

TOWN OF GALE REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
May 9, 2023

The regular board meeting for the Town of Gale was held on May 9, 2023 at 7:30 p.m. Board members present were Paul Halderson, Mike Oslie, Sharon Spahr, Kevin Duch and Matt Andersen. Also, present were Jeannie Bettsworth, Jim Stetzer, Jamie Stetzer, Jack Dittmar, Ashley Halama, Jake Halama, Curt Lavender, Elizabeth Lavender, Emery Palmer, Bob Hart, Joel Halderson, Sarah Halderson and Sue Henderson

Paul Halderson called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. The open meeting law requirements had been met by posting and publication.

Sharon Spahr made a motion to approve the minutes as printed. Mike Oslie seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Emery Palmer was present to show the existing length of Willis Road. The state records show a different length than we maintain. A road extension of 150 feet is being asked for. The Lavenders have road frontage but the Helmer parcel does not. The goal is to get 200 feet of frontage so that there is the ability to build another house on the property. There was discussion on setting a precedent by the possible extension of Willis Road. The board needs further information and this item will be put on the June 13<sup>th</sup> agenda.

Jeannie Bettsworth was present to ask for the board's support for a conditional use permit to build a shed. The location that she has picked out to build a 16 x 24 shed has a 28% grade. There was discussion on finding a better location and concerns by the board of the ability of the fire department to navigate her driveway. Matt Andersen made a motion to send a letter to the county with serious reservations of the slope. Mike Oslie seconded the motion. Motion carried. The board encouraged her to find a spot to build with a better slope.

Under citizen appearances there were none.

The bid by Scott Construction was accepted to double chip seal the 4100 feet of North Ridge Road for \$46,645. Mike Oslie made a motion to accept the bid of \$46,645. Matt Andersen seconded the motion. Motion carried. This project will be done by June 17<sup>th</sup>. The board directed Sue to pay the bill as soon as it was received.

Under the machinery report it was reported that the new Ford 450 pickup will be built in May and will go Michael's Truck for the box in July.

Under the road report it was discussed that the crew has been ditch cleaning, sweeping and cleaning up trees. Paul Halderson presented numbers on what roads to work on in 2023. They include OakRidge reconstruction, Paulson Lane overlay, Brandtner road overlay, blade patch of Docken Lane and paving Cory Road. . There was discussion on using ARPA funds towards updating the Town of Gale roads. The amount for the listed road work is \$384,800. \$100,000 of the ARPA funds would be needed. Matt Andersen made a motion to approve the roads listed. Kevin Duch seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The 2024 County Road petition was presented for \$75,504.83. Matt Andersen made a motion to approve the 2024 County Road petition for \$75,504.83 for Hogden Road. Mike Oslie seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The correspondence was presented as listed. Item B under correspondence was regarding the county uniform dwelling code possible revisions. Kevin Duch made a motion to support Option 2 as listed in the letter. Sharon Spahr seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There was discussion on paving or putting concrete between the shop and the storage building. Matt Andersen made a motion to put this project off for a year. Mike Oslie seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Building permit was signed for Jeff Maynard for a detached garage.

The maintenance employees have been asking for a steam cleaner. After review of pricing Matt Andersen made a motion to put off until next year the possible purchase of a steam cleaner. Kevin Duch seconded the motion. Motion carried.

An update was given on the WTA unit meeting. Items discussed were hazard mitigation, introduction of the new highway commissioner, capitol day, board of review training. The Town of Gale will host the WTA unit meeting on July 18<sup>th</sup>.

An update was given on the STCSWC meeting. Several of the municipalities have new reps. The grant from the State of Wisconsin will be \$41,000 to the STCSWC. The Spring cleanup went well and the buildings will be painted soon. There have been a lot of tires brought into the center.

The Two-way radio possible replacement will be brought back to the June meeting.

The picnic license and temporary operator licenses were presented for the Galesville Area Fire Department dance on June 17<sup>th</sup>. Matt Andersen made a motion to approve. Kevin Duch seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The picnic license and temporary operator licenses for the Trempealeau County Ag Society were presented for July 13-July 16. Matt Andersen made a motion to approve. Mike Oslie seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Operator licenses for Tracy Bishop and Julie Bogstad were presented for Dollar General. Kevin Duch made a motion to approve. Matt Andersen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Matt Andersen made a motion to approve the monthly financial report. Sharon Spahr seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Sharon Spahr made a motion to approve #26981 through #27006 Mike Oslie seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Matt Andersen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kevin Duch seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Sue Henderson Clerk-Treasurer Town of Gale