

**Regular Town Board Meeting
August 12, 2024 7:00pm**

Minutes

Board Members Present: Steve Becker, Steve Seidl, Noah Raab, Jan Kaiser, Taylor Gotz

Others Present: Tom Bauer, Jake Breu, Arnie Lueck, Ken Becker, Lois Becker, Kathy Reckner, Colin Bores, Gary Hilgart, Terry Martin, Mr. Klassy.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairperson Becker. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and roll call noted.
2. Minutes from the July 8, 2024 Board meeting were read with no additions. A correction was made under Item #9 to read as follows:
Zoning Violations
 - **Businesses running within the Town of Auburndale without a permit were discussed. It was discussed to send noncompliance letters to them to appear and apply for appropriate permits. They would be required to follow the current guidelines as indicated in the Zoning Ordinance. Motion by SSeidl, no second, motion not carried. (Becker-No, Raab-No, Seidl-Yes)**Motion by NRaab, second SSeidl to accept the minutes with correction, motion carried. (Becker-Yes, Raab-Yes, Seidl-Yes)
3. August invoices were approved for payment. The Monthly revenue/expense was shared by the Treasurer. Motion to approve by SSeidl, second NRaab, motion carried. (Becker-Yes, Raab-Yes, Seidl-Yes)
4. Road Work
 - Road Arch was installed on Pleasant Hill. This qualifies for 50/50 bridge aid.
 - Discussion on Pleasant Hill regarding road base from Shady to Rock Inn. Need to get an estimate on cost before moving ahead on the project.
 - Jake reported that signs leading up to railroads is the Town responsibility. Signs need to be replaced by the train tracks on Yellowstone.
 - 50/50 Road Aid Forms were submitted to Wood County for Pleasant Hill Road.
 - Discussion was held regarding grinding of Rock Inn Road between Yellowstone and Hwy 10. Estimates will be obtained.
 - East McMillan sign needs to be replaced and ditches need some maintenance.
5. Zoning
 - Update from Zoning President Gary Hilgart given. Zoning Board is concentrating on completion of recommended updates. Resident E. Simkowski is going to attend the next zoning meeting to share procedures currently in process for Portage County regarding Solar and Wind.
 - Discussion continued regarding Conditional Use Permits for current businesses that have been operating in the Town long term. It was decided to send applications to businesses that do not have anything on file with the Town. They will be asked to fill out the application and submit to the Clerk for recording purposes with the Town, Fire Department and Assessor. Once proper paperwork is on file the Town will issue a permit. These will be done on a no charge basis and submitted directly to the Town Board.
 - More current businesses that have opened without a permit will be required to go through the current zoning ordinance processes.
 - Next Zoning meeting is scheduled for 8/27/2024
6. Fire Department
 - Colin Bores was present to discuss the purchase of required SCBA tanks for the fire department. The fire department is asking for an \$8000 commitment from the Town. The Village of Auburndale will

also commit this amount with the Fire Department share being \$40,000. The current total estimate is \$51,195.00. The final estimate will be submitted when they receive it. These need to be ordered immediately as the current tanks become obsolete in December.

7. Communications and petitions by the Town Clerk – no discussion or action
 - WTA Unit Meeting 8/16/2024 Town of Hiles
 - Fall Workshop – 9/16/2024 Stevens Point
 - WTA Convention – 10/6-10/8/2024 Stevens Point
8. Public Input – No Action Taken
9. Next meeting date – September 9, 2024 7:00pm
10. Motion made by SSeidl, second NRaab to move to Closed Session pursuant to State Statute Section 19.85.1(c) (f). Motion carried. (Becker-Yes, Raab-Yes, Seidl-Yes)
11. Reconvene from closed session, motion by SSeidl, second NRaab, motion carried (Becker-Yes, Raab-Yes, Seidl-Yes)
12. Motion to adjourn at 8:00pm by SSeidl, second NRaab, motion carried. (Becker-Yes, Raab-Yes, Seidl-Yes)

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Kaiser, Clerk