

TOWN OF GALE REGULAR BOARD MEETING

August 6 2024

The regular board meeting for the Town of Gale was held on August 6, 2024 at 7:30 p.m. Board members present were Paul Halderson, Mike Oslie, Sharon Spahr, Kevin Duch and Matt Andersen. Also, present were Jamie and Jim Stetzer, Kevin Evenson, Randy Mickelson, Rich Allen and Janita Larson. Sue Henderson was also present.

Paul Halderson called the meeting to order at 7:30 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.

Under specific matters for discussion which was agenda item four:

Janita Larson was present regarding 4th street flooding and culvert concerns. Paul Halderson had gone with the road crew and looked at the situation. There is a lot of water that has no where to go along with a lot of sediment in the drainage ditch. This would need to be cleaned out in the winter. There is a gas line on the west of her driveway. Janita does not have the ability to raise her driveway. Janita is ok with us pursuing what can be done. Paul Halderson will talk to the DNR and Land Conversation. Matt Andersen made a motion to contact Land Conversation and Mike added to the motion to check on grant money. Kevin Duch seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Rich Allen was present regarding water retention on his land. Paul Halderson and Kevin Duch have looked at the situation. Paul Halderson and the road crew shot grades and the slope is 2 ½ feet on 200 feet. Water does go through the existing culvert as well as there is water in the ditch. There is a cottonwood in the way that would need to be gone around if the ditch was dug out further. The digging would go onto Rich Allen's land in order to go around the cottonwood. Trempealeau County would need to come in with their excavator to do the proposed project. Mike Oslie made a motion to get an estimate from Trempealeau County and bring back to the September meeting. Matt Andersen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The ATV/UTV ordinance was presented. The purpose of this ordinance was to make law enforcement consistent throughout the county. If one township does not adopt it though; the ordinance will not take effect. Matt Andersen made a motion to adopt the ordinance. Kevin Duch seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A request for a donation from the Galesville Area Chamber of Commerce for Apple Affair was presented. Matt Andersen made a motion to donate \$250 to the Galesville Area Chamber of Commerce for Apple Affair. Mike Oslie seconded the motion. Motion carried. Sharon Spahr abstained from voting on this motion.

An engagement letter was presented from Engelson and Associates to perform the Town of Gale for 2024 to be done in January of 2025. The auditor that has done it for the last few years is no longer doing municipal audits. Sue had contacted four different auditing firms and this is the only firm that submitted a price. Sharon Spahr made a motion to sign the engagement letter for Engelson and Associates for \$7300. Mike Oslie seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There were no citizen appearances.

Under the machinery report it was reported that three tires were replaced on the bobcat trailer. The alternator was replaced on the John Deere tractor. Repairs were done on Kevin's truck for an approximate \$7500 cost. The dpf inlet and clamp broke. Kevin Duch is working on getting this covered under warranty.

For the road report it was reported that the crew has been working on washouts on River Road and Quarry Road. The culvert was replaced on Kamprude road along with road repair on Crystal Valley Road. Another round of mowing has been started. The bridge/culvert on Smikrud Road has been pushed back 1-2 years. The LRIP grant will be next year.

There correspondence was presented.

Building permits were signed for roof top solar panels for Terry Lee Docken. A driveway permit for Kurt Thesing on Crystal Valley Road. A driveway permit for Corey Feyen on Bluestem. A garage for Cathy Tabor Hanson on Bluestem and for Steve Vetsch for a house on Lisa Lane.

Sharon Spahr gave an update on the WTA county unit meeting that was held on July 16th. There was a presentation on extraterritorial zoning. Sharon passed out a handout on the comprehensive plan timelines for municipalities in the county. She also talked about how a municipality could purchase a unused liquor license from a neighboring municipality.

Mike Oslie made a motion to approve the monthly financial report. Sharon Spahr seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There was discussion on that all of the roads would be paved by the end of August. A y-turn was made in the cul-de-sac on the end of Lyon Lane.

Matt Andersen made a motion to approve #27565 through #27595. Kevin Duch seconded the motion. Motion carried. A small tool box will be purchased for the bobcat trailer. Mike Oslie made a motion to adjourn. Kevin Duch seconded the motion. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. Sue Henderson Clerk-Treasurer

