

**Official Town of East Troy Town Board Minutes**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Monday, August 14, 2023**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Chairman Klarkowski. Supervisors Church, Reyes, Wales and Wucherer were in attendance. Clerk/Treasurer Buchanan, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Loth, Attorney Mills, Police Chief Gorecki, DPW Superintendent Scheel, WEB Administrator Olson and approximately 90 residents/guests were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Clerk/Treasurer Buchanan affirmed that the meeting was posted in compliance with Open Meeting Law.

Motion by Supervisor Church, seconded by Supervisor Reyes, to approve the agenda as amended, moving the first session of Public Comments before the Committee Reports. Motion passed unanimously.

**Meeting Minute Approval**

- Motion by Supervisor Church, seconded by Supervisor Wales, to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2023 Regular Town Board meeting as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report** – Clerk/Treasurer Buchanan

- Motion by Supervisor Church, seconded by Supervisor Wucherer, to approve the May Treasurer's Report as submitted. Motion passed unanimously.

**Public Comments**

- Speaking as neutral to the Cash Bar Enterprises, at the former DD's establishment, proposed development.
  - Tom VandenBogart, 4236 Cedar Creek Road, Slinger, WI. President of the LBPIA, stated the Board is not circulating a petition and are in a neutral position. Just providing information to their membership.
  - John Barrette, N9589 Horseshoe Lane. Has a few concerns.
- Speaking as opposed to the Cash Bar Enterprises, at the former DD's establishment, proposed development.
  - John Becker, W1958 Past Time Lane. Concerned that amending the agenda was an error with procedural issue. As spokesperson of the Lake Beulah Management District and that the plans presented are inconsistent with the original plans.
  - Katryna Endres, W158 County Road J.
  - Tom O'Bryan, W1466 County Road J.
  - Lynda Johnson-Dynek, W1969 Itsa Little Road.
  - Jess Dynek, W1969 Itsa Little Road.
  - Debbie Jansen, N9536 Horseshoe Lane.
  - Chuck Frank, N9491 East Shore Road.
  - Sheri Riehle, N9481 Island Drive.
  - Charles Koska, N9174 Humphrey Lane.
  - Bob Jansen, N9535 Horseshoe Lane.
  - Mike Mikolajczyk, N9541 Horseshoe Lane.
  - Steve Riehl, N9481 Island Drive.

- Speaking in support of the Cash Bar Enterprises, at the former DD's establishment, proposed development.
  - Motion by Supervisor Church, seconded by Supervisor Reyes, to allow Mikko Erkamaa 6 minutes to speak and explain the project. Motion passed unanimously.
  - Mikko Erkamaa, W3468, County Road J. He is the project developer and he explained the project and answered questions.
  - Lynn Carlson, W1599 County Road J.
  - Melissa Pruessing, N9554 Mill Site Road.
  - John Stoss, N8831 Stringers Bridge Road.
  - Cassandra Reichenbach, N9165 Oakwood Lane.
  - Robert Pfiel, S83W26395 National Ave.
  - Pat Thomas, N9183 East Shore Road.
  - Chris Cotter, W1575 County Road J.
  - Jim McNabb, N8774 Stringers Bridge Road.
  - Joe Tierney, 7717 Jerilane Drive, Wauwatosa, WI. developer's attorney noted that personal preferences are not sufficient for denial and making reasonable accommodations related to concerns.
  - Warren Hansen, Elkhorn, WI. Surveyor for the project.
  - Joe Jones, N9033 East Miramar Drive. Also thanked the DPW for the Compost Site being open all week after the last big storm to help residents out.

### **Committee/Department Reports**

#### **Chairperson's Report** - Chairman Klarkowski

- He attended and participated in several meetings this past month including a meeting regarding the purchase of the Beach Road Bridge and a meeting with the DNR regarding the Compost Site.

#### **Media/IT** (Public Relations Report) – Web Administrator Olson - monthly report provided

- YouTube is up and running.
- Motion by Supervisor Church, seconded by Supervisor Wales to give the Town Administrative Staff autonomy on the printing and mailing of the Fall 2023 Newsletter. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **Department of Public Works** – Superintendent Scheel – monthly report provided

- Crack filling and seal coating are underway.
- Were able to get \$15,672.90 from the state for 2018 road work.
- With the recent storms, all three DPW staff were on site to get them cleaned up.
- The Salvation Army Camp would like to do a sewer extension so there will be some work in the town right of way.
- Asphalt Contractors are scheduled to come out this week to do repairs on Bell School Road and will provide a warranty.
- The department has begun some of the grading and tree trimming in preparation for the new Police Garage.
- Supervisor Church is requesting permission from the board to work with the Town staff regarding an Office of Energy Innovations Readiness Refueling grant. Motion by Supervisor Reyes, seconded by Supervisor Wales, to authorize Supervisor Church to work with DPW as needed to complete the application for the Office of Energy Innovations Readiness Refueling Grant. Motion passed unanimously.

**Police Report – Chief Gorecki**

- Motion by Chairman Klarkowski, seconded by Supervisor Wucherer, to approve the Verick pier permit request for N9415 East Shore Road. Motion passed unanimously.
- The July calls for service was 882 with 60 in a 48-hour period throughout the recent storm.
- Boat Patrol numbers continue to be up.
- After having the mobile speed sign up on Fairway Drive, it was noted that 362 vehicles traveled the road with an average speed of 14 mph and a maximum of 24. East Shore Drive results were 7400 vehicles with a 20-mph average. The mobile speed sign is now on St Peters Road.

**ETAESD Report – Supervisor Church - monthly report provided –**

- Work on 2024 budget has begun.
- It was noted that the Open House was well attended.

**Park Committee Report – Supervisor Reyes**

- There will be some budget planning and ongoing maintenance to pieces of equipment in the park.
- New equipment can run \$85,000 and higher for typical parks of similar size and equipment designs.

**Booth Lake Memorial Park – Supervisor Wales**

- The inflatable play structure for the water is a huge hit and patrons are staying longer to enjoy it.

**Lake Beulah Management District – Greg Thomas**

- Preliminary budget projects a 3% decrease in taxes for 2024.
- Nomination Committee was formed.
- Aquatic plant harvesting is down this season and not completely sure of the reasons as of yet; may be weather related.
- A review of shoreland aquatic plants by the Nature Conservancy located several areas where purple loosestrife has been identified in the Camp Beber and Camp Edwards wetland areas. A proposal has been made to use a beetle release to control the plants rather than the application of an herbicide. The bio-control beetle release has been used for 30 years by the DNR to control this invasive plant specie which crowds out native plants.
- The dredging along the Guthart property had a 2<sup>nd</sup> public hearing. The location of the dredging has been revised which voids the original permit application. It was noted that the proposed pier and shore station location occurred within the neighbor's riparian zone and that neighbor had not been contacted.
- The review of the request to dismiss the Lake Beulah Management District lawsuit against the development of the Lake Beulah Hotel scheduled for June 23 did not result in any decision by the court.
- The Management District started the process to extend with a new owner of the Cash Bar Enterprises, at the former DD's establishment, tavern site the lease of the Shoreline owned by the Management District. The initial site plan of the intended use sent to the commissioners prior to the meeting was modified at the meeting to include a music venue with the previously submitted food truck venue. Negotiations are ongoing.

**Recycling Committee Report – John Murphy – no report**

### **Library Report** – John Murphy for Kristina Murphy

- Work has begun on their 2024 budget.
- They are working on a strategic plan for the library’s future with a company called Wils.
- Summer reading program ended another successful season with 790 participants.
- The Adult Book Club is growing and will be offering a second meeting day.

### **Planning Commission Report** – Supervisor Wucherer

- Motion by Supervisor Wucherer, seconded by Supervisor Church, to accept the Planning Commission’s recommendation and approve CSM/Rezone Request for N9022 Army Lake Rd., PET1000009, Daniel DeGrave – owner, Michael Greeson – applicant, as amended (changing the B3 to B4). Motion passed unanimously.
- Motion by Supervisor Wucherer, seconded by Supervisor Church, to accept the Planning Commission’s recommendation and deny the CSM/Lot Line Adjustment for N9020 & N9024 Austin Rd., PET 700019, Duris LLC – owner/applicant. Motion passed unanimously.
- Motion by Supervisor Wucherer, seconded by Supervisor Church, to accept the Planning Commission’s recommendation and approve the Variance Request for N9409 East Shore Rd., PFP00006, Arthur & Rochelle Verick – owners, John Stephan – applicant. The change will create a staircase that reduces the rise of each step and extending the run. This will eliminate the steeper set of stairs, a landing and a couple of steps after the landing creating one set of stairs. This will be more user friendly and safer for all users. It was further noted that this was previously approved at the county level but the changes were never made. Hardship noted is the ability of aging users with ambulation concerns to access the lake. Motion passed unanimously.
- Supervisor Wucherer presented the Conditional Use Request for W1602 County Rd. J, PA181800001, Cash Bar Enterprises – owner, Michael Erkamaa – applicant.
- Motion by Supervisor Wales, seconded by Chairman Klarkowski, to resubmit to the Planning Commission at the September 6, 2023 meeting for public comments. Roll call vote: Chairman Klarkowski, aye; Supervisor Church, aye; Supervisor Reyes, aye; Supervisor Wales, aye; Supervisor Wucherer, aye. Motion passed 5:0

### **Unfinished Business**

- Chairman Klarkowski provided an update on ETRR Bridge on Beach Road. He will be meeting with representatives from the East Troy Electric Railroad to discuss and finalize a purchase agreement.
- The update on the rustic road application has not been completed yet because there are questions regarding what characteristics of this road make it a consideration to be designated a rustic road.
- After discussion regarding the interpretation of the decision of Walworth County to allow for ATV/UTV use on county roads, action was taken in the form of a motion.
  - Motion by Supervisor Reyes, seconded by Supervisor Church, to allow use of ATVs on county roads within the township that are designated by a speed of 45 mph or less. Roll call vote: Chairman Klarkowski, aye; Supervisor Church, aye; Supervisor Reyes, aye; Supervisor Wales, aye; Supervisor Wucherer, nay. Motion passed 4:1.

### **New Business**

- Discussion/Action regarding Participating in the preparation of a Cooperative Boundary Agreement with the Village of Waterford. This will be put on next month’s agenda.

- Motion by Supervisor Church, seconded by Supervisor Wucherer, to authorize Chairman Klarkowski to sign the contract with Corre Engineering for a Bridge Rehabilitation Report for the Beach Road Bridge over the ETERR tracks for \$4,200. Motion passed unanimously.
- Motion by Supervisor Reyes, seconded by Supervisor Wucherer, to authorize Supervisor Church to facilitate a meeting between boat launch staff, Police Chief and DPW Superintendent regarding some improvement ideas the staff has regarding the boat launch. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **Attorney's Report – Attorney Mills**

- Motion by Supervisor Church, seconded by Supervisor Wales, to waive the second reading of Ordinance 2023 - 3 – an ordinance amending Section 2.20.040 regarding agenda items. Motion passed unanimously.
- Motion by Supervisor Church, seconded by Supervisor Reyes, to approve Ordinance 2023 - 3 – an ordinance amending Section 2.20.040 regarding agenda items. Motion passed unanimously.
- Motion by Chairman Klarkowski, seconded by Supervisor Church, to amend the motion to approve Ordinance 2023 - 3 – an ordinance amending Section 2.20.040 regarding agenda items to include the Media/IT Report after the Chairperson's Report and to move the Department of Public Works Report after that and then the Police Report will follow. Motion passed unanimously.
- Motion by Supervisor Church, seconded by Supervisor Wales, to waive the second reading of Ordinance 2023 - 4 – an ordinance amending Section 2.20.60 regarding Public Comments. Motion passed unanimously.
- Motion by Supervisor Reyes, seconded by Supervisor Wales, approve Ordinance 2023 - 4 – an ordinance amending Section 2.20.60 regarding Public Comments Motion passed unanimously.
- Motion by Supervisor Church, seconded by Supervisor Wales, to authorize Attorney to review the Town Code with Chief Gorecki to update ordinance(s) as needed. Motion passed unanimously.
- Motion by Supervisor Wales, seconded by Supervisor Wucherer, to authorize Attorney to draft a Budget Amendment Resolution. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **Public Comments**

- Nicole Hudson, W1721 South Shore Drive. No issues with ATV use, but would encourage diligence in the maintenance of roads for safety.
- John Stoss, N8831 Stringers Bridge Road. He noted concerns about the process for the handling of the Cash Bar Enterprises, at the former DD's establishment, development and disconnect between Town and County. He is concerned about the hodgepodge of road opening use for ATVs due to limiting it to 45 mph or less.

**Licenses and Special Event Permits –**

- Motion by Supervisor Wales, seconded by Supervisor Reyes, to approve the following:
  - Operator License - Caty Dingman
  - Special Event permits - Alecia Presendofer – Jim Byrnes Memorial Park – August 20, 2023 for a birthday party
  - Peddler Permits - James Wadsworth, Bridger Allman, Braden Tempel and Jacob McCuneMotion passed unanimously.

**Special and Pending Meetings**

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| • September 4, 2023      | All day           | Town Hall Closed – Labor Day |
| • September 6 & 20, 2023 | 6:30 pm           | Planning Commission          |
| • September 11, 2023     | 6:30 pm           | Town Board Meeting           |
| • September 14, 2023     | 10:00am -1:00 pm  | Open Book by Phone           |
| • October 24, 2023       | 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm | Board of Review              |

**Review Bills for Payment**

Motion by Supervisor Wales, seconded by Supervisor Reyes, to adjourn at 9:53 pm. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted by Jean Loth  
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer