrived to do an interior attack. Arndt responded RVFD would gear up before they leave the station, so they are ready to fight the fire once they get on scene. This takes roughly four to six minutes. Then additional volunteers and equipment follows.

Stradal projected the savings would be \$1,191.51 by contracting with BVFD and city for 2025. He also mentioned there is an Innovation Grant through the State that if a town or village contracts with another service that could save the town money over time, the town could apply for grant money. The largest amount the town could receive would be \$100,000. If the grant goes through, the town must contract with another service and show there was a saving of 10% over time. This would be another way to save the town money.

Stradal mentioned there will be more discussion to come.

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further Town business, Supervisor Wetenkamp moved to adjourn at 6:34 p.m., seconded by Supervisor Jost. Unanimously approved.

#### TOWN OF MANITOWOC RAPIDS MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 11, 2024

The September 11, 2024 meeting of the Town of Manitowoc Rapids meeting was called to order by Chairperson Stradal at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Hall, 8624 CTH JJ, Manitowoc, WI.

#### **ROLL CALL**

The roll was called, and members present were: Josh Stradal-Chairperson, Tom Wetenkamp-Supervisor 1, John Jost-Supervisor 2, Jeremy Stradal-Road Foreman, Jessica Backus-Clerk/Treasurer, and Constable Jim Wiesner.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Chairperson Stradal presented the minutes from the August 14, 2024 Monthly Meeting. Supervisor Wetenkamp moved to approve the meeting minutes, seconded by Supervisor Jost. Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

Chairperson Stradal presented the September 11, 2024 agenda and moved the fire department discussion to the beginning of new business. Supervisor Jost moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Supervisor Wetenkamp. Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Clerk Backus presented the cash flow report. Supervisor Wetenkamp moved to approve the cash flow report, seconded by Supervisor Jost Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chairperson Stradal informed the public in attendance that the board was given a proposal from the City of Manitowoc for sections of the township, which they felt the residents and businesses could benefit from. The board would continue to look at other areas that could benefit the town as well. The board was not looking to shut down the fire departments. The fire departments are a service to the township and if contracts are not signed, the board has no direct say on what happens to the contracted service. The board needs to be good stewards of public funds to the township and do what is best for the business and people in the town. He was looking out for the best interests of the town. When the time comes to vote on the contracts, as BVFD Chief, he would recuse himself.

Chairperson Stradal opened public comment at 6:35 p.m.

Michelle Endries, 4000 Redwood Dr, was opposed to the proposal to contract with the City of Manitowoc. She believes this proposal would benefit BVFD and have a negative impact on SCVFD and RVFD.

Marietta Johnson, 2118 Wimmer Rd, surveyed the people in attendance who were opposed to the proposal with the city. The majority raised their hand. She surveyed those in favor of the proposal, in which no one raised their hand.

Dayna Wech, 1618 Whitewater Dr, was opposed to the proposal because the city does not have the proper equipment to fight rural fires.

Kari Check, 4009 Wagon Wheel Rd, was opposed to the proposal. She questioned if the board would be reviewing the BVFD territory as well and asked other departments to service those areas.

Jim Check, business owner at 4801 Dogwood Ln, questioned who the city would call to assist when they need the backup because right now both RVFD and SCVFD are responding to assist. If both volunteers no longer receive to Town funds, how are they going to fund themselves. He believes the volunteers have the equipment to fight rural fires better than the city.

Shelly Moffat, 316 S Alverno Rd, was opposed to the proposal because the Town received an increase in shared revenue and believes those extra funds should be used to cover the increased cost of the ambulance service.

Chad Korte, 4643 Goodwin Rd, commented that if the board took the funding away from the volunteer fire departments, the board would not be providing the same protection the town has now. He was also concerned as to how the city could cover both the city and sections of the town.

Paul Roekle, 2325 Victoria Dr, was opposed to the proposal and would like more study and input. The three reasons provided for the change of better response for town people in those areas, no rate increase until 2030, and possible cost savings on homeowners insurance, are refutable and very weak as an argument. The increase in shared revenue by Act 12 would provide additional funding to cover the increased cost of the ambulance service.

Dale Wagner, 9429 US Hwy 151, was opposed to the proposal. He contacted his insurance company about the possible savings to which he was informed it would increase because the City was further from his house than SCVFD. He has two farmsteads and does not want to see them burn because the city could not handle the rural fire. He questioned why there weren't more conversations with the volunteer fire departments.

Tim Martinez, 2480 Victoria Dr, commented that this this whole conversion has been disrespectful to those that serve on the SCVFD and RVFD after they have provided so many years of service. He believes the board should vote no to the proposal.

Ed Bauer, 1405 S Union Rd, mentioned he spoke with his insurance agent, and it would be a wash for him and doesn't think it will save anyone money. He would like better transparency, more than the Town website because not everyone has access to the internet.

Amy Johnson, 8623 CTH JJ, promoted her store front. She was opposed to the proposal and there should be another plan to review.

Barry Schardt, 801 S Rapids Rd, was opposed to the proposal because the city does not have the equipment to handle the water or the staffing. He believes the volunteers have the power to help rural communities.

Justin Scheidecker, 2216 S Custer, was opposed to the proposal because he believes the city is not equipped to handle rural fires.

Bryce Fischer, 8623 CTH JJ, commented that the community and fire departments need to come together to resolves any issues instead of fighting against each other.

Kevin Klosinski, SCVFD, questioned why there weren't negotiations with the volunteer fire departments. He believes there was only one plan and that would be to use the city. All volunteer fire departments respond to more than just fires. They help the communities with multiple issues.

Roger Patient, 1732 S Union Rd, commented that if the board eliminates the volunteer departments it shows they don't care about the town residents.

Maggie Mies, 2615 Simon Rd, believes this proposal was never about helping the town residents and will not benefit the people in the communities. She expressed concern as to why no one in the town seemed to know this conversation was taking place and there was a conflict of interest surrounding the BVFD and the city. Her final concern was if she has the city respond to a carbon monoxide call, the city will charge her versus RVFD would come as a courtesy.

Glenn Kappelman, 2213 Shadyside Rd, believes the city performs well within the city, but they do not have all the equipment to fight a rural fire. Another concern he expressed was after five years what will the rate increase be. He wants the town to have a plan b because if this goes through, SCVFD would not survive, and the town would be stuck paying the higher contracts with the city.

Wendy Newberg, 6832 Dutch Rd, was opposed to the proposal because the savings are not worth it.

Justin Schleis, 7134 Dutch Rd, questioned if the city knows how to handle an agriculture fire. The volunteers know how and have the equipment to handle rural fires. He doesn't want the volunteers to go out of business. He was also concerned with the response time from the city because their station is further away than SCVFD.

Pat Kuehn, 7626 Dutch Rd, commended Silver Creek FD for the two times she has needed them. She is strongly opposed to the proposal.

Randy Drumm, 101 S Parkview Rd, expressed concern that if the town needs to cut from one area of the budget to fund the increase, then the board needs to look at how things are being run. He believes a letter should have been sent to all the residents involved to inform them of the matter at hand because the people should get a say, not just the board. The people know what they have and what they don't want, which is inferior fire protection.

Peggy Raether, 7134 Dutch Rd, commended Silver Creek Fire Department. She believes they are invaluable and should continue to service the Town. The city does not have the proper equipment or knowledge to fight rural fires. She was opposed to the proposal.

Vince Miller, 2238 Victoria Dr, was opposed to the proposal. He believes a letter should have been sent out stating what the plan was, what would happen if this did not work, and where do we go from there.

Naomi Sadowski, 6112 Middle Rd, was opposed to the proposal and hopes the board was listening to their constituents and neighbors. She believes the volunteer departments would dissolve if their contracts were not renewed.

Joe Blahnik, 3003 J-Mar Rd, would be in favor of the city proposal because of the cost savings for the town. He does not know what will happen in five years and we can't expect the board to know either.

Robert Kakuk, 832 S Parkview Rd, commented they had a house fire in October which Silver Creek responded to. He believes they helped save his house from burning down because they have the equipment to handle rural areas.

Jim Webb, 2421 Hwy 42, questioned why did the city approach BVFD on this and not a department closer to the city.

Tim Wirtz, 2624 Valley Dr, commented when there is a rapid spread of fire, the difference between an initial one tank responding versus volunteer tankers would be a house being saved versus the house burning down. He believes the volunteers do great things for the community. He also questioned if the city would require town residents to put in hydrants at their expense.

No one else present wished to speak, subsequently Chairperson Stradal closed public input at 7:14 p.m.

## REPORTS

*Constable* – Constable Wiesner reported he received three calls regarding burning plastic, dogs barking and a dog at large. He requested warning lights for his truck be added to next month's meeting. He will contact the owner of 6924 CTH JJ to cut his grass.

*Highway* – Road Foreman Stradal reported the chips need to be swept off residents' lawns and deposited back on the roads of Candlelight Ct and Catalina Ct. He provided two quotes for the back tires of the dump truck. Pomp's Tires quote was \$2,673.42. Bauer was \$3,333.60. Supervisor Wetenkamp moved to purchase from Pomp's Tires for the cheaper rate of \$2,673.42, seconded by Chairperson Stradal. Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Supervisor Wetenkamp moved, seconded by Supervisor Jost to convene the meeting in closed session at 7:20 p.m. Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

Notice is hereby given that the above governmental body may adjourn into a closed session during the meeting as authorized by Section 19.85(1)(e) of the Wisconsin Statutes, which authorizes the governmental body to convene in closed session for the purpose of deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session.

The specific subject matter that may be considered in closed session is: Fire Department and EMS Contracts.

Supervisor Jost moved, seconded by Supervisor Wetenkamp to reconvene in open session at 7:26 p.m. Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

Chairperson Stradal reported that the board discussed the fire department and ambulance budgets. The rates for the three fire departments are: BVFD \$134,370.09, RVFD \$29,013.52, SCVFD \$60,466.54, and City ambulance will be \$31,320 (\$15 per resident) in 2025, totaling \$1,276,350.75 over the next five years. The proposal for 2025 would be BVFD at \$134,370.09 and the city services for \$100,000 (breakdown-fire protection \$68,680, ambulance \$31,320), totaling \$1,171,850 over the next five years. The Town would save \$104,500.75 over five years with the change. He then opened the discussion to the three fire departments.

Tom Ardnt, RVFD Chief, requested the board listen to the resident that attended the meeting tonight. Their presences show they value something greater than the savings. If they had to pay more to continue the current service, they would be willing to do so.

Paul Roekle, SCVFD Representative, questioned what if the board would be receiving funds from Act 12. Clerk Backus reported the town would be receiving an increase in shared revenue. Roekle would like to see the Act 12 funds put towards the increase for current service.

## Discussion and action on Town Generator

Road Foreman Stradal presented two quotes for a new generator for the town hall. Schnell Electric quoted \$19,943.75. Adams Generators quoted \$19,500. Supervisor Jost moved to approve the purchase of a new generator from Adams, seconded by Supervisor Wetenkamp. Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

## Discussion and action on Stone Rd Speed Limit Reduction

Supervisor Jost moved to reduce the speed limit on Stone Rd from 55MPH to 45MPH for safety purposes, seconded by Supervisor Wetenkamp. Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

## Discussion and action on Town Assessor Contract

Clerk Backus presented the town assessor contract from Tennessen Appraisal for 2025 and 2026 in the amount of \$11,500. Chairperson Stradal moved to approve the contract for Tennessen Appraisal, seconded by Supervisor Wetenkamp. Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### Update on Truck

Supervisor Jost provided an update that current builds were six months out, which gives a completion date of January 2026.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

*Items for Next Month* FD and EMS Contracts Warning lights for Constable

## Vouchers

Clerk Backus presented the September vouchers. Chairperson Stradal moved to approve the vouchers as presented for the month of August, seconded by Supervisor Jost. Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

## NEXT MEETING DATES

Special Meeting – September 18, 2024 from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Monthly Meeting – October 9, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

There being no further discussion, Supervisor Wetenkamp moved to adjourn; seconded by Supervisor Jost, and the motion was adopted by acclamation. The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

#### TOWN OF MANITOWOC RAPIDS MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 18, 2024

The September 18, 2024 meeting of the Town of Manitowoc Rapids meeting was called to order by Chairperson Stradal at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, 8624 CTH JJ, Manitowoc, WI.

## **ROLL CALL**

The roll was called, and members present were: Josh Stradal-Chairperson, Tom Wetenkamp-Supervisor 1, John Jost-Supervisor 2, Jessica Backus-Clerk/Treasurer, and Constable Jim Wiesner.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

## Discussion and action on Fire Department and EMS Contract

Supervisor Jost moved the Town continue contracted services with the three volunteer fire departments of Branch, Rockwood, and Silver Creek, the two first responders of Branch and Silver Creek, and the City of Manitowoc Ambulance for 2025, seconded by Supervisor Wetenkamp. Chairperson Stradal opened the floor for discussion with the one representative for each volunteer fire department and the city fire chief.

Kevin Kosinski, SCVFD Assistant Chief, requested there would be better cooperation between the board and all three fire departments moving forward and transparency. He provided a list of equipment they have to service the municipalities they contract with. The list included two engines that each hold 1000 gallons of water, two tankers totaling 5600 gallons water, a brush truck to assist with brush or car fires that holds 400 gallons of water, one gator for brush fires and search and rescue, and an equipment van that holds a system that can fill air tanks. Together they would be able to supply 8000 gallons of water when they respond to a fire. He reported they have 23 members and 6 first responders under the age of 35. There are 14 members that live within a mile of the Town and 6 work within a mile of the town. He then questioned what the town board's further plans are for the future.

Stradal questioned what the cost was for the two trucks recently purchased. Kosinski reported just under \$500,000. Stradal questioned how the new trucks would better service the town. Kosinski mentioned the other older trucks were not as dependable and were not passing standard testing. One of the trucks was located at the Hwy 151 fire department in the Town of Manitowoc Rapids. The other was at the fire department in the Town of Manitowoc. Stradal questioned how are they improving their insurance rating for all the residents they provide service to. Kosinski reported they would be working with an ISO individual from this area in the coming year regarding various tests, audits, etc. that need to be completed to reduce the ISO rating. Stradal questioned what does fully trained mean for SCVFD. Kosinski reported full trained was when an individual completes State Fire 1 or 2 through LTC or a state tech school. All 36 members were fully certified as State Fire 1 or 2. Stradal questioned what type of documentation was used showing SCVFD response times were comparable to other departments. Kosinski mentioned they didn't run numbers, but they watch response times using IM responding from joint dispatch. Stradal questioned where the 8000 gallons of water were kept. Kosinski reported at Station 2 in the Town of Manitowoc Rapids the amount of water was around 3200 gallons. Stradal questioned what the response time would be from Station 1 in the Town of Manitowoc to the Town of Manitowoc Rapids. Kosinski responded just over five minutes. Stradal questioned how many members actually live in the Town. Kosinski reported six members work here or live within the Town. Stradal thanked SCVFD for their answers.

Tom Arndt, RVFD Chief, thanked the board for taking a pause in the negotiations. He felt there was only one plan that was proposed, but there are others that could be discussed. The residents are the ones affected by these decisions. He hopes the board listens to the tax payers of the Town of Manitowoc Rapids.

Supervisor Jost questioned how many RVFD members live in the Town. Arndt reported there were three members that reside in the Town. Stradal questioned how much water would be on RVFD first truck out. Arndt

reported 300 gallons of water and 30 gallons of foam, the mixed ratio could expand to 3000 gallons of firefighting capabilities.

Stradal questioned what happens after the first truck responds. Arndt responded a tender would be next to arrive with 2000 gallons. Stradal requested Arndt explain their process to the public. Arndt proceeded to explain when the first tender arrives water is immediately going from the tender into the engine to supply 2300 gallons of water with the foam system. They also have automatic aid with Francis Creek Volunteer Fire Department, which means once RVFD responds, so do they to provide additional resources. Stradal questioned what their active roster was. Arndt reported there were 22 active members who have all received training, participated in monthly training and drills, and respond to as many calls as possible.

Todd Blaser, City of Manitowoc Fire Chief, expressed his frustration and concerns because of pride and misinformation taking precedence over data driven practices in the fire service. He was disheartened by all the name calling and needless comparisons rooted in pride versus an honest assessment of the facts. He believes that clouded judgment has overcome everyone ability to see the challenges and opportunities being presented. He mentioned the city was not perfect and faced the same challenges as any fire service model today. However, their fire department has the support of the city mayor and city council, which allows them to be ready to respond 24/7, 365 days a year. He acknowledged there are times when this model was challenged, but he was confident in the services they would provide the township. He understands change was never easy, not for those experiencing the change or making the change. He explained the city was approached by the town to possibly service the areas being proposed and took the request seriously. He made the decision based on data driven facts and performance metrics, which are the same standards that the city used to ensure the safety of residents, visitors and businesses in the city. He believes the budget presented was fiscally responsible and the decision should be driven by the welfare of the community, not misinformation. The data speaks for itself and everyone should examine the data to make an informed decision to respond to the challenges ahead, not only for fire protection but for EMS services across the county. He acknowledged that as the board moved forward with a decision, they needed to look at the solid evidence, not on what others claim was best. He thanked the board for the opportunity and would respect the decision the board made.

Supervisor Jost questioned how many fire fighters were at Station 3 and Station 4. Blaser responded that Station 1 had four personnel, Station 3 had three personnel, Station 4 had four personnel, and Station 2 had two personnel. At any given time, they have 16 fire fighters on duty. He stated every day 24/7 365, there was personnel at each station ready to service the community. Jost questioned with the growth on the northside of the city would the fire service be affected. Blaser responded the growth has not affected them at this time and the current proposal was made with not adding anymore staff or vehicles. He believes this was an opportunity for the city. Our legislator wanted us to start looking at ways to work cooperatively and collaboratively with other departments, which could help cut expenses for each department and our area.

Stradal questioned what the city's response time was to leave the station from the time of page. Blaser responded all the statistics are on the city website, but just for the month of August the response time was 93.60% out the door in less than a minute and on scene in less than five minutes. Stradal questioned how the city was dispatched to a fire. Blaser explained joint dispatch notifies all four stations. The battalion chief at the station signals to go. The city also has an automatic response aid (ARA) with BVFD and the City of Two Rivers Fire Department for any report of a structure fire within the city. Another resource that could be utilized would be the 36 members that are off duty and eligible, would get a page that they could respond to the scene to assist. Stradal reiterated that if there were a structure fire within the city, the city could have all four stations at that fire within one minute. Blaser agreed. Stradal mentioned that the public questioned why BVFD was asked to aid the city and not SCVFD. Blaser mentioned as a risk manager he needed to look at what happens next, not the fire call happening at the moment. He needs to make sure the city can provide EMS services to over 40,000 residents, as well as the fire protection in the community. They are running into challenges with change of quarters stations coming into the community to help with structure fires. The city reached out to BVFD to look at a different opportunity with the understanding that they would respond to city structure fires through the

ARA. BVFD would be staged at the scene and could assist the city if another incident were to come in. Their primary responsibility would be to response to that call. A majority of the fires within the city are 90% contained to room and content, which can be taken care of with one engine and water would come from a municipal water supply. BVFD would also assist with checking personnel on scene to watch for rehab of those fighting the fire. Also having another department there through the ARA was a way to address the change of quarter concerns.

There being no further discussion, the vote was called and passed with Supervisors Jost and Wetenkamp voting aye, Chairperson Stradal abstained. Supervisor Jost announced the contracts would remain unchanged for 2025.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairperson Stradal opened public comment at 6:29 p.m.

Robert Kakuk, 832 S Parkview Rd, would like to have more communication within the Town. He believes this item should be a community vote and was not happy with how this process went.

Randy Drumm, 101 S Parkview Rd, congratulated the two supervisors on making the right decision. He questioned where that \$18,000 savings was coming from after the last meeting and believes it was because the city under bid the current volunteers. The city does a good job in the city. They are not equipped to fight fires in the rural areas.

Ron Wiesner, 5701 Sampe Rd, thanked the board for another year of contracts. He explained he would like to see letters sent to residents or publicized notices because not everyone has internet. He commented that there should be a referendum if this issue where to be addressed in the future.

Paul Roekle, 2325 Victoria Dr, thanked the board for the confidence in the fire departments. He has respect for all the volunteer fire departments and the city. However, he does not agree with comparing a volunteer department to a full-time department because they are completely different. He believes all departments need to get back on track and work together.

Michelle Endries, 4000 Redwood Dr, believes the town needs better representation because the board created a problem the town did not have. She would like to know when the contracts would be delivered to the fire departments because she doesn't trust the board.

Rick Gerroll, 1631 Skyline Dr, thanked the two supervisors for voting in favor of the supporting our current fire services.

Tim Martinez, 2480 Victoria Dr, suggested when a bid was written there should be specific requirements listed. He challenged the board to review when there was a conflict of interest and how to handle that conflict. He believes the town has a responsibility to the volunteer fire departments because of all the equipment they purchase was to protect the town.

Sister Adrianna Schouten, 2409 S Alverno Rd, thanked the board for their vote.

Mike Linsmeier, 2033 Hwy H, mentioned his father always told him don't trust the city and would like the board to keep that in mind.

Jim Webb, 2421 Hwy 42, thanked the board for the vote. He questioned how many members BVFD has, how many live in the town, and questioned if the city contacted the town or the other way around.

Maggie Mies, 2615 Simon Rd, asked if there was a proposal why wasn't that shared with the public and questioned if a proposal was ever received in writing from the city. She believes most volunteers are in it for the right reasons, not for politics. She would appreciate that this would not happen in the future.

Dale Wagner, 9429 Hwy 151, thanked the board for their vote. He would like to see a little more clarity from the board and the fire departments. He questioned how much experience does the city have on a barn fire.

Peggy Raether, 7134 Dutch Rd, questioned if the city reported how many gallons of water they would bring to a fire. She expressed her frustration that the public still doesn't seem to be receiving answers. She also questioned who would pay the overtime hours for the city when they fight a barn fire.

Justin Schleis, 7134 Dutch Rd, expressed he would like to see more clarity as well. He explained last spring his neighbor had a grass fire and the city didn't arrive with the right equipment to put out the fire.

Joe Stanzel, 8516 CTH JJ, thanked the supervisors for their vote. He thanked everyone that showed up to support SCVFD and RVFD. He believes everyone needs to work together as one team to serve the community.

No one else present wished to speak, subsequently Chairperson Stradal closed public input at 6:52 p.m.

## NEXT MEETING DATES

Monthly Meeting - October 9, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

There being no further discussion, Supervisor Wetenkamp moved to adjourn; seconded by Supervisor Jost, and the motion was adopted by acclamation. The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

## TOWN OF MANITOWOC RAPIDS MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 9, 2024

The October 9, 2024 meeting of the Town of Manitowoc Rapids meeting was called to order by Chairperson Stradal at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Hall, 8624 CTH JJ, Manitowoc, WI.

## **ROLL CALL**

The roll was called, and members present were: Josh Stradal-Chairperson, Tom Wetenkamp-Supervisor 1, John Jost-Supervisor 2, Jeremy Stradal-Road Foreman, Jessica Backus-Clerk/Treasurer, and Constable Jim Wiesner.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Chairperson Stradal presented the minutes from the September 11, 2024 Monthly Meeting and September 18, 2024 Special Meeting. Supervisor Wetenkamp moved to approve the meeting minutes, seconded by Supervisor Jost. Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

Chairperson Stradal presented the October 9, 2024 agenda. Supervisor Wetenkamp moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Supervisor Jost. Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Clerk Backus presented the cash flow report. Supervisor Wetenkamp moved to approve the cash flow report, seconded by Supervisor Jost Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chairperson Stradal opened public comment at 6:31 p.m.

Randy Drumm, 101 S Parkview Rd, requested BVFD provide the same information SVCFD and RVFD provided at the last meeting.

Kevin Kosinski, SCVFD Representative, wanted to update the Board from the previous meeting that their average response time was 5.1 minutes.

No one else present wished to speak, subsequently Chairperson Stradal closed public input at 6:35 p.m.

## REPORTS

Constable – Constable Wiesner reported on the four calls he received during the month of September.

*Highway* – Road Foreman Stradal reported cutting grass has been started, the 45mph speed limits requested for Stone Rd have been installed and two culverts need to be fixed.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

*Discussion on Branch Volunteer Fire Department Public Comment Questions* Chairperson Stradal will provide, in writing, the answers to the public comment questions at next month's meeting.

## Discussion and action on Conditional Use Permit Request-Joe Rosenbauer

Clerk Backus reported Joe Rosenbauer submitted a conditional use permit to operate a small auto repair business located at 3210 Goodwin Rd. Mr. Rosenbauer mentioned he spoke with the surrounding neighbors and answered any of their concerns regarding the business. Chairperson Stradal moved to recommend approval of the CUP to the County's Board of Adjustment Committee, seconded by Supervisor Wetenkamp. Upon discussion and vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

## Discussion and action on Warning Lights for Constable Vehicle

Chairperson Stradal moved to allow the Constable to obtain warning lights for his vehicle for use only when necessary, seconded by Supervisor Jost. Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

*Items for Next Month* Budget Fire Department Questionnaire

#### Vouchers

Clerk Backus presented the October vouchers. Supervisor Jost moved to approve the vouchers as presented for the month of September, seconded by Supervisor Wetenkamp. Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

#### NEXT MEETING DATES

Public Hearing on Annual Budget and Special Electors Meeting-November 13, 2024 at 6:30 Monthly Meeting-November 13, 2024 to immediately follow the Special Electors Meeting

There being no further discussion, Supervisor Wetenkamp moved to adjourn; seconded by Supervisor Jost, and the motion was adopted by acclamation. The meeting was adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

#### TOWN OF MANITOWOC RAPIDS MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 16, 2024

The October 16, 2024 budget work meeting of the Town of Manitowoc Rapids was called to order by Chairperson Stradal at 5:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, 8624 CTH JJ, Manitowoc, WI.

#### **ROLL CALL**

The roll was called, and members present were: Josh Stradal-Chairperson, Tom Wetenkamp-Supervisor 1, John Jost-Supervisor 2, and Jessica Backus-Clerk/Treasurer.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

*Budget Preparation* The Town Board worked on the 2025 budget based on the 2024 municipal levy.

There being no further discussion, Supervisor Jost moved to adjourn; seconded by Supervisor Wetenkamp, and the motion was adopted by acclamation. The meeting adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

#### TOWN OF MANITOWOC RAPIDS Public Budget Hearing – November 13, 2024

Chairman Stradal called the Public Hearing to order at 6:30pm.

Chairman Stradal opened the floor to public comment regarding the 2025 Proposed Budget.

No one present wished to speak, subsequently Chairman Stradal closed public input at 6:31 pm.

Chairman Stradal moved, seconded by Supervisor Wetenkamp to adjourn the Public Hearing at 6:31pm. Unanimously approved.

## TOWN OF MANITOWOC RAPIDS Special Town Electors Minutes – November 13, 2024

Chairman Stradal called the Special Town Electors meeting to order at 6:31pm.

Joe Stanzel moved, seconded by Jim Wiesner to keep compensation at the current wage rate for elected town officers. Unanimously approved by the electors.

Marietta Johnson moved, seconded by Joe Stanzel to adopt Resolution 2024-3 for Electors to Adopt the 2024 Town Tax Levy. Unanimously approved by the electors.

Joe Stanzel moved to adjourn the Special Town Electors Meeting at 6:35pm; seconded by Kevin Krueger Unanimously approved.

Attendance held 13 electors.

## **Resolution No. 2024-3**

# **RESOLUTION FOR ELECTORS TO ADOPT THE TOWN TAX LEVY** AT SPECIAL TOWN MEETING OF THE ELECTORS

WHEREAS, s. 60.10(1)(a) of Wis. Statutes authorizes the town electors of a town to adopt the town tax levy at a town meeting of the electors;

WHEREAS, a special town meeting of the electors has been called for this 13th day of November, 2024;

WHEREAS, the electors, after proper notice, have with a special town meeting vote, authorized the Town of Manitowoc Rapids to adopt the allowable state levy limit;

NOW, THEREFORE, the special town meeting of the Town of Manitowoc Rapids, Manitowoc County, Wisconsin, by a majority vote of the eligible electors voting on this 13th day of November, 2024 duly assembled and voting resolves and orders as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED, the town electors of the Town of Manitowoc Rapids, Manitowoc County, Wisconsin hereby adopt the town tax levy for 2024 to be collected in 2025 in the amount of \$638,037.

The town clerk shall properly post or publish this resolution as required by law under s. 60.80(1)(a), Wis. Statutes within 30 days of adoption.

Adopted this 13th day of November, 2024, at a Special Town Meeting of the electors.

Number of town electors voting aye 13

Number of town electors voting nay \_\_\_\_

Number abstaining or not voting (if determined)

wn Chairperson

Attest: own Clerk



#### TOWN OF MANITOWOC RAPIDS MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 13, 2024

The November 13, 2024 meeting of the Town of Manitowoc Rapids meeting was called to order by Chairman Stradal at 6:35 p.m. at the Town Hall, 8624 CTH JJ, Manitowoc, WI.

## **ROLL CALL**

The roll was called, and members present were: Josh Stradal-Chairman, Tom Wetenkamp-Supervisor 1, John Jost-Supervisor 2, Jeremy Stradal-Road Foreman, Jessica Backus-Clerk/Treasurer, and Constable Jim Wiesner.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Chairman Stradal presented the minutes from the October 9, 2024 Monthly Meeting. Supervisor Jost moved to approve the meeting minutes, seconded by Supervisor Wetenkamp. Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

Chairman Stradal presented the November 13, 2024 agenda. Supervisor Wetenkamp moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Supervisor Jost. Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Clerk Backus presented the cash flow report. Supervisor Wetenkamp moved to approve the cash flow report, seconded by Supervisor Jost Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chairman Stradal opened public comment at 6:37 p.m.

Ron Wiesner, 5701 Sampe Rd, requested a copy of the treasurer's report.

No one else present wished to speak, subsequently Chairman Stradal closed public input at 6:38 p.m.

## REPORTS

Constable – Constable Wiesner reported on the two calls he received during the month of October.

*Highway* – Road Foreman Stradal reported grass cutting was almost complete. He received a quote from Pomp's Tires to replace all eight tractor tires. Supervisor Wetenkamp moved, seconded by Supervisor Jost, to purchase tires with Pomp's. Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously approved. The fuel contract with Maribel Grains was provided with a rate of \$3.10 per gallon for 1500 gallons for winter. Chairman Stradal moved, seconded by Supervisor Jost, to approve fuel contract. Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously approved. The sand contract from Jim's Excavating at \$13.76 a yard and delivered. Chairman Stradal moved, seconded by Supervisor Jost to approve the sand contract. Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously approved.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Discussion and possible action to adopt the 2025 Proposed Budget

Supervisor Wetenkamp moved, seconded by Supervisor Wetenkamp to adopt the 2025 Proposed Budget. Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

## Discussion and possible action regarding Fire Department Contracts

Chairman Stradal informed the board the contracts did increase slightly. The mill rate stayed the same at .75, but the town assessed value increase to provide the contract increase.

Supervisor Wetenkamp moved, seconded by Supervisor Jost to approve Branch Volunteer Fire Department contract. Upon vote, the motion was carried with two ayes, and one abstain. Chairman Stradal abstained.

Chairman Stradal moved, seconded by Supervisor Jost to approve Rockwood Volunteer Fire Department contract. Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

Supervisor Jost moved, seconded by Chairman Stradal to approve Silver Creek Volunteer Fire Department contract. Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

## Discussion and possible action regarding First Responder Contracts

Chairman Stradal informed the board the contracts remained the same rate as last year.

Chairman Stradal moved, seconded by Supervisor Wetenkamp to approve Branch First Responder contract. Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

Supervisor Jost moved, seconded by Supervisor Wetenkamp to approve Silver Creek First Responder contract. Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

## Discussion and possible action on Joint Powers Agreement

Chairman Stradal moved, seconded by Supervisor Jost to approve the Manitowoc County Joint Powers Agreement. Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

*Discussion on Fire Department Questionnaires* Chairman Stradal informed everyone that the packets were on the back table.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

*Items for Next Month* Discussion of Forklift

## Vouchers

Clerk Backus presented the November vouchers. Chairman Stradal moved, seconded by Supervisor Wetenkamp to approve the vouchers as presented for the month of October. Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

## NEXT MEETING DATES

Monthly Meeting-December 11, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

There being no further discussion, Supervisor Wetenkamp moved to adjourn; seconded by Supervisor Jost, and the motion was adopted by acclamation. The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

#### TOWN OF MANITOWOC RAPIDS MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 11, 2024

The December 11, 2024 meeting of the Town of Manitowoc Rapids meeting was called to order by Chairman Stradal at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Hall, 8624 CTH JJ, Manitowoc, WI.

## **ROLL CALL**

The roll was called, and members present were: Josh Stradal-Chairman, Tom Wetenkamp-Supervisor 1, John Jost-Supervisor 2, Jessica Backus-Clerk/Treasurer, Constable Jim Wiesner, and Jeremy Stradal-Road Foreman.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Chairman Stradal presented the minutes from the November 13, 2024 meetings. Supervisor Wetenkamp moved to approve the meeting minutes, seconded by Supervisor Jost. Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

Chairman Stradal presented the December 11, 2024 agenda. Supervisor Jost requested discussion of the recycling center prices and an update on new truck be added to the agenda. Supervisor Jost moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Supervisor Wetenkamp. Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Clerk Backus presented the cash flow report. Supervisor Wetenkamp moved to approve the cash flow report, seconded by Supervisor Jost. Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chairman Stradal opened public comment at 6:33 p.m.

No one present wished to speak, subsequently Chairman Stradal closed public input at 6:33 p.m.

## REPORTS

Constable - No report.

*Highway* – Road Foreman Stradal reported tires have been delivered and a part of the tractor has not been working. The cost to fix it would be \$3,650. Chairman Stradal moved to approve the fix, seconded by Supervisor Wetenkamp. Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Discussion and possible action on Audit Agreement

Supervisor Jost moved to approve the Audit Agreement, seconded by Supervisor Wetenkamp. Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

Discussion and possible action on City of Manitowoc EMS Contract

Supervisor Jost moved to approve the City of Manitowoc EMS Contract, seconded by Supervisor Wetenkamp. Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

#### Discussion and possible action on Clerk/Treasurer Contract

Chairman Stradal moved to approve the Clerk/Treasurer Contract, seconded by Supervisor Wetenkamp. Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

*Discussion and possible action on Resolution 2024-4 to Amend the 2024 Budget* Supervisor Wetenkamp moved to approve Resolution 2024-4 to Amend the 2024 Budget, seconded by Supervisor Jost. Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

## Discussion and possible action on Westbury Estates Parking and Road Resurfacing

Chairman Stradal reported the email request to have the no parking signs put back up in Westbury Court and review the road for repair. Chairman Stradal will discuss the Camp Vits signage with the City to find out if they can move the sign to the parking lot versus by Westbury Court. He would inform the requester how the road will be evaluated next year to see if the rating requires repair.

## Discussion and possible action on Variance Request for Dennis Koepsell

Chairman Stradal requested Mr. Koepsell explain his variance requested for his garage at 224 Mill Rd. The garage was built in the 20's when vehicles were made not as large as the ones today. The garage is 35ft from the road, so he is requesting the variance to add an additional 4ft to the backside to make the garage functional. While adding on to the garage, he plans to remodel the garage as well to bring it back to its original look. Supervisor Jost moved to approve the variance request for Dennis Koepsell, seconded by Supervisor Wetenkamp. Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

## Discussion and possible action on Forklift

Supervisor Jost explained he and Road Foreman Stradal have been looking for a decent forklift. They haven't found anything yet. They are looking within the price of \$5,000 to \$11,000. Chairman Stradal moved to approve a purchase up to \$11,000 at the discretion of Supervisor Jost and Road Foreman Stradal, seconded by Supervisor Wetenkamp. Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

## Discussion and action on Recycling Center

Supervisor Jost reviewed the current recycling center prices for tires against what the Manitowoc County Recycling Center charges because the Town brings the recycling center tires there for deposit. They charged more than what the Town is currently charging so the town was losing money. The Town needed to increase the tire charge to match the County to break even. He also informed the board residents no longer need to cut rugs or carpet into 6ft strips. The only reason it was required previously was due to the compactor.

## Discussion and action on the Truck

Supervisor Jost informed the Board the truck estimated cost in July was \$128,949. The company informed him now the price would be \$134,525 and would remain at that rate if we schedule the work for November or December 2025.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

*Items for Next Month* Westbury Ct Update on Forklift

## Vouchers

Clerk Backus presented the December vouchers. Chairman Stradal moved to approve the vouchers as presented for the month of November, seconded by Supervisor Jost. Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

## NEXT MEETING DATES

Monthly Meeting – January 8, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

There being no further discussion, Supervisor Wetenkamp moved to adjourn; seconded by Supervisor Jost, and the motion was adopted by acclamation. The meeting was adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

## **Resolution No. 2024-4**

# **RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2024 BUDGET**

A resolution changing the 2024 budget of the Town of Manitowoc Rapids, Manitowoc County, Wisconsin, adopted by a two-thirds majority vote of the entire membership of the town board under Wis. Stat. § 65.90(5).

WHEREAS, year-to-date, the Capital Outlay Reserve Fund has a balance of \$189,551.04;

WHEREAS, year-to-date, the ARPA Reserve Fund has a balance of \$79,683.08;

WHEREAS, year-to-date, the General Government Expense Account has a deficit of \$11,021.95;

WHEREAS, year-to-date, the Public Works Expense Account has a deficit of \$82,570.72;

WHEREAS, year-to-date, the Debt Service Account has a deficit of \$53,717.68;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the town board of the Town of Manitowoc Rapids does hereby resolve and order as follows:

That the sum of \$9,750.00 is hereby transferred from the Capital Outlay Reserve Account to the General Government Expense Account (Generator).

That the sum of \$1,271.95 is hereby transferred from the Capital Outlay Reserve Account to the General Government Expense Account (QuickBooks Upgrade).

That the sum of \$26,370.72 is hereby transferred from the Capital Outlay Reserve Account to the Public Works Expense Account (Culverts-County Portion).

That the sum of \$56,200.00 is hereby transferred from the ARPA Reserve Account to the Public Works Expense Account (Culverts-Town Portion).

That the sum of \$53,717.68 is hereby transferred from the Capital Outlay Reserve Account to the Debt Service Account (N Union Rd Bridge).

Adopted this 11<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2024.

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Attest:

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Town Clerk Roll Call Vote of the Town Board: Chairperson Yes Supervisor 1  $\frac{\gamma_{eS}}{\gamma_{eS}}$