

TOWN OF GALE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
January 14, 2025

The regular board meeting for the Town of Gale was held on January 14, 2025 at 7:45 p.m. Town board members that were present were Sharon Spahr, Paul Halderson, Mike Oslie, Kevin Duch, Matt Andersen and Sue Henderson the Clerk-Treasurer was also present. Others present were Ken Congdon, Randy Mickelson, Kevin Evenson, Dan Beck, Joel Halderson, Kevin Lien, Joe Larson, Seth Scholl, Donna Evenson, Haakon Mathison

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.

Under specific matters for discussion which was agenda item four:

Seth Scholl was present regarding a rezone request on part of the property that he bought from Gordon Cook's estate. Kevin Lien presented the information that he would like to rezone the east side of the property to commercial where the detached shed is. He needs to have it rezoned in order to maintain his car dealership license and to be able to do some light repair work.

Sue had sent a letter to the adjoining landowners and heard back from Brian Connell that he did not object to the rezone. Kevin Lien explained the process and why Seth needed a rezone. Matt Andersen made a motion to send a letter with no objections to the rezone. Kevin Duch seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Kevin Duch had reached out to Pumps several times on regrooving costs for the loader tires and did not get a response back. John Eckel could get the tires withing three days if we decide to purchase them. The town does have chains that could be put on the loader if needed. The tires are at about 30% tread. Discussion was held that Paul Halderson will authorize the purchase the tires if they become an issue.

Mathy would like to put a portable asphalt plant in the Irvine Quarry. Haakon Mathison was present to explain the request. They are going to pave County Road N just out of Franklin. They are looking to have it there for two weeks. They would leave the quarry and go out on Quarry Road to County Road DD. Mike Oslie made a motion to allow Mathy to put a portable asphalt plant in Irvine Quarry as requested. Sharon Spahr seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A bid was presented to finish the floor in the breakroom with paint and epoxy. The bid was for \$2173. The other option was for the guys to paint it and epoxy it themselves. Kevin Duch has a gallon of epoxy that they can use. Matt Andersen made a motion to have the maintenance guys do it themselves. Kevin Duch seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Under citizen appearances Joe Larson introduced himself. He has cut trees for us in the town.

Under the machinery report there was only a cylinder that was replaced.

For the road report it was reported that they have cut trees on Oines Lane and Hogden Road and Sacia Hill. Snow plowing and sanding as needed. The Town of North Bend chairman had contacted Paul about putting signs on Stuhr Road to keep commercial trucks off while bridges are being replaced on Hwy 54. The memorandum of understanding was signed on McKeeth Road.

Correspondence was presented as listed. The WTA Trempealeau unit meeting is at the Town of Trempealeau on January 21st. The district meetings will be coming up in March as well.

There was no driveway or building permits to report on.

There was no Lake District meeting report.

Mike Oslie gave a report on the STCSWC meeting. He summarized Steve Hogden's report on the La Crosse County policy board, They have a 50 million liability policy for PFAS. Mike gave a report on the markets and pricing. The recycling center needed a new furnace and concrete was poured in front of the storage shed. The hauler license applications were discussed and the rate will go up to \$40 for a two-year license. A new recycling ordinance was adopted as well.

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

Sharon Spahr made a motion to approve checks #27765 through #27815. Kevin Duch seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Matt Andersen made a motion to adjourn. Kevin Duch seconded it. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

