

**TOWN OF MANITOWOC RAPIDS
MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 14, 2024**

The August 14, 2024 meeting of the Town of Manitowoc Rapids meeting was called to order by Chairperson Stradal at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Hall, 8624 CTH JJ, Manitowoc, WI.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called, and members present were: Josh Stradal-Chairperson, Tom Wetenkamp-Supervisor 1, Jeremy Stradal-Road Foreman, and Jessica Backus-Clerk/Treasurer. Supervisor Jost and Constable Jim Wiesner.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairperson Stradal presented the minutes from the July 10, 2024 Monthly Meeting. Supervisor Wetenkamp moved to approve the meeting minutes, seconded by Supervisor Jost. Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

Chairperson Stradal presented the August 14, 2024 agenda. Supervisor Jost moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Supervisor Wetenkamp. Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Clerk Backus presented the cash flow report. Supervisor Wetenkamp moved to approve the cash flow report, seconded by Supervisor Jost. Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairperson Stradal opened public comment at 6:32 p.m.

No one present wished to speak, subsequently Chairperson Stradal closed public input at 6:32 p.m.

CORRESPONDENCE

REPORTS

Constable – Constable Wiesner reported he received three calls. He requested Clerk Backus send noxious weed letters to the property owners of 3809 Stone Rd and 10133 Old Highway 151. He received a nuisance complaint regarding someone living behind 4608 Pierce Dr. in a camper. Clerk Backus would email County Planning and Zoning to report the issue.

Highway – Road Foreman Stradal reported that a speed limit could be reduced by 10mph without a speed study. Currently Stone Rd speed limit is 55mph, which means the Town can reduce it to 45mph. Chairperson Stradal requested the speed limit be added to next month’s agenda. Lastly, the road work award to Scott’s Construction and NEA was completed.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion on Manitowoc Fire and Rescue

Chairperson Stradal informed the board the City of Manitowoc Fire Department would be willing to enter into a contract with the Town to cover the sections that Rockwood and Silver Creek Volunteer Fire Departments currently cover, which are adjacent to the City of Manitowoc. The reason the Board has been researching a possible change in fire service is based on the best response time for the Town people in those sections. Manitowoc has a fulltime fire department, which would provide a much quicker response time in an emergency. The City would consider a five-year contract in the amount of \$100,000 for City Fire and Ambulance Services. By locking in a fire year contract, this would guarantee no rate increase for fire or ambulance service until 2030. The cost between switching to the city for fire and ambulance from Rockwood and Silver Creek would be a wash. However, the Town’s insurance agent mentioned a homeowner that would receive the City’s ISO rating

of a 2 would see significant savings from their volunteer fire department rating of a 9. The Board will continue this discussion with the two fire departments and the City.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Update on Truck

Nothing to report.

OTHER BUSINESS

Items for Next Month

Generator

Stone Rd

Truck

FD Contracts

Vouchers

Clerk Backus presented the August vouchers. Chairperson Stradal moved to approve the vouchers as presented for the month of July, seconded by Supervisor Wetenkamp. Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

NEXT MEETING DATES

Monthly Meeting – September 11, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

There being no further discussion, Supervisor Wetenkamp moved to adjourn; seconded by Supervisor Jost, and the motion was adopted by acclamation. The meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jessica Backus, Clerk/Treasurer