

TOWN OF KOSHKONONG
MEETING MINUTES
September 11, 2024

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 15 attendees.

1. Call to order and verification of public meeting

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Public comment - agenda items only

- Chief Pickering with Lakeside Fire-Rescue

Presented the September 2024 District Board Report.

4. Approve meeting minutes from August 2024

Supervisor Jaeckel motioned to put the August 2024 meeting minutes on file.

Seconded by Supervisor Hoffman.

No further discussion, all in favor. Motion carried.

5. August 2024 Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Alicia presented the August 2024 Treasurer's Report.

Supervisor Brandenburg motioned to put the August 2024 Treasurer's Report on file.

Seconded by Supervisor Jaeckel.

No further discussion, all in favor. Motion carried.

6. Discuss/Motion request for stop signs in Woodlawn subdivision

Brad Ostrowsky present, has requested 4 stop signs be installed in the Woodlawn subdivision at each intersection. Mr. Ostrowsky feels that traffic goes quickly through the intersections and an accident could potentially happen. A stop sign would cost approximately \$40, plus \$30 for the post.

Supervisor Hill motioned to install 4 stop signs at the 4 intersections in the Woodlawn subdivision.

Seconded by Supervisor Jaeckel for the purpose of further discussion.

Supervisor Jaeckel feels that if there is no evidence of any accidents occurring that money should not be budgeted for stop signs. Supervisors Hill & Hoffman feel that stop signs could be proactive and prevent future accidents. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion carried.

7. Discuss/Motion request for stop sign on Creamery & McIntyre

A resident requested a stop sign at the Creamery, McMillen & McIntyre intersection. Supervisor Brandenburg feels if the foliage is taken care of, a stop sign is not necessary. Supervisor Hill suggested tabling the discussion and reevaluate after trimming is done.

Supervisor Hill motioned we trim the foliage and revisit the discussion next month.

Seconded by Supervisor Jaeckel.

No further discussion, all in favor. Motion carried.

8. Discuss/Motion request for stop sign on Groeler by the boat launch

A resident requested a stop sign on Groeler Road by the boat launch.

Supervisor Jaeckel motioned to approve 2 stop signs on the north and south side of Groeler at the intersection by the boat launch.

Seconded by Supervisor Brandenburg.

No further discussion, all in favor. Motion carried.

9. Discuss/Motion request to move the yield the sign on Shari Ln

A resident requested a yield sign on Shari Lane, stating it made more sense for a yield sign on Shari Lane than on Lee Drive where Shari meets.

Supervisor Hill motioned to move the yield sign to Shari Lane and change it to a stop sign.

Seconded by Supervisor Brandenburg.

No further discussion, all in favor. Motion carried.

10. Discuss/Motion transient merchant permit application by Everlight Solar

Wade Shephard with Everlight Solar present. Permit requested for October 5 thru 12, for 4 sales reps. Permits are granted per sales rep, per day. Specific time frame requested would be 10AM to 7PM. We would require approved sales reps to carry their approved permits. Clerk will notify the sheriff's department and the public of approval.

Supervisor Jaeckel motioned to approve 4 transient merchant permits for October 5 thru 12 for the hours of 10AM to 7PM to the names as applied.

Seconded by Supervisor Hill.

No further discussion, all in favor. Motion carried.

11. Discuss/Motion land gift proposal from Mark Meyer on Pottawatomie Trl

Our attorney responded on inquiry of the land having a conservation easement, and advised there are restrictions. The easement states no public access. Chairperson Cheney feels if the easement cannot be amended, the land serves no benefit to the Town. Chairperson would like to table discussion to find out if easement can be amended.

12. Discuss/Motion Vinnie Ha Ha Road public accesses (2) surveys

The surveys have not been completed yet. Supervisor Hill feels this is based on civil disputes between residents. Acknowledged neighbors have maintained it, and it has been open for a long time with very little problems. Hill feels we should leave it as it is and address individual complaints as they arise; he does not want to put up signs and restrict access. Chairperson would like to address the neighboring property on the Indian Mounds access having landscaped within the access's right of way. Supervisor Hoffman feels a vehicle weight limit should be set for the public road access so as to not cause damage and ruts for the Town to fix. Supervisor Hill feels it's not a matter of the weight, but a matter of the condition of the access at the time of usage. Supervisor Jaeckel suggested putting posts down as we are already doing a survey to delineate Town of Koshkonong property lines. Board agrees common sense should be used. Chairperson appreciates that neighbors are maintaining access, but wants to make sure it's done properly to not receive any DNR violations. Chair wants community to enjoy it, but does not want to see it abused. Further discussion will be tabled to next month once survey is done.

13. Discuss/Motion Town owned property south of Montclair Place

The Town owns a 10ft wide strip of land north of Rock River Park and south of 13 adjoining properties on Montclair Place, where tree maintenance has become an issue, however there is no access point to it for maintenance work. Several of these residents have encroached on the Town property; it was suggested Town property be given to each of the residents. Chairperson will inquire on this with our attorney. Discussion tabled.

14. Discuss/Motion Ford 550 truck repairs

The 550 truck is scheduled to go in for another estimate on September 26. Discussion tabled.

15. Discuss only 2024 YTD budget

2024 budget presented with budgeted, year-to-date, and projection numbers. No operational loan has been taken out yet. The Board would like to avoid taking out a loan if possible.

16. Discuss/Motion Rock River Coalition donation

Clerk advised we have always donated \$125 annually to the Rock River Coalition up until 2023, when a donation was not made. Supervisor Hill supports a donation.

Supervisor Hill motioned to donate \$125 to the Rock River Coalition.

Seconded by Supervisor Brandenburg.

No further discussion. Supervisors Hill & Brandenburg and Chairperson Cheney vote aye, Supervisors Hoffman & Jaeckel vote nay. Vote in favor of motion 3-2. Motion carried.

17. Public Works Report

Superintendent of Public Works Dan Butz presented public works report; mentioned pressure tank at the Town Hall needs to be replaced, and work will be done on Oxbow Bend. Supervisor Brandenburg asked that a bill for Kriszan tree service be billed to the park fund.

18. Approve Bills

Supervisor Brandenburg motioned to approve the September 2024 bills as presented.

Seconded by Supervisor Hill.

No further discussion, all in favor. Motion carried.

19. Clerk's Report

- Glass leaking from garbage trucks ongoing issue, has been addressed with LRS.
- 3-year contract with assessor renewed with a 6% price increase.
- Closed session scheduled for 10/9 at 6:30PM for Public Works employee Ryan Butz review.
- Budget workshops scheduled for 10/21 at 6PM, and tentatively for 10/28.

20. Future Agenda Items

- Closed session
- Budget workshop
- Stop sign on Creamery & McIntyre
- Meyer land offer
- Vinnie Ha Ha public access survey & signage
- Town property off of Montclair
- 550 truck repair estimate
- Code enforcement penalties

21. Public comment

- Supervisor Erik Hoffman, N435 Oxbow Bend

Explained there is no flow in the channel at Bingham's Point, it is stagnant water. Area residents met to discuss ideas to address this.

- Superintendent for the school district of Milton, Rich Dahman

Discussed the school district of Milton has an upcoming operating referendum on the November 2024 ballot.

- Rich Kinkade, N945 Vinnie Ha Ha Rd

Advised at last month's meeting, during public comment, a resident stated there was an illegal concrete pour. Rich believes the comment was about him and explained he received approval on the concrete work. He feels the statement was unfortunately made when not all the facts were known.

- Kim Chamberlain, N987 Vinnie Ha Ha Rd

Advised she sent an email to the Board regarding the beach at Vinnie Ha Ha. Explained neighbors do come together for issues and maintenance.

22. Board Member announcements

None.

23. Adjournment

Supervisor Jaeckel motioned to adjourn at 8:56PM.

Seconded by Supervisor Brandenburg.

No further discussion, all in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Caitlin Kincannon

Clerk

10/2/2024