

The Town of Herman Monthly Board Meeting
September 20, 2023

The monthly Town of Herman Board Meeting was called to order by Chairman Bob Kristof at 7:01 pm. Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those present.

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Bob, second by Duane, motion carried, 3-0.

The minutes from the previous meeting were read by Brenda. Motion to approve the minutes as read was made by Bob, second by Duane, motion carried, 3-0.

Public Comments and correspondences were reviewed.

Matt Hietpas, who works for Shawano County Technical Service Director, is Teaming up with Scott from Cirrinity, proposed a fiber route that starts west of Gresham and loops past a tower on Mill Creek Rd, branches into Red Springs, crosses 29 and into Leopolis, and covers all of Leopolis. Cirrinity is looking for letters of support and a financial commitment. The proposal would cover 22.5 miles of fiber, cover 327 homes and connects 6 of their 8 towers to Shawano County 911 centers. The total cost is 1.6 million, the grant funds requesting from public service commissions \$60,000, Shawano County is responsible for \$200,000, (Shawano county and Municipalities that want to team up). The remaining \$440,000 will be Cirrinity. They would like us to have a resolution to commit at next meeting.

Norb Stauber from Rural Mutual came to review our insurance coverage. Some changes will be made to include new restrooms at the park, values will be increased, and updates will be made.

Roads – Roosevelt need potholes filled in.

ARPA – nothing new to report

Town Hall Storage Extension estimate – Andy Gingerich quoted \$16,500 for 26' x 24' x 10' tall, 16' x 9' garage door with opener, 36' x 80' door with window, and 2 windows. A down payment of \$8,250 is required to begin work. Duane made a motion to approve the town hall storage unit, second by Clay, motion carried, 3-0.

Leopolis property Parcel 1 (Clark) will be sold to Doug Clark and his family for \$3,500

Leopolis property Parcel 2 (Kristof) Bob will purchase and will eventually build replacement bar, and deducted \$15,000 ARPA funds, and half CSM which comes to 44,513.39.

Leopolis property Parcel 3 (Town Property) attached to pond, approximately 70' x 50' will remain Town property (\$3,000). We need purchase agreements or Quick claim deed for parcels 1 and 2. Money would be returned to ARPA funds.

Every year WISLR Road Map needs to be approved to continue to receive funds. We have fill out everything we've doneto roads, indicate which roads are ours, etc. We also need to do road construction report at the same time, which should be submitted by on October 20, 2023.

Liquor License for Wedding Barns are now required if they hold more than 5 events per year. Dan Peebles is looking for information on how to obtain one. Town charges \$170 and state \$10,000 to initiate the process. Brenda emailed the WTA to see how many licenses can be issued in the town of Herman.

Review Leopolis Ballpark Bathroom cost – total of cost so far is \$21,407.85, Town committed \$10,000 from ARPA, so far has paid \$3,345.25 paid for lumber and trim. Booster club gave \$3,000 towards the project, and

ball club is responsible for the remaining \$11,753.10. Ball club had had bathroom reffles that collected \$2,290 last year and \$2,500 this year. Ball club is looking for a check tonight for \$6654.75 which is the remainder of the \$10,000ARPA commitment.

Brenda has agreed to take over as Web site manager for \$200 per year. The domain and site are paid through 2025.

We used to pay the booster club \$1,200 per year for Leopolis Shelter lawn mowing cost. Since the town took over management of the shelter from reservation standpoint, we are responsible for that. Steve Kristof turned in receipts for mowing around park and pond. The salary for mowing is \$25 for 1st hour and \$15 for each additional hour.

2024 Budget was reviewed. Building Inspector probably needs to be raised, maybe raise bartender license – we charge \$5 and it cost \$7 to do a background check. DOR is looking for a way for municipalities to do thos without s cost or reduced cost.

Public hearing and special meeting dates have been set for November 15, 2023 at 6pm for public hearing and 6:30 for special town meeting followed by our town meeting at 7pm

No one will be attending this year's WTA Convention.

The Finance report was presented to the Board by Beth. Balances as of August 31, 2023, Checking \$12,590.57, MM \$200,026.22, Covid Relief Funds \$20,452.36 for a Total Balance of \$233,069.15. A motion to approve the Financial Report as read was made by Bob, second by Clay, motion carried, 3-0.

September's monthly list of payables was presented to the Board by Brenda. A motion to approve the list of payables as presented was made by Duane, second by Clay, motion carried, 3-0.

Brenda will help out as a deputy clerk to help a new clerk at a per diem cost of \$25 per hour for the first hour/ \$15 each additional hour. Brenda will create a postcard mailing recruiting a new clerk.

Robert Dillenberg has accepted and was appointed the new Chairman for the current term ending April 2025.

Next meeting date is Wednesday, October 18, 2023 @ 7:00pm

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Bob, second by Duane, motion carried, 3-0. Time is 9:12pm

Submitted by Brenda Cerveny, Clerk