

Town of Harmony Monthly Board Meeting/Minutes

Thursday, February 20, 2025 @ Town Shop E2905 Newton Road, Genoa, WI 54632

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

Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Lorn Goede, Kent Wendorf, Keith Bauer, Carolyn Parr, Pete Strachan, Steve Oliver, Gale Frie, Tom Burkhalter and Nicole Steinbach.

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

Zoning Report

Motion made and seconded by Kent/Keith to amend/approve the Conditional Use Permit for Eli Kurtz from a Sawmill shed use to Retail Shop. Motion carried.

Town Business:

VAS Tom Burkhalter spoke in regards to the upcoming referendum on the ballot for April 1, 2025 election for operational costs. He explained the difference between this referendum for operational costs compared to the last referendum for the building project.

Nicole Steinbach introduced herself as our new Rural Insurance agent with the retiring of Keven Bluske, Motion made and seconded by Kent/Keith to approve our 2025 Employee Handbook changes. Motion carried. January tax collection is completed and settlement has been received. Total settlement for Harmony was \$95,753.93

District meeting will be March 14, 2025 with Lorn and Carolyn registered to go at Stoney Creek in Onalaska. Lorn talked to the Amish community about repairing headstones in the township cemeteries. They were interested and will let us now. Maybe a weekend project for them.

Motion was made and seconded by Keith/Kent to have Keith Matthews do the Township dog count this year for \$500. Motion carried

Lorn reported that a new Finance director has been hired for the Vernon County, a new well will be drilled at the County landfill and Vernon County has passed their Comprehensive Plan.

Town Roads

Steve Oliver reported patrolmen have been busy cutting brush along the roads and ditches, plowing snow, replacing the cutting edges on equipment, fixing starter on Peterbilt. Steve requested to purchase a new chainsaw. We have 3 saws that are old and not in good shape. He talked to Mark at Effinger Sales and he would sell the township a new saw and take our old saws as a trade with a purchase price of \$425. Board agreed and will approve the purchase on our Accounts Payable.

Seal coat bid tabled to next meeting. Steve to set up a meeting with Fahrner's and Scott's to come and look at Enterprise Rd to see options available and bring back to our next meeting to include in bid.

Minutes:

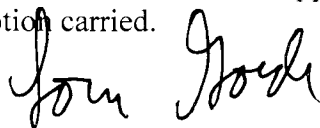
Motion made and seconded by Kent/Keith to approve minutes. Motion carried

Treasurer's Report:

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

Accounts Payable

Motion made and seconded by Kent/Keith to amend/approve accounts payable to purchase chain saw from Effingers and pay all bills. Motion carried.



Election Report:

Election result for February 18, 2025. We have 417 voters in our township. Township had 34 votes, with 5 absentees and 4 workers being part of those votes cast. Very low turnout. Discussed wages for election workers. Carolyn to check other municipalities to see what they pay for wages and will discuss at next meeting.

Public Comment:

Gale Frie asked to talk about a grant available and wondering if the township would partner with them for air conditioning for the Museum. Will put on next agenda.

Next Meeting Date:

March 27, 2025

Adjournment:

Motion made and seconded by Keith/Kente to adjourn at 8:15 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn Parr, Clerk-Town of Harmony

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carolyn Parr". The signature is written in a cursive style with large, flowing letters.