

Town of Chippewa: Minutes

Town Board Proceedings

February 21, 2024

Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Chippewa was called to order on February 21, 2024 @ 5:35pm. At roll call the following were present: Town Supervisors–John Bruch, Kenny Pritzl, Chairperson-Bill Ernst, Clerk-Cindy Pritzl, Treasurer-Lauren Bruch, Town Employee–Eric Sitte, Roger Eder, Chuck Miesbauer, Town Resident – Dave Meindl, Ashland County Highway Commissioner – Matt Ericson.

Motion by K. Pritzl, second by J. Bruch to approve Agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by J Bruch, second by K. Pritzl to approve January 17, 2024, Regular Meeting as printed. Motion carried.

Motion by K. Pritzl, second by J. Bruch to approve payment of Checks (15793-15839) and Electronic Vouchers to WDOR & IRS (C20240106– C20240113) Northern State Bank in the total of \$339,681.17.

Old Business:

1. Discuss/Approve CD Rates: Board received rates from Forward Bank for a 9-month CD at 5.15%, Northern State Bank for a 6-month CD at 3.75%. Motion by K. Pritzl, J. Bruch to leave the money is currently at in Northern State Bank. Motion carried.
2. Discuss Chippewa Lake Rd What Mile Belongs to Town of Chippewa & Town of Lake: Clerk reviewed with the board our mileage with WISLR and it is 1.79miles. Motion by J. Bruch, seconded by K. Pritzl to not change anything and leave it as it is in the WISLR. Motion carried.

New Business:

1. Discuss Advertising for Part-Time Snowplow Driver/Recycling Attendant: Motion by J. Bruch, seconded by K. Pritzl to advertise for a part-time/fill in snowplow driver/recycling attendant for two weeks. Motion carried.
2. Board of Review Dates: Board of Review will be May 22 @ 5:30.
3. Ashland County Highway Department: Matt Ericson talked about the small bridge/culvert inventory that state is putting together. The board would like to have County help our road crew with the inventory and the state will pay \$100.00 to do your own inventory and Ericson said he would just split that with the township. Motion by Ernst, seconded by K. Pritzl to work with Cty on our culvert inventory. Motion carried. Ericson presented the board with an Intergovernmental Agreement Between Ashland County and Ashland County Towns/Cities/Villages for Highway Department Mutual Aid. This agreement states that turning an emergency that the Town and County can work together if needed. Motion by K. Pritzl, seconded by J. Bruch to approve mutual aid agreement with Ashland County Highway Department. Motion carried. Ericson talked to the board about the ARIP funding for agricultural and forestry roads that can receive aid from the state. It is a 90/10 grant, the town would have to get statements from local loggers/farmers that would use the road that they are looking to put in the grant. The grant does state that they can't post roads again if they use this grant funding to repair the road. Board would like clerk to start working on this grant. Ericson wanted to know from the board if he were to get a Town's Association meeting in Mellen once a year would they attend and the board agreed that they would. Bridge inspection is going to cost \$225.00 and we could possible have a 2nd one this year. Ericson stated that they would work on our Cut Off Rd bridge this spring. Ashland County will probably be reposting their roads on Monday morning but that isn't set yet.
4. Ashland County Sheriff's Report: None
5. Public Comment (Audience): None

Treasurer's Report:

Checking Balance: January 31, 2024:	\$ 555,047.18
Reclamation Fund:	\$ 13,762.71
Equipment Fund:	\$ 63,585.84
Tax Account	\$ 75,466.13
Money Market Account Forward Bank:	\$ 42,131.75

Motion by K. Pritzl, seconded by J. Bruch to approve the treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.

Clerks Report:

- Regular Board Meeting on Wednesday, March 13, 2024 @ 5:30pm

Building Permits: None

Driveway Permits: None

Road Crew Report:

- Roadwork Update:
 - Tires for backhoe got price from Bill's for front tires was \$440.00/each, \$925.00 for back tires.
 - Fire lane we had issue with Dave Radlinger's employee making a big mess on the road. Ernst will talk to Radlinger.
 - Brushing
 - There is a wire issue on Sterling

Chairman/Supervisor's Report: None

Motion by K. Pritzl, second by J. Bruch to adjourn. Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:31pm.

Cindy Pritzl- Clerk

Public Notices:

Regular Board Meeting March 13, 2024 @ 5:30pm

Board of Review May 22, 2024 @ 5:30pm