

## NOVEMBER 18, 2024 MEETING MINUTES

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1. Call meeting to order at 7:01 pm, Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. Approval of minutes from October meeting. Motion made by Rickert/Kopf, carried 3-0.
3. Public Comments. (Please note this is the Town Board's monthly business meeting, not a public hearing. People wishing to speak on any item not on the agenda should present their comments now under this "Public Comments" agenda item. In addition, although the Board can receive comments on matters not included on this agenda, it cannot discuss or take action on these matters.) (Each commenter will be limited to a total of 3 minutes.)  
Jeff White brought up concerns with the curve on C with trucks and would like the curb painted yellow.
4. Reports:
  - a. Chairman Dave Jahns – Jahns had a couple of phone calls regarding building permits, land use, ditch issues. Bug Tussel selling to SWIFII with no negotiating and no expiration on contract. Our attorney's fees will be billed directly to Bug Tussel. Contract signed and returned. Com2 also signed and completed.
  - b. Supervisor Joe Kopf – Kopf visited problem property and will follow up. Received a phone call regarding dirt in the ditch line.
  - c. Supervisor Aaron Rickert – Rickert reported it has been quiet with no calls.
  - d. Clerk Cheryl Pionke – Pionke reported calls regarding permits. Tax levy form completed and will work on property taxes.
  - e. Deputy Clerk Kristy Weinke – Weinke reported that the election went well with over 90% turnout and 40 new voters registered on election day. Continuing to train with Cheryl.
  - f. Treasurer Vickie Michels – GC\$16,106.68, ARPA\$56,335.56, SF\$1,004.69, MM\$312,514.97, TC\$789.02, NE\$268,794.72, OR\$80,000  
Michels has completed the letter to include with the property taxes. Jahns reminded that a garbage/recycling schedule and newsletter needs to be included.
  - g. Plan Commission – They had one concept plan to merge lots. Discussion on land use maps, residential areas, and the comprehensive plan for 2040. Touched base on DATCP due next December.
  - h. Town Highway – Pionke has been shouldering roads and getting plows ready for winter. Will start trimming trees and service work on fire equipment. Brush has been hauled out four times-next year will need to be turned north/south, divided out and bigger. Big screen TV in recycling along with a couple of other TVs, phones, and computer. Done mowing ditches and will be cleaning up the equipment for the winter.
  - i. Fire Department – Pionke reported there were only three calls-accident on Ridge Road, another accident, and a phone crash notification. Air bottles were hydrotested and all passed, good for five years but will then need to be replaced.
  - j. First Responders – L. Leichtfuss reported they responded the same three calls as Fire Department. January 23 there will be skills training. New EMR training at the end of January.
5. Bug Tussel Update – Jahns reported has sold towers, which the contract has been signed and returned for the sale to be completed.

6. Solar Update – Jahns got confirmation that the solar deal has been cancelled and there were no meetings last week.
7. Discussion on Appointing New Building Inspector – Weinke reported she has a contact that she has worked with that is a licensed commercial inspector and will be taking the test for residential. He will talk with Marty to get more details.
8. Discussion on Handguns – Kopf spoke with the Clerk in Rosendale as they wrote up an ordinance back in the 90’s. C. Pionke checked on the Town of Black Wolf and their ordinance, which she read. Both refer to the firearms state ordinance 941.20, which is not within 100 yards of a building. Complaints should be made to the sheriff.
9. Ball Diamond Discussion on Veteran Sign – No new information. Kopf will follow up with Jim Simon.
10. Discussion on Comprehensive Plan – Plan Commission has been discussing it and will be reviewing it in more detail. There were discussions on the DATCP and Farmland Preservation. Rickert to contact Town of Nekimi to learn more about how they handled Farmland Preservation and tax credits.
11. Discussion and Action on moving December’s Meeting date due to Christmas – All in agreement to move meeting up a week to December 16<sup>th</sup>. Motion Rickert/Kopf, carried 3-0.
12. Questions or Comments on Agenda items. Individuals wishing to speak on any agenda item discussed above should present their comments now under this “Public Comments” agenda item. Each commenter will be limited to a total of three consecutive minutes under this agenda item.
  - i) White questioned if building inspections would remain as is and keep the building inspection process similar to how it is done with Marty, which will be determined.
13. Items intended for next monthly meeting – Building inspector and ball diamond veteran sign.
14. Approve and pay monthly bills.
15. Adjourn meeting at 7:57 p.m. Motion made by Kopf/Rickert, carried 3-0.

Kristy Weinke, Deputy Town Clerk