

## **Town Board Meeting Minutes – 1/9/2025**

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor John Mowers at 6:30 pm.

Board members present: Renee Coonradt, Nora Cool-Guinup, Kim Sherwood and Colleen Walrath.  
Present representing the highway department – Lyle Jenkins.

Reorganization meeting was called to order. A list of current appointments was read to the board by Supervisor Mowers. A motion to accept all appointments was made by Renee Coonradt - seconded by Nora Cool-Guinup – ayes all. A sheet was distributed naming these appointments. The official newspaper will be the Times Telegram, the official town board meetings will be the second Thursday of each month at 6:60, Supervisor can pay bills and invest moneys as necessary and 55 cents per mile is the rate for mileage. A motion to accept these terms was made by Renee Coonradt - seconded by Colleen Walrath – ayes all.

The reorganization meeting was adjourned and the official town board meeting was then called to order at 6:45 pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was then recited by all present.

### **GENERAL DISCUSSION**

MOTION to accept the town board meeting minutes of 12/12/24 and the year end meeting of 12/30/24 was made by Colleen Walrath - seconded by Renee Coonradt - ayes all

MOTION to accept the planning/zoning board minutes was made by Renee Coonradt - seconded by Kim Sherwood - ayes all

Discussion regarding the HCHS and signing their contract was made. The board agreed to sign the contract for 2025. This will be signed and mailed out this week.

Katelyn Ferguson was at the meeting and introduced herself to the board as the new town accountant. Jeanne Daley will remain as the deputy account to fill in and assist Katelyn. There were no questions for Katelyn or concerns about this appointment.

Supervisor Mowers asked that a resolution to transfer funds to balance accounts in the general and highway accounts be made. A motion was made by Kim Sherwood – seconded by Renee Coonradt – ayes all.

### **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT – Lyle Jenkins**

Lyle informed the board that all the trucks are in good running order. All fixed correct and being used everyday, plowing, sanding and salting.

Concern over the road conditions during the heavy snowfall from Jan 2-5 was raised. There were several complaints about the roads not plowed. Certain complaints from the Spruce Lake region not getting plowed until after 12 noon were concerning. For emergency situations this is unacceptable. Lyle stated that the guys were working around the clock and doing the best possible job. Two of his trucks got stuck and had to be pulled out during the storm but overall the snow was coming at a to-fast rate to keep all roads cleaned and cleared.

Salt shed is complete. There was a question about why no ends on the shed, this is for air flow purposes, it eliminated the need for vents.

The board went over the contract with Supervisor Mowers:

Line 7 – what we have payed

Line 8 – what we payed today

Line 9 – balance less the change orders (concrete in the spring)\

Line 3 – total cost of the salt shed

Line 1 – original price

Keller had 3 change orders on Willow – 1 extra concrete 33 yards

2 21,000

3 86,000 for welding and extra concrete

We are not liable for the contractor changes since we did not ask the original contractors to leave. Once the job is complete, we pay and then resubmit the bill to FEMA to get our final monies reimbursed.

A copy of the contract was distributed to all members.

MOTION to accept the Supervisors report was made by Kim Sherwood – seconded by Renee Coonradt - ayes all.

MOTION to accept the Town Clerks report was made by Renee Coonradt - seconded by Nora Cool-Guinup - ayes all.

MOTION to pay the audit of bills as follows:

HIGHWAY	Vouchers 1-15	\$46,722.13
GENERAL	Vouchers 1-8	\$70,926.29
LIGHT DISTRICTS	Voucher 1	\$ 984.20
PAYROLL AS PRESENTED		

MOTION to accept Renee Coonradt - seconded by Kim Sherwood - ayes all.

MOTION to adjourn at 6:55 pm was made by Nora Cool-Guinup – seconded by Colleen Walrath - ayes all.

Jeanne Cool  
Town Clerk  
1/9/2025