

# TOWN OF EATON

## MANITOWOC COUNTY

316 W MAIN STREET

VALDERS, WI 54245

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

### TOWN BOARD MEETING 10-14-2024

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting of the Town of Eaton was called to order by Chairman Rick Christel at 6:30 p.m., Monday, 10-14-2024 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, Paulette Vogt, Clerk, Pam Schneider, Treasurer, and Ben Schema, Town Constable, were in attendance along with Randy Knier and Road Superintendent Craig Zipperer. Supervisor Lewy Schema was excused.

**AGENDA:** The agenda had been emailed previously. Supervisor Riesterer made a motion to accept the agenda, and Chairman Christel 2<sup>nd</sup> the same, motion carried unanimously.

**MINUTES:** The minutes from the 9-9-2024 meeting had been emailed to the Board previously. Supervisor Riesterer made a motion to accept the minutes. Chairman Christel 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC INPUT:** Randy Knier stated that the free electronic collection at the recycling center went very well. There was interest in scheduling another collection like this one for next year (2025). With 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 stated that Vinton Construction started on the culvert work. The Board advised Craig to monitor the work being done on this. Craig added that the work on Zutz Bridge on Carstens Lake Road to be done by Ross Excavating will be delayed until next year. Craig will have the 50 foot culvert that will be used for this work delivered to the shop.

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

**CONSTABLE:** Constable Ben Schema reported that there was a call this month from the Manitowoc County Sheriff's Department about a skunk in a crate. The matter was taken care of.

**ASSESSOR:** No report.

### TOWN BUSINESS:

**EMS.** Chairman Christel read through the 3-year contract from the Valders Ambulance. Our cost would be based on the population of the Town quoted from the state at 812. After some discussion, Chairman Christel made a motion to sign the 3-year contract with a cost of \$36.00 per person in 2025 (\$29,232.00), a cost of \$38.00 per person in 2026 (\$30,856.00), and a cost of \$40.00 per person in 2027 (\$32,480.00). Supervisor Riesterer 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ROAD SUPERINTENDENT'S CONTRACT: After some discussion, Chairman Christel made a motion to raise Craig's hourly wage to \$32.60 per hour. Craig will have a total of 15 days of vacation for 2025, and Christmas Eve will be added to the paid holiday schedule. Supervisor Riesterer 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

UPDATE ON SHOP AND TOWN HALL LIGHTS: All lights in the Town Hall and Shop have been installed.

TRUCK 552: There have been no bids on the truck as of yet. The board thought that maybe a bigger "For Sale" sign on the truck would be appropriate.

LAWN MOWER: Chairman Christel stated that the lawn mower was sold for \$375. There had been about 32 interested people in the mower.

SIGNING BOOK FOR RECYCLING CENTER: After some discussion, the board decided to have a new policy of having people sign in at the recycling center when they dispose of their garbage and recycling material.

DEAD-END ROADS: Chairman Christel contacted the Town's Attorney to inquire about exploring the possibility of abandoning some of the Town's dead-end road properties. The Attorney stated that this could be done with the inclusion of a surveyor. There are approximately 5 + dead-end roads that could be involved. They would total about .54 miles of road. After some discussion, Chairman Christel made a motion to send a list of possible roads for abandonment to the Attorney for his overview. Supervisor Riesterer 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

WTA DUES AND TAC DUES: After some discussion, Chairman Christel made a motion that starting with 2025-2026 fiscal year (July 1, 2025- June 30, 2026) TAC dues bills will be sent and paid at the same time as general WTA dues so that henceforth both dues will be paid on the same schedule.

APPROVE VOUCHERS: The approval of vouchers for September 2024 will be added to the Pre-Budget Agenda.

MEETING REPORTS: Chairman Christel reported that the bill for the meal at the WTA meeting at MEATS in St. Nazianz, hosted by the Town of Eaton, totaled about \$600 and was remitted to the WTA – Manitowoc Unit Secretary.

Clerk Vogt attended the Fall Meeting virtually held by the WTA.

The Clerk and the Treasurer will be attending the Manitowoc County Treasurer's meeting on Tuesday, October 22, 2024. Credit Card information for collecting taxes is on the agenda for that evening.

CHAIRMAN UPDATES: Chairman Christel read a letter from Reed Gaedtke of the Manitowoc County Planning and Zoning Office. Mr. Gaedtke explained that there was an open seat for someone who wished to serve on the County Board of Adjustment. More information and inquiries for this position can be directed to:

Reed Gaedtke

Code Administrator

Manitowoc County

Planning and Zoning Department

(920) 683-4185

[ReedGaedtke@manitowocountywi.gov](mailto:ReedGaedtke@manitowocountywi.gov)

Chairman Christel then reported on a dispute he dealt with on a dead-end road in Eaton.

CLERK'S REPORT: The Clerk reported that election preparation is going well.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Paulette Vogt, Town of Eaton Clerk