

**TOWN OF MANITOWOC RAPIDS
MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 11, 2021**

The August 11, 2021 meeting of the Town of Manitowoc Rapids meeting was called to order by Chairperson Stradal at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall, 8624 CTH JJ, Manitowoc, WI.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called, and members present were: Josh Stradal-Chairperson, Tom Wetenkamp-Supervisor 1, John Jost-Supervisor 2, Jeremy Stradal-Road Foreman, and Jessica Backus-Clerk/Treasurer. Todd Hickmann-Constable and Scott Tennessen-Assessor were excused.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairperson Stradal presented the minutes from the July 14, 2021 meeting and the August 11, 2021 agenda.

Supervisor Wetenkamp moved, seconded by Supervisor Jost to approve the minutes and agenda. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Clerk Backus presented the cash flow report. Supervisor Wetenkamp moved, seconded by Supervisor Jost to approve the cash flow report. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairperson Stradal opened public comment at 7:03 p.m.

No one present wished to speak, subsequently Chairperson Stradal closed public input at 7:03 p.m.

REPORTS

Constable – Chairperson Stradal provided the Constable had no report for this month.

Highway – Road Foreman Stradal reported all the tires from the Recycling Center have been cleaned out.

-The roadside drainage cleanup by Whitewater Dr was put on hold by Comcast due to a cable being hit. Then the rainstorm washed away any progress that was made.

-The easement on Harvest Circle has been washing away as well with the heavy storms.

-The Town of Eaton would like to rent the Town tractor to cut ditches. Chairperson Stradal moved to rent the Town tractor to the Town of Eaton, seconded by Supervisor Jost. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

-Waste Management is now the contact to have the Recycling Center dumpsters emptied. Stradal mentioned he would be calling every two weeks to have them emptied whether they are full or not because the company is that back logged. He wants to maintain a schedule, so the dumpsters would always be empty for Saturdays.

Assessor – Nothing to report.

County Supervisor - Nothing to report.

Town Plan Commission – Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion and possible action on First Responder Contracts

Table until next month.

Discussion and possible action on Krueger Property

Chairperson Stradal informed the Board that the Constable spoke with Mr. Krueger about the condition of his property. Mr. Krueger will take action to clean up his property. The Constable will provide an update next month.

Discussion and possible action on Hutterer Property

Chairperson Stradal informed the board the grass has been cut and would be maintained. This complaint was closed.

Discussion and possible action on Local Redistricting

Clerk Backus informed the Board once the 2020 census numbers are provided to the County, then redistricting will begin. The Town's part of redistricting is drawing our Town's ward boundaries within the County's Supervisory Districts boundaries and the census blocks. The County Planning and Zoning office would be willing to draw the ward boundaries for the Town if we so choose. Once they have our maps done, they will email it to us to review and approve at the October Town Meeting. Chairperson Stradal agrees to have the County draw the ward boundaries for the Town, seconded by Supervisor Jost. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Update on N Union Rd/Branch River Bridge

Supervisor Jost reported he spoke with the Highway Commission regarding the bridge approaches and worked on necessary changes with the guardrails. Clerk Backus questioned if anyone heard anything regarding the land acquisitions. Jost had not heard anything at this time. Backus will email Randy Moss, Moss and Associates to find out what the next step would be.

Clerk Backus informed the Board that Rich Glen, JT Engineering provided a project cost update. The cost will increase by \$82,297.00 that the Town would have to pay in 2022. The increase is due to the fact the original estimate of the bridge was based on a single stand structure, but after review by the engineer it has to be a three-stand structure. Also, the road costs increased compared to the original estimate. These increase does not include the Land Acquisition that has to take place yet.

Update on the American Rescue Plan Act

Clerk Backus informed the Board there is nothing to report at this time.

OTHER BUSINESS

Items for Next Month's Agenda

Branch Area Rec Towel Dispensers

Silver Creek Agreement

Krueger Property Update

Vouchers

Clerk Backus presented the August vouchers. Chairperson Stradal moved, seconded by Supervisor Wetenkamp to approve the vouchers as presented for the month of July. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

NEXT MEETING DATES

Monthly Meeting – September 8, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

There being no further discussion, Supervisor Jost moved to adjourn; seconded by Supervisor Wetenkamp, and the motion was adopted by acclamation. The meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jessica Backus, Clerk/Treasurer