

TOWN BOARD MINUTES
Monday, October 14, 2024
TOWN OF MORGAN

1. **Called Board Meeting to Order.** Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairperson Lori Witthuhn.
2. **Roll Call:** Chairperson Lori Witthuhn (present); Clerk- Erin Mooers (present); Treasurer- Lorie Wiese (present); Supervisor-Joe Brusky (present), and Supervisor- Jeff Folts (present).
3. **Pledge of Allegiance was recited.**
4. **Approval of Agenda as written.** Supervisor Folts motioned to approve the agenda as written; Supervisor Brusky second; M/C.
5. **Approved Minutes:**
 - a. Supervisor Brusky motioned to approve the minutes for 09/09/2024 as written; Supervisor Folts second; M/C.
6. **Treasurer's Report:**

Beginning balance for September was \$7,513.78; deposits of \$1,028.18; expense of \$7,722.90; transfer of \$7,000; ending balance of \$7,819.06. Savings account total at the beginning of the month \$442,615.39; deposit \$1,392.49; transfer of \$7,000 to checking; ending balance of \$437,007.88. Escrow account beginning balance of \$5,850.00; deposits of \$100.00; ending balance of \$5,950.00. Capital Funds total \$8,688.76- no change for the month; ending balance of \$8,688.76. Cemetery funds beginning balance is \$1,200.00; no change for the month; ending balance \$1,200. Veteran's Memorial funds beginning balance is \$27.84; deposits of \$135.00; ending balance of \$162.84. General Assets total \$444,826.94. (\$2,102.06 in outstanding checks.)
7. **Update on Cemetery-** One plot sold (noted in August minutes), one burial, one call about a family plot, two spots still available within the family lot, however, a tree is in the way. Randy recommended looking at the prices, currently charging \$350 per plot. Supervisor Brusky made a motion to increase the Sexton equipment use from \$16 to \$18 for the budget year of 2025; Supervisor Folts seconded the motion; M/C. Chair Witthuhn to look into the plot maps to update.
8. **Veterans Memorial Update-** George Kasch sent over a budget request of \$1,000 for the year 2025 for flags, flowers and mulch.
9. **Blood Drive-** Randy & Jeremy Konkle spoke regarding the blood drive that was held on 09/06/24; 22 people came in to donate. Red Cross would like to hold another drive, possibly a Saturday in March. Looking for at least 35 donors.
10. **Morgan Land Use Plan Commission (MLUPC)-**
 - a. Next meeting will be October 28, 2024.
 - b. MLUPC Secretary Kispert-Nelson shared the results of the Land Use Survey. 212 surveys were returned, 2 additional ones just received.
 - c. Residents brought up invasive plant species (phragmites). MLUPC is looking more into this.

11. David Behrend, 8th District County & Jolene Barkhaus, 9th District County, made a presentation to the board members.

- a. Supervisor Barkhaus noted that the County Board is working on budgets.
- b. Opioid Committee has been formed to help decide how to spend Opioid settlement. First meeting at the end of November.
- c. Discussed how County handles fraud with government funding.
- d. NextEra/ Solar- planned to meet with highway and zoning departments, as an employee meeting. Supervisors are not included in those meetings. Supervisor Barkhaus was permitted to attend by the County Chair, but then told by Corporate Council she was not permitted to attend. Meeting was changed from in-person to Zoom.
- e. ATV's \$150k check coming through.
- f. Campgrounds will be open for NFL Draft.
- g. Land divisions- new term- permanent limited easement.
- h. Supervisor Behrend discussed nuclear waste, and 6G studies.

12. QuickBooks: Approval to upgrade QuickBooks from desktop to online. Motion made by Supervisor Brusky to spend \$3,500 annually to upgrade QuickBooks; Second made by Supervisor Folts; M/C. Previous motion to use Marge system (March 2023) was never implemented due to lack of response from vendor.

13. Correspondence. Action, if any. (Any correspondence unless specifically listed below will be for information only)

- a. Presidential Election November 5, 2024- voting will take place 7 AM- 8 PM
 - i. First time voters are encouraged to come register, bring ID and proof of residency.
 - ii. In-Person absentee are welcomed to set up an appointment with the Clerk between 10/22-11/1.
 - iii. Public test will be held October 28th at noon. Public welcomed.
 - iv. Drop box will NOT be used by the Town of Morgan. The drop box attached to the town hall can be accessed by all board members, not only the clerk. The box is also not weatherproof, and water can cause ballots to be damaged.
- b. Annual Budget Hearing scheduled Tuesday November 12 @ 6:00 PM; board meeting will be held immediately following.
 - a. In Persons Tax Collections will be held:

Saturday	Dec 21st	8 am- 2 pm
Monday	Dec 30th	5 pm- 8 pm
Tuesday	Dec 31st	noon- 8 pm
Saturday	Jan 18th	8 am- 2 pm
Friday	Jan 31 st	noon – 9 pm
- c. Lottery and Gaming credit- a new process this year that is all done online. Who qualifies: Wisconsin resident who owns a dwelling and you use it as your primary residence as of January 1st of the tax year.
- b. Financial Audit- Last meeting on 10/2/24 @ 5:30 PM; 2023 checking was reviewed. Next meeting will be in early 2025. The public encouraged to attend.

- d. Lorie Wiese- took on a district leader role with the Municipal Treasurers Association.
- e. Historical Preservation Assembly- There are 3 totes of old documents that were haphazardly thrown together. Looking for a couple residents to get together and help sort the information.
- f. Mower- purchased in 2020 for \$15,000 with a delivery fee of \$680. Working on potential buyer. Value needs to be researched.

14. Town Hall

- a. Upcoming Rental: 10/20/24, 11/28/24, 11/30/24, 12/7/24 & 06/14/25

15. Road Work Report-

- a. Schroeder Road East of County C: ditch to be redone at no additional cost.
- b. County C and Schroeder going West: There will be a group coming in to clear out the brush and trees at no cost. Sampson Sand and Gravel will follow up to try and get the water moving- cost to come later. Chair Witthuhn received a quote from Shallow Surveying to survey 25’ offset from each side of the ditch for \$400.
Motion made by Supervisor Folts to accept the quote from Shallow Surveying;
Second by Supervisor Brusky; MC

16. Building Permits- County Trunk E - detached 40x60; Morgan Marsh Rd.- detached 20x46; Morgan Marsh Rd.- detached 36x72; County Trunk E – generator; County Trunk C – generator; Morgan Marsh Rd. – generator; County Trunk C – generator

17. Approval of Orders for payment were read. Supervisor Folts motioned to approve the Orders of Payment; Supervisor Brusky second; M/C.

18. Open Comment: Meeting opened to public comment. - None.

19. Adjourn: Chairperson, Lori Witthuhn adjourned meeting at 09:23 PM. ***Next meeting Tuesday November 12, 2024 Immediately after the Budget Hearing and Meeting of the Electors.***

Minutes submitted by Clerk Erin Mooers

Approved on _____

Lori Witthuhn, Chairperson

Joeseph Brusky, Supervisor

Jeff Folts, Supervisor

Erin Mooers, Town Clerk