

**Town of Niagara, Marinette County**  
Regular Town Board Monthly Meeting Minutes  
February 20, 2024 at Niagara Town Hall, W6889 US Hwy 8

**Agenda of Town Board Meeting**

- 1) Pledge of Allegiance, Call to Order and Roll Call.
  - a. The February 20, 2024, Monthly Board Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM. A quorum was met.
  - b. Present: Chairman Bob Butler, Supervisor David Sanicki, Supervisor Ron Neuens, Treasurer Debbie Emond, Clerk Sara Wentzel. Excused/Absent: None.
- 2) Approve / Amend agenda items for February 20, 2024.
  - a. M/S: Neuens/Sanicki to approve the agenda for February 20, 2024. Voice votes taken; no negative votes. Motion passed.
- 3) Approve / Amend minutes of January 16, 2024, Town Board Meeting.
  - a. M/S: Sanicki/Neuens to approve the minutes of January 16, 2024, regular Town Board Meeting. Voice votes taken; no negative votes. Motion passed.
- 4) Treasurer's Report presented by Treasurer Emond.
  - a. Income for January equaled \$234,059.84. Expenditures for January equaled \$233,973.32.
  - b. M/S: Sanicki/Neuens to approve Treasurer's Report as presented by Treasurer Emond. Voice votes taken; no negative votes. Motion passed.
- 5) Public Comment; non-discussion from Board.
  - a. None.
- 6) Discussion / Action Item: Zoning change to Camping Ordinance.
  - a. Discussion: Chairman Butler has obtained documentation (research) from other townships regarding their camping ordinances for comparison and review to assist Planning Commission in crafting this ordinance's revision. At this time, no vote will be taken; further research will be conducted, and this topic will be tabled for discussion at March's meeting.
  - b. M/S: None.
  - c. Status: In Progress.
- 7) Discussion / Action Item: Zoning change to Home Rentals.
  - a. Discussion: At this time, no vote will be taken. It is the Board's recommendation that the Zoning Change for Camping Ordinance be tackled and resolved first. This topic will be tabled until May's meeting.
  - b. M/S: None.
  - c. Status: In Progress.
- 8) Discussion / Action Item: Purchase of small, battery-operated chain saws (for plow truck drivers').
  - a. Discussion: Chairman Butler discussed this request with Road Chief Ken Romuald that this equipment be made available (quantity=3) for plow truck drivers as they navigate the roads and come across any branches, which may be overhanging and require removal so as to not damage the plow truck nor fall into the road (from weight of snow or due to wind). Bid is for \$777.00 for 3-Husqvarna units from Bob's Midland Service in Niagara.
  - b. M/S: Sanicki/Neuens to approve the purchase of 3 battery-operated saws at \$777.00 from Bob's Midland Service. Voice votes taken; no negative votes. Motion passed.
  - c. Status: Complete.
- 9) Discussion / Action Item: 6-20 ft. Bridge Program (WisDOT, WTA, WCA, League of Municipality).
  - a. Discussion: In 2024, Township is required to take inventory of all culverts ranging from 6 ft to 20 ft. The Township needs to submit by April 15, 2024, which method of taking inventory we will

pursue to the Wisconsin Towns Association and Marinette County Highway Commissioner. The options are: 1) to utilize our own staff to collect and input the data on 6-20' bridges and culverts in our jurisdiction, 2) we can have Marinette County collect and input the data, or 3) we can hire a private vendor to collect and input the data. Chairman Butler believes the Township is capable of doing this inventory on our own.

- b. M/S: Neuens/Sanicki to have the Township staff (Road Chief Romuald, Chairman Butler, Joe Geldmeyer) complete the 6-20 ft bridges and culverts data inventory for Marinette County Highway Commissioner and Wisconsin Towns Association by April 15, 2024. Voice votes taken; no negative votes. Motion passed.

c. Status: Complete.

10) Road Chief's Report as submitted/presented by Ken Romuald.

- a. Hardly any snow; plowed last week and appears all staff did a good job.
- b. Ken's been working on cutting brush while snow removal demands are almost non-existent.
- c. Ken will be on vacation soon, so Jim Cater will be backup for snow removal in Ken's absence.

11) Planning Commission Report.

- a. None; Bruce LaLiberte was absent.

12) Zoning Administrator's Report as presented by Bob Grandaw.

- a. 0 permits were issued in January. For 2023, in summary we issued 42 permits, which is a 36% increase from 2022 (27 permits issued).

13) Lake Shannon Report as presented by Bob Butler.

- a. Next Meeting: March 2024.

14) Multi-Jurisdictional Court Report as presented by Bob Butler.

- a. Next Meeting: April 23, 2024.

15) Announce next meeting: Tuesday, March 19, 2024, 6:00 PM at the Niagara Town Hall.

16) Adjourn

- a. M/S Neuens/Sanicki to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 PM. Voice votes taken; no negative votes. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Sara Wentzel, Clerk

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Bob Butler, Chairman

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