

Town of Niagara, Marinette County
Regular Town Board Monthly Meeting Minutes
June 20, 2023 at Niagara Town Hall, W6889 US Hwy 8

Agenda of Town Board Meeting

- 1) Pledge of Allegiance.
- 2) Call to Order and Roll Call.
 - a. The June 20, 2023, Monthly Board Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.
 - b. Chairman Butler, Supervisor Neuens, Supervisor Sanicki, and Clerk Wentzel were present. Treasurer Emond was absent. (Treasurer Emond had schedule conflict, and arrived at mid-point of meeting.)
- 3) Approve / Amend agenda items for June 20, 2023.
 - a. M/S: Sanicki/Neuens to approve the agenda for June 20, 2023. Motion passed. No negative votes.
- 4) Approve / Amend minutes of May 16, 2023 Town Board Meeting.
 - a. M/S: Neuens/Sanicki to approve minutes of May 16, 2023, regular Town Board Meeting as presented. Motion passed. No negative votes.
- 5) Treasurer's Report (presented by Clerk Wentzel in Treasurer Emond's absence).
 - a. M/S: Sanicki/Neuens to approve Treasurer's Report as submitted. Motion passed. No negative votes.
- 6) Public Comment; non-discussion from Board.
 - a. None.
- 7) Discussion / Action Item: Road Inspection and 3-Year Road Plan including LRIP/TRIP project.
 - a. Discussion: Supervisors Neuens and Sanicki completed the Road Inspection; Chairman Butler was able to be present for West end, but not East end. We are in rotation for LRIP funds in 2024; currently, Provencher is the only road planned for 2024 work at this time. Culvert on Timm's Lake Road has also been and will continue to be monitored. Crack Sealing Program will resume within Township utilizing Hot Shot Machine we currently own.
 - b. M/S: No action. Table this topic for July agenda to finalize 3-Year Road Plan.
 - c. Status: In Progress.
- 8) Discussion / Action Item: Update on Township joining the multi-jurisdictional court.
 - a. Discussion: Chairman Butler has talked with Chairman Younglove (Beecher), and Younglove will draft documentation to reflect Township of Niagara will be on a contract basis for a 1-year period where we have full use of the court, and after that time period we will become a full voting member. Once documentation is received by Clerk Wentzel, she has permission to pay invoices due (costs pre-approved by Board) to Multi-Jurisdictional Court.
 - b. M/S: Neuens/Sanicki to approve 1-year contract with Multi-Jurisdictional Court and pay invoices due. Motion passed. No negative votes.
 - c. Status: Complete.
- 9) Discussion / Action Item: Update on the Animal Ordinance.
 - a. Discussion: Dog Catcher Kim Deforge was contacted by Clerk Wentzel for suggestions on updating Animal Ordinance. The largest issue is residents are not registering their dogs. If Deforge is not able to take the dog to Iron Mountain, the police take the animal to Crivitz, which translates into larger fees for animal owner (when they claim the animal) as well as Township (if animal is euthanized). Current Ordinance does outline fines for dogs caught without a license. Deforge also asked Clerk Wentzel if there was a limit in the township for number of dogs in the household. Ordinance will be reviewed by Bruce Laliberte and Chairman Butler, compared with

local towns and townships, to make sure our ordinance specifically addresses licensing and consequences thoroughly.

- b. M/S: None. Table this topic for July agenda with potential updates to Animal Ordinance.
- c. Status: In Progress.

10) Discussion / Action Item: Snow Plow Blades.

- a. Discussion: Chairman Butler talked with Chairman Bole (Pembine) and Pembine orders once a year in mid-July. Chairman Butler recommends ordering with them to bundle and receive cost savings.
- b. M/S: Neuens/Sanicki to order snow plow blades (2 sets of carbide blades and 3 sets of “regular” blades) with Pembine and receive cost savings. Motion passed. No negative votes.
- c. Status: Complete.

11) Discussion / Action Item: New 1-Ton Truck Update.

- a. Discussion: Chairman Butler visited Era Chevrolet; truck has arrived and waiting. Plow is waiting at Wilson’s; Monroe (box) is the hold-up. September is anticipated delivery date with box and plow installed. Badger Auto submitted an offer of \$2,000 on a trade for old v-plow against purchase of new one.
- b. M/S: Sanicki/Neuens to accept Badger Auto proposal of \$2,000 trade-in for Township’s old v-plow. Motion passed. No negative votes.
- c. Status: In Progress.

12) Discussion / Action Item: Shallow ditch to be added to northside of Van Hulla Road.

- a. Discussion: Chairman Butler has viewed the area repeatedly; tall pine trees shade the road significantly, which impacts ice melting, as well as utility service/access concerns. There are a lot of obstacles at that location to complicate adding a shallow ditch.
- b. M/S: Sanicki/Neuens to take no further action on the north side of Van Hulla Road. Motion passed. No negative votes.
- c. Status: Complete.

13) Discussion / Action Item: Purchase of Gravel for the West End from Midwest Gravel.

- a. Discussion: Chairman Butler received estimate of 1,000 tons (1,500 yard) for \$6,000 or 2,000 tons (3,000 yards) for \$11,200. Treasurer Emond reviewed records for past purchases to compare; Sept 2021 was last purchase of 1,500 tons for \$8,400. Chairman Butler and Supervisor Sanicki will meet with Kevin to double-check figures.
- b. M/S: Neuens/Sanicki to have Township purchase the larger of two options, 2,000 tons (3,000 yards) at \$11,200 from Kevin Romitti. Motion passed. No negative votes.
- c. Status: Complete.

14) Discussion / Action Item: Renewals of Class B liquor (combination) licenses for Nev’s North Star, Bomber’s and Bob’s Country Bar, and the Class A liquor license for Cedars Edge Wine & Gifts.

- a. Discussion: Chairman Butler, Supervisors Neuens and Sanicki reviewed paperwork, asking Clerk Wentzel if everything was complete and in good standing order.
- b. M/S: Sanicki/Neuens to approve license renewals paperwork as submitted. Motion passed. No negative votes.
- c. Status: Complete.

15) Discussion / Action Item: Approvals of Bartender (Operator) Licenses.

- a. Discussion: Chairman Butler, Supervisors Neuens and Sanicki reviewed paperwork, asking Clerk Wentzel to make sure copies of individual’s course completion on file.
- b. M/S: Neuens/Sanicki to approve operator licenses as submitted. Motion passed. No negative votes.
- c. Status: Complete.

- 16) Discussion / Action Item: Renewals of Cigarette License.
- a. Discussion: No concerns from Board. Clerk Wentzel advised only applicant – North Star Bar – will receive copy of flyer from Wisconsin Dept of Revenue regarding legal age of cigarette sales.
 - b. M/S: Sanicki/Neuens to approve cigarette license as submitted. Motion passed. No negative votes.
 - c. Status: Complete.
- 17) Discussion / Action Item: Tar for crack sealer.
- a. Discussion: Chapman Road by North Star Bar has been fixed due to significant shoulder hazard (washout). Scott Morin performed the work; \$5,400 was cost. As previous stated, Crack Sealing Program will be reinstated in Township to help protect longevity of roads. Tar quotes obtained by Chairman Butler from Midwest Gravel and received assurance materials would be easily on hand locally.
 - b. M/S: Sanicki/Neuens to pay invoice from Scott Morin of \$5,400 for Chapman Road emergency repairs. Motion passed. No negative votes.
 - c. Status: Complete. Table this topic to July agenda to confirm purchase of tar in near future.
- 18) Road Chief's Report
- a. Joe Geldmeyer's grandson is obtaining his CDL license, and both Ken and Chairman Butler believe it could be a good opportunity to bring him on-board with Town maintenance training.
 - b. Tires have been installed on tractor. Mower hooked up and Ken performed a couple laps to ensure all working properly.
 - c. Ken cleaned up facility, saving 3 culverts and transported refuse away.
 - d. Snow fencing is to be reviewed for what's in good shape, what's not.
- 19) Planning Commission Report
- a. No activity. A few questions have come forward about camping. Bruce will meet up with Bob Grandaw.
- 20) Zoning Administrator's Report
- a. Clerk Wentzel presented in Bob Grandaw's absence.
- 21) Lake Shannon Report
- a. Bob will attend upcoming July meeting.
- 22) Multi-Jurisdictional Court Report
- a. No report at this time. Bob will plan to attend all future meetings.
- 23) Announce next meeting: Tuesday, July 18, 2023, 6:00 PM at the Niagara Town Hall
- 24) Adjourn
- a. M/S Neuens/Sanicki to adjourn the meeting at 7:03 pm. Motion passed. No negative votes.

Respectfully submitted by Sara Wentzel, Town Clerk _____

Chairman Butler

Supervisor Neuens

Supervisor Sanicki