

**TOWN OF KOSHKONONG**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**August 9, 2023**

Present:

Chairperson Kim Cheney

Supervisors George Jaeckel, Jim Brandenburg, Erik Hoffman, Matt Hill

Clerk Caitlin Kincannon

Treasurer Alicia Grulke

This meeting was broadcast and recorded by ZOOM, there were no attendees.

Chairperson Kim Cheney called the meeting of the Town Board of Koshkonong to order at 7:00 PM. The Clerk verified the proper postings had been made.

**Public comment**--*agenda items only. No other audience comment allowed.*

- Vince Kent, W5934 Apple Lane – agenda item # 12 regarding golf carts

Mr. Kent is building condominiums on Koshkonong Mounds Road, and asks the Board to consider road for golf cart use, letting condo residents have the ability to get to the golf course. The road is 35mph, state statute stipulates roads of 25mph, but also stipulates golf cart use can be within 1 mile of a golf course.

- Chief Pickering with the Edgerton Fire Protection District present.

Chief presented an activity report; reported no incidents in Town of Koshkonong.

**Approve meeting minutes from July 12**

Supervisor Hoffman motioned to approve the meeting minutes from the July 12 meeting, seconded by Supervisor Jaeckel. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion carried.

**July Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer presented the July report. Supervisor Jaeckel motioned to approve the July Treasurer's report, seconded by Supervisor Brandenburg. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion carried.

**Discuss/Motion request for a variance to allow for a reduced road ROW and side yard setback for a proposed detached garage at N1007 Vinnie Ha Ha Road**

Dara and Jim Dietmeyer present. Dietmeyers are wanting to put up a detached garage in front of the house. Because the holding tank is in front of the house, they cannot meet the 25ft setback. Chairperson Cheney saw no issues, Supervisor Hill agreed.

Supervisor Hoffman motioned to approve the requested variance, seconded by Supervisor Hill. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion carried.

**Discuss/Motion request to rezone a portion of parcel # 016-0513-2443-000 at W7476 Koshkonong Mounds Rd from A-T to R-2 and add it to the adjacent lot at N996 Vinnie Ha Ha Rd, parcel # 016-0513-2434-022**

Diane & Dan Garr present. Garrs want the added 50ft onto their land - not to build on, just as additional land to extend their property. Land being purchased from the Schaefers.

Supervisor Hoffman motioned to approve the rezone request, seconded by Supervisor Jaeckel. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion carried.

**Discuss/Motion request to plant in the ROW between the road and river on Rock River Rd**

Chairperson advised the requester withdrew their request. No discussion or action.

**Discuss/Motion request for a second driveway permit at W5891 Hackbarth Rd (added Aug 7)**

Requester Patrick Hack not present; he could not attend the following September meeting either.

Mr. Hack is requesting a second driveway. Supervisor Brandenburg spoke to Mr. Hack and asked him about drainage; Brandenburg feels there isn't an issue. He believes it will not be paved, and will be gravel.

Supervisor Jaeckel motioned to approve the second driveway request, seconded by Supervisor Brandenburg. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion carried.

**Review/Action on previous decision regarding conditional use permit for OneEnergy's solar project (added Aug 7)**

Chairperson explained this topic is back on agenda because per the motion made at the July 12 meeting, the Dunklebergers and OneEnergy have not come to an agreement on the vegetative screening. Supervisor Hill had spoken to Mrs. Dunkleberger, understood she's requested a berm, and explained why a berm would not be ideal. Supervisor Hoffman does not feel the solar project benefits the Township.

Chairperson explained the county has jurisdiction; the Town Board has given their opinion to them, asked the Board if they want to add anything to their opinion. The county does have a screening regulation in their ordinance, and it would default back to that if no agreement was reached. Mr. Swart wants us to take a look at the renderings, as screening is the issue. OneEnergy had met with Dunklebergers the day after July 12 meeting, walked the property and took photos which were used to do renderings to visualize what their winter view would look like. When the renderings came back, OneEnergy had a followup meeting scheduled with Dunklebergers, however the Dunklebergers did not want to meet or see the renderings. They stated they wanted the berm. Peter Murphy advised his proposal is evergreens placed in their backyard which will offer the most impact. The Dunklebergers don't think they should have to change their property by planting trees in their backyard to cut them off from the rest of their 7 acres. Mr. Murphy explained the option of planting at the tree line, but that won't have much of an impact on the view, that's why he suggested the backyard for the plantings. Chairperson advised to let the two parties have more conversation and it will go to the county.

No further comment or action.

**Discuss/Motion request for a fireworks permit at Wishing Well Resort on Sept 2 (added Aug 7)**

Wishing Well RV Resort had gotten a fireworks permit for 4<sup>th</sup> of July, there were no issues. Chairperson thanked the new ownership of the business for working with the Town. The request for the new permit is for a display they intend for September 2.

Supervisor Hoffman motioned to approve the fireworks permit. Supervisor Hill would like further discussion.

Fee amount was discussed as this is their second permit, Supervisor Hill suggested 50% of the \$500 fee. Supervisor Hoffman motioned to amend his initial motion to approve request and include fee of \$250. Seconded by Supervisor Brandenburg. Supervisor Jaeckel confirmed nobody in audience had complaints on prior fireworks display last month. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion carried.

**Discuss/Motion golf cart use on *some* Town roads**

A sample golf cart ordinance from Whitewater was provided and reviewed. Supervisor Hill thinks the sample ordinance is a good model and it is simple, and feels what's the benefits of golf carts if they can't be used near the golf course. Vince Kent provided state statute details. Supervisor Hill does not believe there would be issues, much like ATVs have not seen issues. Supervisor Jaeckel explained ATVs/UTVs have to have registration, and feels registration is important aspect. Board discussed potential registration fees and if we'll require registration, and where the fees could be designated to. We will draft our ordinance and then send it to our attorney to review, and the Board will then review the draft at the next meeting. No action taken.

**Discuss/Motion group health insurance for full-time employees**

Chairperson explained we discussed this item last month, but we were not able to make a motion on it at that time. Clerk provided information on costs to the Town.

Supervisor Hoffman motioned to approve health insurance for the Town of Koshkonong's two full time employees at a 75%:25% split, seconded by Supervisor Jaeckel. No further discussion. Supervisor Brandenburg opposed. Motion carried.

**Public Works Report**

Superintendent Dan Butz present.

- Have been doing work shouldering, spraying, lots of trees down and cleanup from storm
- Delay on chipper discussed
- Discussed trees in the right of way, possibly re-consider ordinance pertaining to them
- Did some shop work and repair
- Discussed a current bill received from Miller-Bradford & Risberg, which we are currently contesting as Dan feels costs should have fallen under warranty
- Supervisor Jaeckel asked about Bark River Road, and if they could try to push stuff out of ditch so it will drain, and advised there is a couch down there to be picked up
- New employee Eaan passed his temps for his CDL
- The two new employees, Eaan & Dennis, are working out great
- Suggested getting an ATV or gator for spraying

**Approve Bills**

Clerk advised on some bill details.

Supervisor Jaeckel motioned to approve the bills, seconded by Supervisor Hill. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion carried.

**Clerk's Report**

- 2% dues payment came in, three checks were in the bills this month to distribute funds of \$20,492
- Salt has been ordered for the 2023-24 winter season, total tons ordered was 176
- We will be applying for the Wisconsin Disaster Relief Fund from the July 28 storm
- The county will be having us use new software for property taxes and dog licensing, which will save the Township around \$400 annually
- In September, the Board will have a closed session meeting for employee reviews for Public Works, starting at 6PM on September 13
- The Clerk will be attending the WMCA annual conference later this month.
  - Supervisor Brandenburg would like to approve the Clerk's attendance and expenses, Clerk advised it would be at next month's meeting after the conference has occurred. Clerk will submit expenses at the September Board meeting

**Future Agenda Items**

- Closed session meeting at 6PM
- Review golf cart ordinance draft

**Public comment**

None

**Board Member announcements**

- Supervisor Hoffman attended the Lake District meeting, discussed meeting details
- Chairperson Cheney and Supervisors Jaeckel & Brandenburg attended the WTA unit meeting; ATV clubs attended
- Chairperson advised a resident on Woodlawn Drive is asking about replacing playground equipment. Equipment was put up by residents, not the Town. Supervisor Hill will take a look at the equipment
- Chairperson received a call from a resident who reported there is a resident on the lake that is operating a bar. Supervisor Hill will look into it
- Supervisor Hill discussed the electronics dump
- Chairperson advised we have been notified that a previous Town of Koshkonong employee has filed for unemployment, and the Town may have to pay approximately \$8,000

**Adjournment**

Supervisor Jaeckel motioned to adjourn at 8:51PM, seconded by Supervisor Hoffman. Motion carried.

**Respectfully submitted**

**Caitlin Kincannon, Clerk**

8/21/2023