

## MARCH 24, 2025 MEETING MINUTES

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1. Call meeting to order at 7:02 pm. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. Approval of minutes from February meeting. 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.).

See #5

### 4. Reports:

- a. Chairman Dave Jahns – Jahns went to the WTA quarterly meeting, had calls about land use and building permits, and a couple of complaints. He met last Friday with Ziegelbauer regarding the septic at the ball diamond. He also reminded everyone to not trim oak trees from mid-April until July.
- b. Supervisor Joe Kopf – Kopf doubled checked on a few property clean ups. He attended Board of Review training last week. He had discussions with M. Pionke regarding the plow truck, which will be going to JTL to be repaired.
- c. Supervisor Aaron Rickert – Rickert will not be running as Supervisor for another term, so this will be his last monthly meeting. He thanked everyone for all of their help and support over the last four years.
- d. Clerk Kristy Weinke – Weinke has been preparing for April 1 election, sending out absentee ballots, public test will be this Wednesday at 3:30 and in-person absentee voting will be 5:00-6:30pm. Also working on the annual financial report and Form CT.
- e. Treasurer Vickie Michels – GC \$27,466.34; ARPA \$29,179.12; SF \$1,004.69; MM \$287,535.38; TC \$258,934.62; NE \$57,865.44; OR \$80,000  
Michels finished up property taxes, dog licenses are due by the end of April, and she will be helping with Form CT.
- f. Plan Commission – Rickert reported a light agenda this last month. Existing conditional use permit for Alliant Energy on Townline Rd. Jeff and Joe will be visiting to compare and correct the landscape plan.
- g. Town Highway – Pionke reported patching some roads and dips. The snowplow truck will not start now. He has started some tree trimming on Nitschke Rd and will be moving to Sales Rd. He also is fixing a few signs that were hit or tipped. One load of brush has been hauled out and it's about half full again. Bulky waste will be Saturday, April 26 from 8am – 3pm. We do not take refrigerators, dehumidifiers, oil, tires. Dave will call COMII to see if they can bring an additional bin for electronics.
- h. Fire Department – Borski reported three calls-a car fire in a storage garage on Sales Rd, a vegetation fire on Dike, and one accident. Hose testing will be done this Saturday morning. The fire department is always looking for help. He also suggested having a discussion to plan for replacing the front-line fire truck as it's now 35 years old.
  - a. Application for Lance Thomas, Fire Inspector – Lance Thomas' application was presented for the fire department, which his hiring was approved last month.
- i. First Responders – Lisa reported five calls-two fires, two medical calls and an accident on 41. Last week, first responders did their {CPR} recertification with North Fond du Lac. The Easter egg hunt is Saturday, April 19 with registration at 9:30 a.m. and hunt starts at 10 a.m.

5. Possible introduction and discussion with Ken Jaworski of Cedar Corporation – Mr. Jaworski specializes in rural land planning and ways to expand development. Not having a sanitary district can limit growth. He explained the Eldorado land use, farmland preservation, and future land use maps. He suggested that the new development map should be updated first. Concepts generally start with planning from the outside, moving in. DATCP allows for up to 20% of Farmland Preservation to be zoned differently, so Eldorado would have about 12-15% to be rezoned out. Future land use map has been recertified, but the zoning ordinance needs to be recertified with DATCP by the end of the year.
6. Discussion on permanent stage in pavilion – Joe Simon presented a design draft of the dimensions and cost (\$5,700) of the stage with stairs. Kopf pointed out that it must be up to code. Some research needs to be done before approval. The question was raised as to who would pay for it. Fundraising would be done through the picnic committee for part of the expense. Obtaining sponsorships was suggested.
7. Discussion and possible action regarding proposed Veteran Sign at Ball Diamond – Jim Simon presented his plan and mockup for a veteran memorial sign with names of residents that have played at the ball diamond. Jim would pay for the sign and installation, possibly near the scoreboard. The concern is that all veterans are on the list of names. The Board will do some research and we will put it on the agenda for next month. Jahns/Kopf motion to table until next month, carried 3-0.
8. Discussion and possible action on failing septic system at Simon Field – Jahns received two estimates from Ziegelbauer – a 2,000 gallon holding tank (\$12,000) or put in a new tank further south and pump into the existing system (\$15,000). Jahns will get another estimate from Schmidt. Pionke mentioned that the existing system would need to be tested, which would be an additional expense. Rickert/Kopf motioned to table until next month when we have more information, carried 3-0.
9. Discussion and possible action on bids for lawn mowing – Country Touch bid was received with slight increases from last year. Kopf/Rickert motion to accept their proposal for this year, carried 3-0.
10. Discussion and action to amend the ordinance to update Eldorado Plan Commission Secretary wage (Eldorado Town Ordinance Chapter 4, Sec. 8. Compensation; Expenses) – The ordinance was approved in 2022, but it was not amended in the town ordinances. The amended ordinance will read as follows:

The Town Board of the Town of Eldorado hereby sets a per diem allowance of \$40 per meeting for citizen and Town Board members of the Plan Commission, \$75 per meeting for the Chairperson, and \$150 per meeting for the Secretary of the Plan Commission, as allowed under Wis. Stat. § 66.0501(2), as amended. In addition, the Town Board may reimburse reasonable costs and expenses, as allowed under Wis. Stat. § 60.321, as amended.

Jahns/Rickert motion to accept amended as read, carried 3-0.

11. 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.
  - a. Borski thought on stage, he will discuss code information with the
  - b. Jim Rozek brought up concerns regarding the ball diamond sign and names being missed. He was reminded that Simon is honoring those who he played with on the field.
  - c. White questioned if there has been any update on what we can expect for commission from the substation. He was also concerned about tracking time to be billed back to Alliant.
  - d. Jahns reminded everyone that the annual meeting will be Tuesday, April 15.
12. Items intended for next monthly meeting – May meeting date and Plan Commission reappointment of Jeremy Brenner and Dennis Yoder.
13. Approve and pay monthly bills
14. Adjourn meeting at 9:00 – Motion made by Rickert/Kopf, carried 3-0.

Kristy Weinke, Town Clerk