

TOWN OF EATON

MANITOWOC COUNTY

316 W MAIN STREET

VALDERS, WI 54245

Richard Christel, Chairman; Joe Riesterer, Supervisor; Lewis Schema, Supervisor; Paulette Vogt, Clerk; Pamela Schneider, Treasurer

TOWN BOARD MEETING 02-12-2024

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting of the Town of Eaton was called to order by Chairman Rick Christel at 6:30 p.m., Monday, February 12, 2024 at the Eaton Town Hall. The Pledge Allegiance to the flag was recited by all.

MEETING NOTICES: Meeting notices were posted at the Eaton Town Hall, and the Town Website timely.

ROLL CALL: Rick Christel, Chairman; Joe Riesterer, Supervisor, Lewy Schema, Supervisor, Paulette Vogt, Clerk, Pam Schneider, Treasurer, Craig Zipperer, Road Superintendent, and Ben Schema, Town Constable, were in attendance along with Randy Knier.

AGENDA: The agenda had been emailed previously. Supervisor Schema made a motion to accept the agenda, and Supervisor Riesterer 2nd the same, motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES: The minutes from the 1-8-2024 meeting had been emailed to the Board previously. Supervisor Schema made a motion to accept the minutes. Supervisor Riesterer 2nd the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC INPUT: Mr. Paul Binversie had questions about the phragmites weeds that were still growing in the Town. He was wondering if anything could be done about getting rid of this weed. He questioned if the town was doing anything or if the Town was in the program with Glacierland or not. He stated that with the Ash trees dying off, the wetlands will turn into grasslands and be taken over by the phragmites. After some discussion, Mr. Binversie is going to get further information and get some figures together to see how much it would cost to spray the unwanted weed. A suggestion was that maybe a number of people could get together and hire Glacierland themselves to spray the phragmites so it can be controlled.

Mr. Alex Christel would like to have a rezone done on his property and was wondering what the steps are to do this. Chairman Christel will get the necessary paperwork for Mr. Christel to first have a meeting at the Manitowoc County Park and Planning. The Town's Land Use Committee would set up a time to look at this property in question. Mr. Christel would then come back to the Town with all paperwork completed for approval from the Town. Chairman Christel further stated that Alex would have to get a culvert permit from the Town for this property.

There being no other public input, Chairman Christel closed public input.

ROAD SUPERINTENDENT: Road Superintendent Craig Zipperer reported on the many jobs he has been doing this month. Craig also fixed the hose on the grader and finished the Town Hall work.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The treasurer's report had been emailed to the Board previously. A motion was made by Supervisor Schema to accept the treasurer's report and Supervisor Riesterer 2nd the same. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSTABLE: Constable Ben Schema reported that he received a call from the County Sheriff's Dept about two stray dogs on Hwy 67. Mr. Schema said he did not hear anything back from the County after that so the problem must have been resolved.

ASSESSOR: No report.

CHAIRMAN REPORT:

SCHWOERER REZONE: Mr. Steve Schwoerer stated that his rezone request will be sent to the County's Park and Planning for consideration. After some discussion, Chairman Christel made a motion to approve the rezone on Evergreen Lane for Mr. Schwoerer. Supervisor Joe Riesterer 2nd the same. Motion carried unanimously.

CULVERT INVENTORY: After some lengthy discussion, Chairman Rick Christel made a motion to hire Manitowoc County to do our culvert inventory. Supervisor Lewy Schema 2nd the same. Motion carried unanimously.

SPRING WEIGHT LIMITS: Some discussion was held as to whether to post the weight limit signs now. Chairman Christel stated that Road Superintendent Craig Zipperer should use his own discretion as to whether to post them or not.

STORAGE FOR SHOP: After some discussion, Chairman Christel stated he could look into storage containers and their costs. He stated he would also like to talk to the Village Clerk for more information about the Town Hall property as it is zoned residential. No action was taken on this matter.

HUMANE SOCIETY: After some discussion, Supervisor Joe Riesterer made a motion to sign the contract with the Eastshore Humane Association, Inc. Supervisor Schema 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

APPROVE VOUCHERS: Supervisor Schema made a motion to approve the vouchers for January. Supervisor Riesterer 2nd the same. Motion carried.

MEETING REPORTS: Chairman Christel, and Supervisor Schema, and Clerk Vogt attended the WTA Unit Meeting in Branch.

Our next town board meeting will have Mr. Woodcock in attendance explaining the Valders referendum to us.

There will be a WTA County Unit Meeting on Thursday, March 21, 2024 at Meats sponsored by the Town of Centerville.

MISCELLANEOUS UPDATES: The WTA will be having a district meeting on March 9 at the Farm Wisconsin Discovery Center. Chairman Christel indicated that he will attend this meeting.

There will be a meeting at the Branch Fire Station on March 28, 2024 sponsored by the Town of Manitowoc Rapids to discuss the Fire/EMS services in our county.

There being no further discussion, Supervisor Schema made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Supervisor Riesterer 2nd the same. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Paulette Vogt, Town of Eaton Clerk