

**TOWN OF MANITOWOC RAPIDS
MEETING MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 12, 2025**

The February 12, 2025 meeting of the Town of Manitowoc Rapids meeting was called to order by Chairman 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, John Jost-Supervisor 2, Jessica Backus-Clerk/Treasurer, Constable Jim Wiesner and Jeremy Stradal-Road Foreman.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairperson Stradal presented the minutes from the January 8, 2025 meetings. Supervisor Wetenkamp moved to approve the meeting minutes, seconded by Supervisor Jost. Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

Chairperson Stradal presented the February 12, 2025 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 6:32 p.m.

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

REPORTS

Constable – Constable Wiesner reported three calls.

Highway – Road Foreman Stradal reported on two quotes for the two exterior doors of the town hall. Phipps Construction quoted \$9,200. Keehan Custom Cabinetry quoted \$5,000. Supervisor Jost moved to hire Keehan, seconded by Supervisor Wetenkamp. Upon vote, it passed with two ayes. Chairman Stradal abstained from voting. Road Foreman Stradal informed the board that the 305 needed new tires. He received a quote from Poms for \$2,044. Supervisor Jost moved to purchase the tires from Poms, seconded by Supervisor Wetenkamp. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously. He questioned how much was set aside for noxious weed. Clerk Backus informed him there was \$4,500 designated for noxious weed.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion and action on Conditional Use Permit for PMK Wisconsin LLC

Chair Stradal and the board reviewed the Condition Use Permit request from PMK Wisconsin LLC pertaining to opening a gas station at 6000 CTH JJ. No one was present from PMK Wisconsin. Supervisor Wetenkamp moved to approve the conditional use permit according to the County’s rules and regulations they set forth, seconded by Supervisor Jost. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Discussion and action on Rezone Request for Fischer/Johnson

Randy Drumm, Land Use Committee member reported Bryce Fischer and Amy Johnson would like to rezone 2.2 acres of land from Exclusive Agriculture to General Agriculture to continue the use of farmland and host a farmers’ market. The committee made a recommendation to approve the rezone request and send the recommendation to the County. Supervisor Wetenkamp moved to approve the rezone request for Bryce Fischer and Amy Johnson, seconded by Supervisor Jost. Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

Discussion and action on Rezone Request for Vogel

Randy Drumm, Land Use Committee member reported Guy and Kay Vogel would like to rezone 2 acres of land from Exclusive Agriculture to Rural Residential to build a new home. The committee made a recommendation to approve the rezone request and send the recommendation to the County. Supervisor Jost moved to approve the rezone request for Guy and Kay Vogel, seconded by Supervisor Wetenkamp. Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

Discussion and action on Land Use Committee Appointment

Chairman Stradal informed the Board he stepped down from the Land Use Committee. Stradal moved to nominate Supervisor Wetenkamp to represent the Town Board on the Land Use Committee, seconded by Supervisor Jost. Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

Discussion and action on Renewal of Truck Loan

Clerk Backus provided the renewal of loan rates. Supervisor Wetenkamp moved to choose the fixed rate for three years, seconded by Supervisor Jost. Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

Discussion and action on adding Golf Carts to ATV Ordinance

Chairman Stradal has been asked to discuss allowing golf carts on town roads by Branch Golf Course. The clerk will check with the attorney about amending the current ordinance to include golf carts and this will be reviewed at next month's meeting.

Discussion and action on Broadband Expansion

Supervisor Jost moved, seconded by Supervisor Wetenkamp to endorse Bertram Communication LLC for BEAD funding to support broadband expansion in the Town of Manitowoc Rapids, Manitowoc County. Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

Discussion on Branch Fire Department Contract

Bryan Orth, Branch Fire Department representative, questioned if the Board would be willing to amend the current contract from one-year to a three-year contract. Discussion followed. The clerk will check with the attorney regarding the amendment, and this will be reviewed at next month's meeting.

Discuss Fire Department Reports

The reports were presented to the Board for review. Discussion followed.

OLD BUSINESS

Update on Westbury Court

Chairman Stradal discussed the issue of people who are using camp vits walking through the residents' yards with Brock Wetenkamp, City of Manitowoc Parks. Wetenkamp explained it seemed to be a Google Maps app versus Apple Map app issue. He was going to submit a ticket to Apple Map app support to have the parking lot changed.

Update on Forklift

Supervisor Jost reported he continues to look for a decent forklift.

Items for Next Month

ATV Ordinance

FD Contracts

Vouchers

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

NEXT MEETING DATES

Monthly Meeting – March 12, 2025 at 6:30 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 6:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jessica Backus, Clerk/Treasurer