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**MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF MERRILL BOARD MEETING**

**HELD AT THE TOWN OF MERRILL COMMUNITY CENTER**

**OCTOBER 14th, 2024 AT 5:30 P.M.**

Chairman Mike Hass called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Chairman Mike Hass, Supervisors Darrel Dengel, Matt Leder, Tim Mueske, Scott Oberg all in attendance.

Also present: See sign in sheet.

Motion by Matt Leder to accept minutes of the September 9th, 2024 Town Meeting as printed, 2nd by Darrel Dengel; motion carried 5-0.

Treasurer’s Report: Ending Balance as of October 14th, 2024 is $925,510.29. After checks issued on October 14th, 2024 for $77,130.89. Balance as of October 14th, 2024 $845,781.78. Motion by Darrel Dengel to approve as read, 2nd by Matt Leder; motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Darrel Dengel to approve the vouchers as presented, 2nd by Scott Oberg; motion carried 5-0.

**ROAD REPORT**

Chairman Mike Hass reported that all the culverts are put in. American Asphalt will finish black topping soon.

Chairman Mike Hass has been trying to get a hold of Ryan Dewar about snow plowing but is unable to reach him and hasn’t received a return call. We need to get drivers set up for snow plowing. We will put an ad in next week’s paper.

West End was graded, Ryan will get out to regrade all the roads this week.

Fowler Drive was spray patched; a lot of roads need to be spray patched next year.

Received the bridge report from the State, brush needs to be removed, Mike went out with Jon Leiskau will cut it for $1800-$2300.

**EQUIPMENT REPORT**

Rick & Ryan will check the trucks (air driers) this week.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Discussion about Moritzville Ave., Chairman Mike Hass called the Towns Assoc. they said that unless we maintained it, there is nothing we can do except change the road. Mike will talk to the homeowners to see if they are willing to sell the property to us. If not, we will have to put it into the budget for next year to change the road.

Discussed digging permits for utilizes, companies would have to name each road they are doing work on, not just a blanket permit. We will discuss again next month.

**NEW BUSINESS**

No bartender’s license.

Darrel Dengel made a motion to approve the fireworks permit for David Bessey starting December 25th, 2024 and ending December 25th, 2024, 2nd by Tim Mueske; motion carried 5-0.

Additional information suggested to be put on the tax letter. Need to take off Dewar for snow plowing. Add: It is the Township’s responsibility for maintaining the road’s therefore mowing and possibly brush cutting will be done in the Township’s right of way.

Motion by Darrel Dengel to close the ARAP account and transfer the $5.79 to Purpose First Money Market account, 2nd by Matt Leder; motion carried 5-0.

Discussion on digging for Don Wendorf, Chairman Mike Hass contacted Tony the surveyor, 1st we have to call Deter to get permission from him, once he gives permission to possibly dig on his land, then Tony will get involved and then we can call the county to do the digging or if Don wants to do it himself.

There are 7 trees over the easement & right of way on River Bend Dr. Chairman Mike Hass talked to Jon Leiskau and he would cut them down for $1400, the landowner said they would pay half, $700. So, our cost would also be $700. We will need to get it in writing that the landowner is willing to pay half of the bill. Motion by Darrel Dengel, 2nd by Tim Mueske; motion carried 5-0.

Set the date for Public Meeting & Special Meeting of Electors. Darrel Dengel made a motion of November 11th, 2024 at 5:30 P.M. for the date for Public Meeting & Special Meeting of Electors with the monthly Board Meeting to follow, 2nd by Scott Oberg; motion carried 5-0.

Motion made by Darrel Dengel to adopt an ordinance designating the following town roads as a snowmobile an all-terrain vehicle route in accordance with Section 350.04 and Section 23.33(8) of WI Statutes: Spring Lake Rd., Black Alder Dr., Pinewood Ln., Forest Dr., Hillside Dr. (Hwy K to Lake Pesobic Rd), ROW Rd. (east & west), Champagne Dr., Council Ground Dr., Permission to have trail cross Town Hall property, 2nd by Tim Mueske; motion carried 5-0.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Town of Merrill Budget Planning Meeting is Monday October 21st, 2024 at 5:00 P.M. at the Town of Merrill Community Center.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Don Wendorf asked about another culvert having to be put in the town’s right of way.

Comment was made that Airport Rd. turned out nice, there are 2 spots where there is damage and should be spray patched.

Tony Baumann suggested we budget for surveying some of the problem roads, one being Memorial Dr. We will discuss again at next meeting.

**ADJOURN**

Darrel Dengel made a motion to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Tim Mueske; motion carried 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 6:38 pm.

Mitzi Flegner, Clerk