MINUTES REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

THURSDAY, November 11th, 2022 at 6:00 P.M.

Present: Chariman Dale Mayo, Supervisors: Jennrich, Hogenmiller, Muehlbach were present. Champeny excused absence. Rob Martinson, Fire Chief, John Barnekow, Public Works Foreman, Kendra Lederer, Clerk / Ambulance Director, Jennifer Steiner, Treasurer.

PROCEDURAL BUSINESS

1. Call meeting to order. 2. Pledge of Allegiance. 3. Approval of Agenda in the order of the Chairman’s discretion. Jennrich made a motion to approve the agenda, Muehlbach seconded. All voted aye, motion passed. 4. Approval of minutes from Regular Town Board meeting held on October 13th, 2022. Jennrich made a motion to approve the minutes, Muehlbach seconded. All voted aye, motion passed 5.Reports on Standing and Special Committees: (a) Ambulance Dept: Supervisor Muehlbach suggested the town look at adjusting pay rate for EMT/EMR’s in order to keep who we have and possibly recruit more, board agrees. Lederer will get a breakdown done for all 3 levels and present to the board so they know where to start. (b) Vol. Fire Dept. Hydrants flushed and working. (c) Highway Dept. No parking signs on Rush road disappeared. County Sheriff was contacted and theft was reported. New ones installed. Vilas County has asked if Conover could assist with mulching on Walts Fire Lane until they get a machine to do it, Hwy Dept. could assist for about one week. Charge to Vilas County would be $150 an hour. Supervisors support the project at John’s discretion provided it doesn’t affect the work needing to be done for our town. John is reviewing a land swap with the county. He has been approached separately about an owner that may be interested in selling their property to the town, the board asked him to continue the discussion.  (d) Library (e) Parks-Recreation: Committee will be reviewing rental rates for 2023. (f) Conover Outdoor Rec Cmte: Vilas County is considering eliminating reservations for the Equestrian and OHM campgrounds and going to a first come first serve – there are concerns. (g) Sanitation Dept (h) Town Facilities (i) Conover Chamber of Commerce – there will be a toy drive for the Salvation Army. (j) Finance Committee – waiting on the Statement of Assessment from the DOR to calculate the new mill rate. (k) Broadband Committee (l) Lakes Committee (m) Property Committee: Barnekow will pursue land swap opportunity with local property owner to get details and bring it back to the Board.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Liquor License Lottery. Dublin’s and the Boathouse both put in applications. Each dropped a chip in the box with the first letter for their business, a citizen from the room was chosen to draw, both parties agreed on the person. Boathouse chip was drawn and will receive the liquor license.
2. Sign Ordinance draft discussed. Public hearing will be set for January 12th 2023.
3. Appoint 2 at large to Finance Committee. Muehlbach motioned to appoint Tom Timken and Art Kunde as members at large to the finance committee. Jennrich seconded. All voted aye, motion passed.
4. Permission to Add Lion’s Club Logo to Town Sign Across from Energy Mart. Will add this to the property committee agenda. Would like to add additional entities for the sign (Snowbuddies, Chamber, ATV/UTV etc)
5. ATV Trail Through Town Park Agreement. Will try for a year and see if it works.
6. Great Pinery Heritage Waterway User Group – if a town citizen wants to meet with the group that’s fine but they don’t want to appoint someone due to it not being a town committee.
7. County Activity Impacting Conover – Muehlbach gave an update on some of the county improvements to Vilas County owned boat landings in the Town of Conover.
8. Tax Inserts: Jennrich moved to approve sending the insert with the suggested edits. Muehlbach seconded. All voted aye, motion passed
9. Financial Reports: Claims, Budget vs. Actuals
10. Bartender, Picnic Licenses
11. Adjournment

Respectfully submitted by: Kendra Lederer, Town Clerk

Minutes to be approved at the next Regular Town Board Meeting on December 8h, 2022