

Town of Harmony Monthly Board Meeting/Minutes

Thursday, November 21, 2024 @ Town Shop E2905 Newton Road, Genoa, WI 54632

Lorn called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Lorn Goede, Chairman, Kent Wendorf, Supervisor, Keith Bauer, Supervisor, Carolyn Parr, Clerk-Treasurer, Pete Strachan, Zoning Coordinator.

Verification: Agenda posted @ Town Shop, Sorenson Ln, and tn.harmony.wi.gov

Town Business:

Received estimate from Steve Lucas for grave stone repair work in Newton and Huxley cemeteries. Estimate was \$16,000 for work on worst graves in both cemeteries. Motion was made and seconded by Lorn/Kent to put \$3,000-\$5000 in budget for next year to start on repairs. Motion carried.

Kent mentioned that there are two stumps in the Newton Cemetery that could be removed to help clean up the cemetery at Newton. He said he could get a stump grinder and remove them and will check Huxley at the same time. Motion was made and seconded by Keith/Lorn to have Kent remove the stumps when weather permits and reimburse him for his time. Motion carried.

Discussed a cemetery maintenance committee started. Lorn said he would discuss with Jenny Goede about helping with this and talk about it at the next meeting.

Tire collection was discussed and we will only collect at clean up days and increase price of auto tires to \$10.00 a tire. Tax letter or letter to citizen was discussed for the 2025 year and Lorn/Kent made a motion to approve the letter with rewording of some areas and to be sent out with our tax bills. Motion carried.

Karen Delap, VC Treasurer sent out a list of persons receiving lottery credits. She asked the board to go through and determine if they are all primary residences occupied by the owners or a member of the family. The list was reviewed and Clerk will send back to Karen.

Driftless Humane Society contract for 2025 for stray dogs was discussed. Motion made and seconded by Keith/Kent to continue and sign the contract with them for stray dogs in our township. Motion carried.

Report from Lorn:

Nothing to report from Lorn

Town Roads

Patrolmen were not attending.

Lorn said the Newton bridge will be constructed in 2027. There will be no bypass. Cost to replace is \$1.1 million with our cost \$1,000.

Road sign, children at play, bridge markers, etc are ordered from Lange Enterprises. Clerk had questions and will get together with patrolmen to address.

Clerk spoke with Robin from Milestone Materials, he said adjustment will be made and next year when bid is done he will address if material is not in quarry, he will have others quarries to get materials from.

Minutes:

Motion made and seconded by Kent/Keith to approve minutes. Motion carried

Treasurer's Report:

Motion made and seconded by Keith/Kent to approve treasurers report. Motion carried.

Accounts Payable

Motion made and seconded by Keith/Kent to approve accounts payable with paying all of Scott's Const bill if River Bank will renew Loan# 50128670 in November and accept interest only and no principal, if not accepted pay Scott's Const \$15,000. Clerk to talk to Todd at River Bank. Motion carried.

Clerk received debit card from River Bank for checking account for Nelson Agri Center to use instead of credit card. Clerk has given information to Nancy at Nelson's.

Zoning Report

Motion made and seconded by Kent/Keith to approve building permits for Sam Miller and Jeff Mellem and moving Zoning Report to beginning of meeting going forward. Motion carried.

Clerk has heard nothing back from resident about not receiving occupancy permit so assuming they received it. GEC is increasing fees for services in township.

Election Report:

Election on Nov 5, 2024 had a very good turnout. 392 voters, 40 new registrations, 67 absentees sent out and received 60 back. Had new and old help and election went very well.

Public Comment:

Next Meeting Date:

December 19, 2024 @ 6:00 pm.

Adjournment:

Motion made and seconded by Keith/Kent to adjourn at 8:10 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Carolyn Parr, Clerk-Town of Harmony