

Town of Chippewa: Minutes

Town Board Proceedings

August 21, 2024

Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Chippewa was called to order on August 21, 2024 @ 5:35pm. At roll call the following were present: Town Supervisors–John Bruch, Kenny Pritzl, Chairperson–Bill Ernst, Clerk–Cindy Pritzl, Town Employee–Eric Sitte, Charles Miesbauer.

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

Motion by J. Bruch, second by K. Pritzl to approve July 23, 2024, Regular Meeting & August 2, 2024 Special Meeting as printed. Motion carried.

Motion by K. Pritzl, second by J. Bruch to approve payment of Checks (15996-16017) and Electronic Vouchers to WDOR & IRS (C20240801– C20240803) Northern State Bank in the total of \$42,294.65.

Old Business:None

New Business:

1. Discuss/Approve Road Project on Buckholtz Rd: Ernst stated that we will need to hire someone with a bulldozer to take care of the big things that need to be moved and he suggested Larry Palecek and then our crew can do the rest. Motion by K. Pritzl, seconded by J. Bruch to hire Larry Palecek to do the bulldozing work on Buckholtz Rd. Motion carried. Ernst to get in contact with Larry Palecek.
2. Discuss Options for Officer for all Three Municipalities: Village of Butternut wanted to discuss with the towns if they would be interested in going together to hire an officer for all three of our municipalities. The city of Mellen hired an officer with the help of Ashland County Sheriff's Department and it will cost \$133,000.00 for a vehicle and salary which is 40 hours a week. K. Pritzl, J. Bruch and Ernst were not in favor of this. The clerk state that if they do hire an officer, they could levy that on the taxes and board was not interested.
3. Discuss/Approve Snowplow Contract Pricing and Private Road Plowing: Board reviewed the snowplow contract pricing which was \$200.00 before October 31 and \$250.00 after November 1. Motion by K. Pritzl, seconded by J. Bruch to keep prices the same this year. Motion carried. Private road plowing is an issue on Fischer Drive and Lakeshore Lane. The clerk stated that the town shouldn't be plowing roads that we do not get gas tax for as then you are making your residents also pay for plowing of private roads which is not fair. The clerk will draft a letter to send to the 5 residents on Lakeshore Lane and the 9 residents on Fischer Drive stating that everyone will need to pay the \$100.00/year for plowing or the road will not be plowed, and driveways will not be plowed. The board would like to see a draft of the letter for next month's meeting. Motion by K. Pritzl, seconded by J. Bruch to approve the fee for plowing private roads to all residents as \$100.00/year. Motion carried.
4. Ashland County Sheriff's Report: None
5. Public Comment (Audience): None

Treasurer's Report:

Checking Balance: July 31, 2024:	\$ 294,995.27
Reclamation Fund:	\$ 13,773.00
Equipment Fund:	\$ 63,633.41
Tax Account	\$ 75,503.76
Money Market Account Forward Bank:	\$ 42,205.13

Motion by J. Bruch, seconded by K. Pritzl to approve the treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried. Clerk will remind Treasurer to move \$10,000.00 from the tax fund to the equipment fund.

Clerks Report:

- Regular Board Meeting on Wednesday, September 25, 2024 @ 5:30pm
- Clerk also brought up a culvert issue that board discussed.

Building Permits: None

Driveway Permits: None

Road Crew Report:

- Roadwork Update:

- Purchased new chipper for \$7500.00 and it works good
- Bear Lake Rd to end of residents to 163 needs gravel
- Mowing on 162 need to get 164 yet only 2-3weeks left
- New tires for the tandem
- Order sand from Price County 100 yards and Town will haul
- Graded 326

Chairman/Supervisor's Report:

- Ernst called Pitlick about the bridge on Cutoff Rd and doing an approach on both sides and they quoted \$5200.00, and they would like to put an apron into the boat landing about 50' into it. Will be put on the agenda for next month.
- On Pinecone Rd a resident has gated off the public road. Ernst will talk to resident and let him know that it needs to be removed.

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

Meeting Adjourned at 6:30pm.

Cindy Pritzl- Clerk

Public Notices:

Regular Board Meeting September 25, 2024 @ 5:30pm