

TOWN OF SHERMAN
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
February 16, 2022

Chairman Chase Potter called the February 16, 2022 Monthly Board Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and stated that the meeting had been properly noticed and published.

Those present were Chairman Chase Potter, Board Members, Paul Heifner, Amanda Klosterman, Lynn Smith, Kelley Krause, Clerk/Treasurer Ashley Score, and Patrolman Terry Ford. Refer to sign in sheet for others present.

Chairman Potter asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes from the January 19, 2022 monthly meeting. Amanda made the motion to approve the January meeting minutes as presented, 2nd by Paul, motion passed.

Public input – There was none.

Ashley provided the Clerk/Treasurers report of correspondence including an update on the February 15, 2022 primary election for Menomonie school board, 2% fire due certification, State injury and illness reporting, State housing report, a thank you note from Judy Jones, Dunn Energy notice of upcoming district election, County PIN report, February tax settlement, and receipting solid waste and dog tag payments. Ashley shared that a resident inquired about not paying the annual \$180 fee for curb side refuse collection in 2021 because they did not receive bins. Ashley confirmed the Town was not billed for the service. Motion to reimburse Cabrini Brandl the \$180 fee for 2021 made by Chase, 2nd by Amanda. Motion passed. The Board will consider a solid waste/recycling curb side pick up fee pay policy at the next board meeting. Motion to approve payments for approval report as presented made by Amanda, 2nd by Kelley. Motion passed.

Chase skipped down to agenda item “Plan Commission Update”. Sarah Paquette, Plan Commission Chair, shared an update from the plan commission including progress made on each section assigned to the commission members and UW River Falls survey timeline update with an estimated survey delivery after September 15, 2022 to Town of Sherman households.

CSMs- The board reviewed Scott and Anita Sykora’s CSM as presented. Plan Commission recommend approval of CSM. Motion to Approve CSM made by Paul, 2nd by Amanda. Motion passed.

Building permits-there were none.

Driveway permits- there were none.

Utility permits-there were none.

Chase moved on to agenda item “Consider Amending Broadband grant proposal”. Chase shared information he received from Spectrum Charter about their plans to begin laying fiber in the Northern part of the Town of Sherman as soon as summer 2022 utilizing their federal funding. 24/7 Telcom revised their grant proposal to lay fiber to areas of the Town of Sherman that would not be served by Spectrum Charter. The revised 24/7 Telcom proposal would decrease the households served from approximately 392 to 144 bring the total project costs from an estimated 2.7 million to 1.5 million. Discussion on the how much of the Town of Sherman’s \$93,364.35 ARPA funds to pledge to grant application. Kelley made the motion to keep the pledge at \$73,000.00 for 24/7 grant broadband grant application, 2nd by Amanda. Roll Call vote as follows: Paul-no, Amanda-yes, Lynn-no, Kelley-yes, Chase-no. Motion failed with 3 opposed and 2 in favor. Chase made the motion to pledge a pro-rated total of \$34,037.00 to the 24/7 Telcom broadband grant application, 2nd by Paul. Roll call vote as follows: Paul-yes, Amanda-no, Lynn-yes, Kelley-no, Chase-yes. Motion passed with 3 in favor, 2 opposed.

Short recess from 7:40pm – 7:50pm.

Chase moved on to Consideration of financial audit options. Ashley shared that she inquired with Wisconsin Town Association for possible audit options and they recommend contacting other municipalities for local options. Motion to approve Clifton, Larson, Allen 2021 financial audit bid of \$5,750 made by Amanda, 2nd by Lynn. Motion passed.

Chase moved on the Consideration of VA donated heads stone in Town of Sherman cemetery. The board reviewed options for possible placement. Amanda made the motion to support the placement of a VA donated headstone for Crosby family in the Town of Sherman cemetery with location to be determined, 2nd by Paul, motion passed.

Terry provided an update on roadwork including: new blades, signs, plowing snow, and winging snow. Terry will attend the safety seminar on March 1st, 2022.

Paul provided an update on Boyceville Fire and Ambulance noting Boyceville Fire meets quarterly. Paul shared that Chief Wayne Dow is going a good job and is gaining EMTs but it is still a struggle to staff two EMTs at all times.

March monthly meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 23rd at 6:30pm. April annual meeting is scheduled for 6:00pm, Tuesday, April 19, 2022. April monthly meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 19th, 2022 to immediately follow the 6:00pm annual meeting. Open book is scheduled for Wednesday, April 20, 2022 from 6:00-8:00pm. Board of Review is scheduled for Thursday, May 12, 2022 from 4:00-6:00pm. Amanda made the motion to schedule the May monthly meeting for Wednesday, May 18, 2022 at 6:30pm, 2nd by Kelley. Motion passed.

Other Business for Discussion Only- Paul inquired about Board of Review training options for 2022. Chase shared information on the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) and benefits of applying for funds in 2022 when engineering costs will be covered. Kelley shared a draft Town of Sherman Cemetery Sexton job description and scope of work for consideration at the March monthly meeting. Lynn shared an idea to purchase a used larger truck for hauling crushed rock for the Board to consider at the March monthly meeting.

Motion to adjourn the February monthly meeting made by Chase, 2nd by Kelley. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm.

Submitted by: Ashley Score, Clerk/Treasurer, Town of Sherman