

**TOWN OF MANITOWOC RAPIDS  
MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 11, 2023**

The January 11, 2023 meeting of the Town of Manitowoc Rapids meeting was called to order by Chairperson Stradal at 7:00 pm 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, John Jost-Supervisor 2, Jeremy Stradal-Road Foreman, Jessica Backus-Clerk/Treasurer, and Jim Wiesner-Constable. Scott Tennessen-Assessor was excused.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Chairperson Stradal presented the minutes from the December 7, 2022 meeting. Supervisor Jost moved to approve the meeting minutes, seconded by Supervisor Wetenkamp. Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

Chairperson Stradal presented the January 11, 2023 agenda. Supervisor Wetenkamp moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Supervisor Jost. 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 7:02 p.m.

Mike Valleskey, requested the Town Board invite the Town’s County Board Supervisor Rick Gerroll to attend a town meeting and provide information regarding the courthouse dome project.

No one present wished to speak, subsequently Chairperson Stradal closed public input at 7:03 p.m.

**REPORTS**

*Constable* – Constable Wiesner reported on the Lee Schisel property.

*Highway* – Road Foreman Stradal reported they will be working on trimming the trees on Cedar Lane this coming week.

*Assessor* – Nothing to report.

**NEW BUSINESS**

*Discussion and possible action on Hawkins Ash Contract*

Chairperson Stradal moved to approve the Hawkins Ash Contract; seconded by Supervisor Wetenkamp. Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

*Discussion and possible action on Manitowoc County Joint Powers Agreement*

Chairperson Stradal moved to approve the Manitowoc County Joint Powers Agreement, seconded by Supervisor Jost. Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

*Discussion and possible action on City of Manitowoc Biosolids Agreement*

Supervisor Wetenkamp moved to approve the City of Manitowoc Biosolids Agreement, seconded by Supervisor Jost. Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

*Discussion and possible action on Rural Mutual Insurance Quotes*

The Board tabled the quotes until the building valuations come in. They would like to increase the cost of the three plow trucks as well.

*Discussion and possible action on Mill Rd Bridge*

Chairperson Stradal informed the Board that Mill Rd Bridge needs to be reviewed do to poor structure.

*Discussion and possible action on Speed Limit on CTH H*

Supervisor Wetenkamp informed the concerned citizen the speed limit will remain as posted.

*Discussion and possible action on Declaring a Snow Emergency*

Chairperson Stradal discussed the snow emergency ordinance from the WTA magazine and the possibility of the Town Attorney drafting such an ordinance to be discussed at next month's meeting.

*Discussion and possible action on Fire Department and First Responder Year End Report*

Clerk Backus reported all five entities turned in their reports.

*Discussion and possible action on Recycling Center Hire*

Chairperson Stradal moved to hire Shelly Moffat for the recycling center position, seconded by Supervisor Jost. Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

*Items for Next Month's Agenda*

Rural Mutual  
Mill Rd Bridge  
Snow Emergency

*Vouchers*

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

**NEXT MEETING DATES**

Monthly Meeting – February 15, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

There being no further discussion, Supervisor Jost moved to adjourn; seconded by Supervisor Wetenkamp, and the motion was adopted by acclamation. The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jessica Backus, Clerk/Treasurer