

## OCTOBER 28, 2024 MEETING MINUTES

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1. Call meeting to order at 6:59 pm, Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. Approval of minutes from September meeting. Motion made by Kopf/Jahns, carried 2-0 with 1 abstention.
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 questioned Olden Road update not on agenda-will discuss later in meeting.
4. Reports:
  - a. Chairman Dave Jahns – Jahns reported that he had calls on land use and building new homes, switching to underground wiring, and another/different complaint on a dog barking and a rooster crowing in town. He is working with the attorney on cell towers and has been reviewing papers for roads projects.
  - b. Supervisor Joe Kopf – Kopf reported that he had calls on leaves and brush, checked on problem properties, one of which was given some time and followed up on Hass Road invoice received from the County.
  - c. Supervisor Aaron Rickert – Rickert took a few calls. One was a business that tracks foot traffic for businesses and municipalities-information being emailed and also took land use calls and calls on burning leaves.
  - d. Deputy Clerk Kristy Weinke – Weinke continues training with Cheryl, attended clerk update and election training at the County last week, absentee ballots have been sent out and received, and worked with Cheryl for the first early in-person absentee last week with two additional days this Wednesday and Thursday from 5:30-6:30pm.
  - e. Treasurer Vickie Michels- GC\$9,849.13, ARPA\$56,280.59, SF\$1,004.69, MM\$318,790.55, TC\$789.02, NE\$347,474.78  
Michels attended training last week at the County. Personal property tax payments will be taken in person twice in December and at least once in January. All others need to be sent to the town PO Box.
  - f. Plan Commission – White reported that Frieberg is waiting on them to schedule time, the Board is taking action on agenda items 7 & 8, and there was discussion on the storage units on 41.
  - g. Town Highway – Pionke reported that one stop sign stolen at Hass and Cemetery, one sign was damaged at Lone Elm and Dyke Road, a culvert was torn out and was replaced then hauled gravel to cover it. It was mentioned that Lamartine received a grant to haul in gravel, regrade, and chip coat. Pionke will follow up with Randy in Lamartine to get the details on grant and applying. Ditches are all mowed, except for the marsh roads which will be done after it rains. The brush pile at shop is working well but needs to be bigger next year to reduce amount of hauling. Recycling is being used. There are a few potholes to be filled. He has done a few small repairs on the mower. Boiler is in and working.

- h. Fire Department – Pionke reported 11 calls, two of which didn't require a response, car crash on I, a grease fire on Mallard Dr, a ditch fire, a beehive fire in Van Dyne, a combine fire on Lone Elm, and a marsh fire in Utica that took over 5 days. He reminded those in attendance not to burn until it rains and it's not windy.
  - i. First Responders – L. Leichtfuss reported response to car crash, a fight, a wildfire, 6 medical calls, and a combine fire. Trick or treating was this past Saturday-96 kids, which was down from last year and then they went over to Rosendale. They applied for a grant and received \$10,000 which will be used to prepare a rehab trailer.
5. Discussion and Possible action on First Amendment to Option and Land Lease Agreement (Bug Tussel) – Jahns reviewed the entire contract for the firehouse cell tower with the attorney since the sale to Swift, with the aim of exploring additional revenue opportunities in the future. It was noted that the Legislature has recently passed a bill which removed any contract end date.
  6. Discussion on Appointing New Building Inspector – Jahns has been in touch with a few contacts but has not been able to find anyone yet. Discussed a potential person with Weinke.
  7. Action on recommendation for approval from Plan Commission of Rickland Farms, Inc. application for creation of Lot 1 of 5.031 acres with 0.303 acres dedicated to Town Hall Road by Certified Survey Map (CSM) at N9507 and N9509 Town Hall Road, including part of T07-16-16-04-07-002-00 (32.5 acres), all of T07-16-16-04-10-003-00 (0.898 acres), part of T07-16-16-04-09-001-00 (40 acres), and part of T07-16-16-04-08-002-00 (32.5 acres), contingent upon revision to CSM to correct reference from "Rickland Farms, LLC" to "Rickland Farms, Inc.", contingent upon incorporating any changes required by the Fond du Lac County Planning Department, and contingent upon rezone of the proposed 5.031 acres by the Town Board.  
Motion Jahns/Kopf to approve, carried 2-0 with 1 abstention.
  8. Action on recommendation for approval from Plan Commission of Rickland Farms, Inc. application for rezone of proposed Lot 1 of 5.031 acres by CSM at N9507 and N9509 Town Hall Road, including part of T07-16-16-04-07-002-00 (32.5 acres), all of T07-16-16-04-10-003-00 (0.898 acres), part of T07-16-16-04-09-001-00 (40 acres), and part of T07-16-16-04-08-002-00 (32.5 acres), from A-1, Farmland Preservation District, to A-2, General Agricultural District, contingent upon approval of the CSM by the Town Board.  
Motion Jahns/Kopf to approve, carried 2-0 with 1 abstention.
  9. Discussion on Handguns – Kopf gave an update on police report for shooting a handgun in town. State ordinances no shooting in towns, village, cities, which supersedes town ordinances. Kopf will visit and ask them to no longer shoot in town. Will continue discussion at a future meeting.
  10. Notice of Public Hearing for Silver Maple Solar November 13<sup>th</sup> at 2pm and 6pm. – These were meetings set by the Public Service Commission on the substation. Calls were received by residents that the funding has been drained and it will not be moving forward. Weinke emailed attorneys but have not received a reply. Jahns will call to see if meetings will still be held.
  11. Action on 2025 Budget. – Jahns read resolution to adopt town tax levy for 2024 to be collected in 2025 in the amount of \$408,988. Motion Jahns/Kopf, carried 3-0.
  12. Ball Diamond Discussion on Veteran Sign. – A. Rickert spoke with Mark Isaac. An individual would like to personally fund the placement of a sign to honor veterans who

played at Simon Field. Mark has some concerns about the possibility of names being missed. Will be left on the agenda.

13. Discussion and Action on moving November Meeting date to November 18<sup>th</sup> due to Thanksgiving – All in agreement to move meeting up a week. Motion Rickert/Kopf, carried 3-0.

14. Solar Update – Jahns reported it has been a long, frustrating process with a lot of time and money invested with it possibly being cancelled now. Will revisit next month.

15. 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.

Fire number replacement question brought up by G. Rickert, as it is faded and hard to read, what the process would be to get a new one. Town only pays for the first and then homeowner covers future signs. Weinke will order and Pionke will replace once it is received.

White questioned if the substation is also done, which Pionke will call to follow up as the substation was for the solar.

It was mentioned that Friendship now requires permit for chickens.

Olden Road meeting will be held either November 12<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:30, which will be set soon.

It was brought up that there is a company that can test the sludge level without pumping septic tanks, unless it is too high, for much less than the pumping cost. If pumping is required, they don't charge for testing.

Meeting on the 2025 County purchase of right of way and 2026 planned reconstruction will be discussed tomorrow at the County meeting.

16. Items intended for next monthly meeting – Possible date change for December meeting, ball diamond veteran sign, solar, handguns, and Bug Tussel.

17. Approve and pay monthly bills.

18. Adjourn meeting at 8:06 p.m. Motion made by Rickert/Kopf.

Kristy Weinke, Deputy Town Clerk