

Regular Monthly Board Meeting of the Town of Trade Lake

11811 Town Hall Rd, Frederic, WI 54837

1/9/2025

Meeting called to order by Chairman Ramona Moody at 6:14pm. There are 19 in attendance.

Board Members Present: Chairman Ramona Moody ☒ Supervisor Scott Doornink ☒ Supervisor Adam Lesak ☒

Others Present: Clerk Marjie Gravelle ☒ Treasurer Julie Pemble-Peterson ☒ Hwy Maintenance Jeremy Scheider ☒

Affidavit of Posting: Notices and agenda were posted according to §19.84 at the Trade Lake Store, Bass Lake Lumber, and the Town Hall on 1/2/2025 @ 1:30pm. Amended and reposted 1/2/2025 @ 5:00pm. Amended and reposted 1/6/2025@1:30pm Posted at Town of Trade Lake Town Hall, Trade Lake Store, Bass Lake Lumber

Approval of Agenda order: Ramona requested a line item for Andrew Marshall to give an update right after approval of minutes. Motion by Moody to approve the agenda. Seconded by Doornink. Motion carried by voice vote.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Lesak to approve the minutes of the 12/12/2024 monthly board meeting with no corrections or additions. Seconded by Doornink Carried by voice vote.

Approval of all Special Town Board Meeting Minutes for 2024: Motion by Lesak to approve the special town board meeting minutes for Aug. 14, 2024, Aug. 19, 2024, Aug. 30, 2024 and Dec 16, 2024 with no corrections or additions. Seconded by Doornink Carried by voice vote.

Andrew Marshall explained that he has been representing the Town of Eureka, along with the Town's attorney, in the lawsuit against the Town's CAFO operations ordinance. The judge ruled today to dismiss all claims against the Town of Eureka.

Treasures report: Julie reported total assets as of 12/31/2024 are \$826,235.79. All accounts are reconciled.

Community Bank – Machinery Fund CD and 182-day CD and any new CD necessary: Lesak motioned to combine the Machinery Fund CD with the 182-day CD and transfer \$20,000.00 from the Money Market into the 182-Day CD. Seconded by Doornink. Motion Carried by voice vote. This will make the 182-Day CD the Machinery Fund CD.

Fire Reports: Frederic Fire: Next meeting in February. Grantsburg Fire met on December 30th. Bills for the last quarter totaled \$66,435.15. They are working on a grant to help with some of the smaller equipment needs. Cory reappointed as Fire Chief for 2025. Incidents year to date for 2024 were 199 compared to the same time in 2023 were 166. In this quarter reporting, 2 of the runs were to Trade Lake. For personnel- There are only 18 on the roster with 1 retiring. They need volunteers. If you know of anyone willing to do the work, please send them to Grantsburg Fire to apply. Cory was working on setting up training on bloodborne pathogens and hoping to do additional ice rescue training in this quarter. They also reviewed the run log for 2024.

Ambulance Report: The next meeting will be January 22, 2025

Highway Maintenance Report: Jeremy reported the dump truck had new fan clutch and bearings installed. The grader is having the 2,000-hour service done.

a. Wisconsin Town Associations 2025 Road School: We are still waiting for WTA will put out more details.

b. Approve LRIP advertisement for Cedar Point Road: Motion by Lesak to approve the LRIP advertisement for Cedar Point Road. 2nd by Doornink. Motion carried by voice vote.

c. Local Road Improvement grant program: This will be an agenda item for discussion next month.

Wisconsin Town Association 2025 District Meeting: This will be an agenda item for discussion next month.

New Laptop for Treasurer: Our IT said the CPU is failing and we should replace the laptop. Motion by Lesak to replace the laptop for the Treasurer at \$599.99. 2nd by Doornink. Motion carried by voice vote.

Public comment: Dean Moody commented there was a resident that asked what do the supervisors do during caucus. Scott Doornink gave a brief explanation.

Larry Leighow explained they are new to the area and was wondering who maintains private roads. Jeremy explained.

Payment of Town Bills: Motion by Lesak to pay town bills in the amount of \$41,624.31, 2nd by Doornink, carried by voice vote.

Motion to go into Closed Session pursuant to WI Statutes 19.85(1)(c) for employee/appointment review: Motion by Doornink to go into closed session for employee appointment review. 2nd by Lesak. Roll call vote: Doornink: Yes; Lesak: Yes; Moody: Yes. Motion carried at 6:57pm.

Motion to Reconvene into Open Session: Motion by Moody to go back into open session. 2nd by Lesak. Motion carried by voice vote at 7:59pm.

Any Action Deemed Necessary from Closed Session Discussion: Motion by Moody to give Jeremy a \$1.00/hour raise with a revisit in June, to give Bonnie Wicklund a \$1.00/hour raise and to give Jen Goldman, Chief Election Inspector, a \$1.00/hour Raise. 2nd by Doornink. Motion carried by voice vote.

Agenda for next Monthly Board Meeting – February 13, 2025

Adjourn: Motion by Lesak to adjourn @8:08pm, 2nd by Doornink. Motion carried by voice vote.

Submitted by Marjie Gravelle, Clerk