

**TOWN OF MANITOWOC RAPIDS  
MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 9, 2022**

The March 9, 2022 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, and Jessica Backus-Clerk/Treasurer. Todd Hickmann-Constable and Scott Tennessen-Assessor were excused.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Chairperson Stradal presented the minutes from the February 9, 2022 meetings. Supervisor Wetenkamp moved, seconded by Supervisor Jost to approve the meeting minutes. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Chairperson Stradal presented the March 9, 2022 agenda. Supervisor Wetenkamp moved, seconded by Supervisor Jost to approve the agenda. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chairperson Stradal opened public comment at 7:02 p.m.

No one present wished to speak, subsequently Chairperson Stradal closed public input at 7:02 p.m.

**REPORTS**

*Constable* – Chairperson Stradal provided Constable Hickman’s report. The Constable discussed with Mr. Fischer the junk violation regarding the buses on his property. Mr. Fischer will have his property cleaned up by June 1. He also stopped by the Remaker property on Goodwin Rd regarding the junk violation. No one was home and a letter needs to be sent to Judy Remaker of 3210 Goodwin Rd for junk violation. The last item was his letter of resignation for April 1, 2022. Chairperson Stradal informed Clerk Backus to post/publish a notice of the vacant position the Board will look over town resident applications at the April meeting.

*Highway* – Road Foreman Stradal reported 125 tons of salt was to be delivered this week, which was the remaining amount for this winter. He received a complaint about the snow collecting at the end of Sunset Rd. He informed the property owner that this was a city road, and they should contact the city because there was nothing the Town could. Road and Parking lot bid will be opened before the April 13 meeting.

*Assessor* – No report.

*County Supervisor* - No report.

*Town Plan Commission* – No report.

**NEW BUSINESS**

*Discussion and action to Ray Fischer Junk Ordinance Violation*

Chairperson Stradal referenced the Constable’s report that Mr. Fischer has until June 1 to clean up his property.

*Discussion and action on Dissolution of MOU for old SVRS*

Clerk Backus explained the Town previously contracted with a provider to assist with the old Statewide Voter Registration System. When that system changed over to WisVote in 2016, Clerk Backus received the appropriate training and took over that duty. The MOU has not been in effect since 2016 and the dissolution of the MOU was a cleanup item. Chairperson Stradal moved to approve the dissolution of the MOU, seconded by Supervisor Jost. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

*Discussion and possible action on Recycling Center Items*

Supervisor Jost informed the Board that they have a new person picking up the electronics and TVs at the recycling center. He will have a discussion with the new person regarding a contract, insurance, and look at possibly raising price to cover our costs of collecting these items. Then report back at the April meeting.

*Discussion and possible action on Silver Creek Fire Department Radio Request*

Chairperson Stradal requested Silver Creek Fire Chief Joe Stanzel to go over the two radio bids. One was from Franks Radio for \$15,500 quoting 3 band radios. The other bid was from Motorola Solutions for \$15,800 quoting 1 band radios. The Town would use the ARPA funds to pay for their portion of the radios which would be \$3,890. The Silver Creek Fire Department services Rapids and the Town of Manitowoc. Supervisor Wetenkamp moved to provide the use of the ARPA funds to help Silver Creek FD purchase new radios, seconded by Supervisor Jost. Upon vote, the motion carried with 2 ayes and 1 no. Chairperson Stradal voted no.

*Discussion and possible action Local Programs Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL Funding)*

Clerk Backus and Supervisor Jost provided information regarding the BIL Funding form the WI-DOT webinar they viewed.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

*Discussion and possible action on Glacierland Phragmites Retreatment*

Clerk Backus reported there are four towns working with Glacierland regarding their phragmites retreatment and a few towns that will include them in next year's budget. Chairperson Stradal moved to included funding for this item in next year's budget, seconded by Supervisor Wetenkamp. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

*Discussion and possible action on Waste Management Contract*

Supervisor Jost reported other municipalities that were able to switch to another garbage company no longer had a contract with WM contracts. The Town's current contract goes through 2024.

*Update on N Union Rd/Branch River Bridge*

Chairperson Stradal nothing new to report.

*Update on the American Rescue Plan Act*

Chairperson Stradal reported the Town will use a portion of the funds to replace 12 culverts this summer in a total amount of \$144,440.00 The Town will pay \$72,220 and the County will match the \$72,220. The Town will provide Silver Creek Fire Department with \$3,890 of ARPA funds for radios.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

*Items for Next Month's Agenda*

Roadwork and Parking Lot Bid Opening before the monthly meeting.

*Vouchers*

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

**NEXT MEETING DATES**

Monthly Meeting – April 13, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Annual Meeting – April 20, 2022 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 adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jessica Backus, Clerk/Treasurer