TOWN BOARD MINUTES
Monday, December 09, 2024
TOWN OF MORGAN

1. **Called Board Meeting to Order.** Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairperson Lori Witthuhn.
   Roll Call: Chairperson Lori Witthuhn (present); Clerk- Erin Mooers (present); Treasurer- Lorie Wiese (present); Supervisor-Joe Brusky (present), and Supervisor- Jeff Folts (present).
2. **Pledge of Allegiance was recited.**
3. **Approval of Agenda as written.** Supervisor Folts motioned to approve the agenda as written; Supervisor Brusky second; M/C.
4. **Approved Minutes:**
   a. Supervisor Brusky motioned to approve the minutes for 11/12/2024 as written; Supervisor Folts second; M/C.
5. **Treasurer's Report:**
   Beginning balance for November $6,978.71; deposits of $994.16; expense of $7,871.41; transfer of $7,000; ending balance of $7,101.46. Savings account total at the beginning of the month $341,022.31; deposit $102,393.52; transfer of $7,000 to checking; ending balance of $436,415.83. Escrow account beginning balance of $6,050.00; no deposits; no transfers; ending balance of $6,050.00. 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 $297.84; deposits of $135.00; ending balance $432.84. General Assets total $443,517.29. ($2,396.06 in outstanding checks.)
6. **Oconto Falls Area Ambulance- Pat and Angie;** sponsored 2 people for paramedic program. Grant through Bellin to help offset the cost of sponsoring. Ended last year with 1412 calls; 1439 this year. Ron Korzeniewski will continue attending the quarterly meetings on behalf of the Township. Community garden is still going strong. Pat was looking into high school program for EMT, but many hurdles.
7. **Sportsman Alliance- Jane;** Sportsman's alliance is public land, open to the public. The Alliance purchased around the 50's. The Alliance meets quarterly with 8 different sportsmen's clubs. The Alliance also initiates the deer carcass dumpster. Boy Scouts helped install signs, they have been removed, working to get them re-installed.
8. **Green Valley Morgan Fire Co- Robert Straub;** 27 calls total; 16 in our township(s); 11 were MABAS (Mutual Aid Box Alarm System) calls. 19 Fire inspections- 3 new businesses added to the list. Training is every 3rd Tuesday of the month. This year they have updated their training to include more extensive training in new areas. Fire company presents at Fairview Elementary school for fire prevention week. This year OSHA will possibly be implementing changes that will impact them financially. The Fire Co was advised that their furnace/ air conditioning unit will need to be replaced soon. They will be purchasing new pagers with funds from their annual picnic, roughly will cost $20,000. The Fire Company's Annual budget increased by 3.1% this year; last year Morgan paid 3% less than Green

Valley. This year the Town of Morgan will pay significantly more. Assistant Chief Nitschke and Firefighter Straub met with members of the solar company, the members of the solar company informed them they are planning on meeting with the fire company to discuss training and information on what to do in case of fire in the solar array. The members of the solar company made it clear that the fire company will only be able to block access to the area and evacuate people if necessary because there is no current method of putting out one of these types of fires. The fire company has added a new piece of equipment- a command vehicle with enhanced electronics. The fire company has put in for a 50/50 grant from DNR for the vehicle. The Morgan station now also has a Polaris 6-wheeler with tracks. Fire ISO rating is at a seven. Anyone interested in joining the department can reach out to any member for more information. Chair Witthuhn asked for clarification on the fire department budget and why Morgan is receiving a 12% increase while Green Valley is getting a 5 % decrease.

9. **Update on Cemetery**- One burial December 3rd; Chair Witthuhn called local area cemeteries to compare cost, within same range as our pricing.
10. **Veterans Memorial Update-** none at this time.
11. **Morgan Land Use Plan Commission (MLUPC)-**
    a. Next meeting January 27, 2025- Jamie Brame from Oconto County Zoning to join to discuss phragmites and zoning lot sizes.
    b. Secretary Nelson-Kispert discussed Fox Solar project. A pre-application meeting was held between the Solar entity and the PSC of Wisconsin. The board made a public records request to obtain maps and other information regarding the Solar project. 1145 acres contracted with an option to lease.
12. **David Behrend, 8th District County & Jolene Barkhaus, 9th District County, made a presentation to the board members.**
    a. Armstrong Campground- vote failed at County Board. A new plan is being devised to redirect the ARPA funds, roughly $300,000.
    b. Supervisor Barkhaus working with the opioid abatement committee. Grant goes to 2038. Two meetings so far. $750,000 potential in fund, currently at $400,000. Money is in an interest trust fund.
    c. Supervisor Behrend has been in contact with Supervisor Steffens. Two letters were sent to Governor Evers regarding concerns with the Fox Solar project. Governor Evers office responded by directing the questions to Tanner Blair at the PSC.
    d. After the NextEra meeting, the company followed up with Supervisor Barkhaus letting her know they kept the question cards and have been answering a few additional questions via email directly to Supervisor Barkhaus.
13. **Ditch Cutting-** Bids to be reviewed at the next meeting on January 13, 2025.
14. **Resolution 2024-02- A Resolution to Amend the 2024 Budget.** Motion made by Supervisor Folts to approve the amendment; Supervisor Brusky second; M/C.
15. **WTA Workshop:** Two board members would attend the 2025 District Meeting. Supervisor Folts motioned to approve payment of $130 for two members to attend; Supervisor Brusky second; MC

16. **Correspondence. Action, if any. (Any correspondence unless specifically listed below will be for information only)**
    a. Deer dumpster for carcasses- emptied twice this season. Pelts picked up separately.
    b. Treasurer Wiese's has in person collection dates. Tax bills will be sent out 12/11/24. If the times provided do not meet peoples need they are more than welcomed, to call and Treasurer Wiese can work out a time to meet.
    c. The Caucus is scheduled for Monday January 13, 2025, at 6:00 PM. You do not have to be present to be nominated.
17. **Town Hall**
    a. Upcoming Rental: 12/07/2024, 01/09/25 & 06/14/25
18. **Road Work Report-**
    a. Supervisor Folts picked up a truck load of cold patch. There were a couple potholes that were filled.
    b. Culvert permit will be forthcoming from Snowmobile Club for a culvert on the south side of Morgan Marsh Road.
19. **Building Permits**- none at this time.
20. **Approval of Orders for payment were read.** Supervisor Brusky motioned to approve the Orders of Payment; Supervisor Folts second; M/C.
21. **Open Comment:** Meeting opened to public comment.
    a. Supervisor Brusky asked Firefighter Straub about a local home fire, the believe cause of the fire was a battery from a power tool. Assistant Chief Nichke noted to stay safe- make sure to keep batteries dry.
    b. Fire Department budget cost- previously discussed in the meeting. An open records request was sent
22. **Adjourn:** Chairperson, Lori Witthuhn adjourned meeting at 09:46 PM. Next meeting- Monday January 13, 2025, immediately following the Caucus.

Minutes submitted by Clerk Erin Mooers

Approved on 01/13/25

Lori Witthuhn, Chairperson

Joeseph Brusky, Supervisor

Jeff Folts, Supervisor

Erin Mooers, Town Clerk