

TOWN OF GALE REGULAR BOARD MEETING

January 9, 2024

The regular board meeting for the Town of Gale was held on January 9, 2024 at 7:45 p.m. Board members present were Paul Halderson, Mike Oslie, Sharon Spahr, Kevin Duch and Matt Andersen. Also, present were Jim Stetzer and Jamie Stetzer, Kevin Evenson and Donna Evenson, Tim Spahr, Dan Beck, Neal Walters and Amanda Walters, Roland and Lavonne Thompson, Chris Fawcett, Roger Nelson, Chris Galewski Sue Henderson, and Randy Mickelson

Paul Halderson called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m. The open meeting law requirements had been met by posting and publication.

Matt Andersen made a motion to approve the minutes as printed. Kevin Duch seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Amanda Walters spoke under public comments on a proposed farm stand that she would like to build on a lot on the corner of Lyon Lane and McKeeth Road to sell homemade bread and vegetables. There would be parking on the driveway. She would also like to teach ag classes and nature classes. She has sold at the farmer's market in Galesville but wants to be able to sell more days a week. Parking was discussed. Initially there would be one parking spot and the customer would need to back out on Lyon Lane. The farmstand would be self-containing and sell seven days a week. Amanda needs a conditional use permit in order to construct the farm stand. There were concerns about backing out onto Lyon Lane.

Under specific matters for discussion which was agenda item four:

The first item under item four on the agenda was a conditional use permit for Amanda Walters for a farmstand on her land at the corner of Lyon Lane and McKeeth Road. Discussion was held. Matt Andersen made a motion to table this until the March meeting. Kevin Duch seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The zoning map update resolution was presented. Matt Andersen made a motion to approve the zoning map update resolution. Mike Oslie seconded the motion. Motion carried. This will now proceed to the county level.

Matt Andersen made a motion to approve an operator license for Kayla Knutson. Kevin Duch seconded the motion. Motion carried

Under citizen appearances Dan Beck thanked Kevin Evenson and Randy Mickelson for the work they have done on cleaning trees on River Road. Dan Beck also thanked Sue Henderson for her work as well.

Under the machinery report it was reported that the equipment is in good shape. Paul has not heard anything on the new mower.

Under the road report it was discussed that trees have cut on Brandtner Lane, Grant Road, Hilltop Road, River Road and Quarry Road. Hans worked with the crew to help with tree removal. When trees are cut, the wood is offered to the land owner and also goes to town residents in need of wood. Plowing and sanding was also done as needed

Correspondence was presented as listed. There are no special assessments on the lots that the county foreclosed on. The WTA unit meeting will be attended and Sue will post it as a meeting.

Building permits were issued to Ken Congdon for solar panels on his machine shed. Driveway permits cost \$50 and covers the cost of Paul viewing. The driveway permit application will be put on the February agenda and reviewed.

Mike Oslie gave an update on the STCSWC meeting. This was the first meeting run by Paul Andreson as the new manager. Steve Hogden gave an update on the La Crosse County Policy board meeting. Mike went through the current inventory and pricing. The baler needs to be serviced as well as the Bobcat. The Town of Trempealeau is looking at a protentional brush disposal sight. The recycling center has \$450 coming from Strategic Recycling that filed Chapter 11. The 2021 GMC Sierra Pickup will be sold on sealed bids. The revenue share payment will be delayed until June 2024.

Mike Oslie made a motion to approve the monthly financial report. Matt Andersen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Sharon Spahr made a motion to approve #27279 through #27329 Kevin Duch seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Sharon Spahr made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kevin Duch seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Sue Henderson Clerk-Treasurer Town of Gale