

TOWN OF EATON

MANITOWOC COUNTY

316 W MAIN STREET

VALDERS, WI 54245

Richard Christel, Chairman; James Lax, Supervisor; Lewis Schema, Supervisor; Paulette Vogt, Clerk; Pamela Schneider, Treasurer

CALL TO ORDER: The monthly meeting of the Town of Eaton was called to order by Chairman Rick Christel at 6:30 p.m., Monday, October 12, 2020 at the Eaton Town Hall. The Pledge Allegiance to the flag was recited by all.

MEETING NOTICES: Meeting notices were posted at the Eaton Town Hall, Recycling Center, Riesterer & Schnell, Inc. and the Town Website

ROLL CALL: Rick Christel, Chairman, Lewy Schema, Supervisor, Paulette Vogt, Clerk, Craig Zipperer, Road Superintendent, and Pam Schneider, Treasurer were in attendance along with Adam Schetter.

AGENDA: The agenda had been emailed previously. Supervisor Schema made a motion to accept the agenda, and Chairman Christel 2nd the same, motion carried.

MINUTES: The minutes from the September 14, 2020 board meeting had been emailed to the Board previously. Supervisor Schema made a motion to accept the minutes, Chairman Christel 2nd the motion, carried.

PUBLIC INPUT: There being no public input, Chairman Christel closed the same.

ROAD SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Road Superintendent Craig Zipperer reported many of the jobs he has been doing for the month to include but not limited to: Mowing ditches, leveling a bump in the road at Greendale and Townline Roads, working on the recycling shed, greasing the tractor and truck 551, putting a radio in the new truck that was delivered, putting in fieldstone on Townline Road, and cutting brush. Craig further stated that he picked up some mattresses that were thrown in the ditch on Baer Road. Craig reported that Schnell Electric put in more ceiling lights in the town hall. Craig also mentioned that a resident's mailbox is still a location problem on a town road so Chairman Christel will address this at the next month's town board meeting. Craig mentioned that a resident contacted him about a farmer driving on the resident's lawn. There is no field entrance but the resident does not want the farmer to drive on his lawn. The issue was handed over to the Constable to look further into the matter.

Chairman Christel directed Craig to purchase 2 signs for the Saunders, who were granted a conditional use permit to operate a barn event venue on Carstens Lake Road, which stated "No parking on roadway during events." Craig will take care of this.

SUPERVISOR #1 REPORT: Chairman Christel read a letter of resignation from Supervisor Jim Lax that read he would be resigning as of October 1, 2020. Jim stated that his decision was made on personal well-being and not on any actions by residents in the town or the Town Board. He further stated that he enjoyed his terms on the Town Board.

SUPERVISOR #2 REPORT: Supervisor Lewy Schema noted that there were holes in the blacktop at Lax Chapel and Newton Roads. Superintendent Zipperer said he will be taking care of this are with hot mix very soon.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Pam Schneider reported \$81,465.81 was the ending balance for September in the Bank First Checking Account. The Road Maintenance Account has a \$25,378.61 balance, the Road Equipment has a \$10,000 balance, and the Dog Fund has a \$1,025.56 balance.

Supervisor Schema made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Chairman Christel 2nd the same. Motion carried.

Treasurer Schneider stated that she had received a report from the building inspector. After going through the report it was noted that there were some building that was going on the in the town but had not been on the report. This will be looked into.

CONSTABLE'S REPORT: No report.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT: No report.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Appoint Replacement: After some discussion about the vacancy in the Supervisor 1 position, a motion was made by Chairman Christel to appoint Adam Schetter for the remainder of Supervisor Lax's term. Supervisor Schema 2nd the motion. Motion Carried. Adam Schetter was then sworn in as Supervisor 1 by Treasurer Vogt.

Valders Ambulance Contract: After some discussion, a motion was made by Chairman Christel and 2nd by Supervisor Schema to sign the contract with Valders Ambulance. Motion carried.

Property & Work Comp: After some discussion it was decided to get information from Rural Insurance on the 2021 quote for insurance for budget purposes. Clerk Vogt will check into this.

Renew Clerk Appointment: A motion was made by Chairman Christel, and 2nd by Supervisor Schema to renew the appointment of Paulette Vogt as the Town Clerk through April, 2022. Motion carried.

Resolution to Exceed Levy Limit: After some discussion, a motion was made by Supervisor Adam Schetter to approve Resolution 2-2020, Resolution of Eaton Town Board to Propose Exceeding Levy Limits and to have it placed on the agenda for a special town meeting to be held on November 9, 2020. Supervisor Schema 2nd the motion. Motion carried via Roll Call. Chairman Christel – yes, Supervisor Schetter – yes, Supervisor Schema yes.

Recycling collection process changes: The Board talked about getting stickers for residents own bags instead of purchasing bags with the Eaton name on them. There are bags left yet to last until spring. Treasurer Vogt will find out the cost of bags and stickers and bring the information back to the next monthly meeting.

Retirement Savings: Treasurer Vogt passed out the paperwork for the Board for participations in the Wisconsin Deferred Program.

Set Pre-Budget hearing: After some discussion, Chairman Christel set the Pre-Budget meeting for October 19, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. The Budget Meeting was then set for November 9, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. Chairman Christel directed Treasurer Vogt to have a preliminary budget ready for the pre-budget meeting.

APPROVE VOUCHERS: A motion was made by Supervisor Schema and 2nd by Supervisor Schetter to pay the vouchers for September in the amount of \$293,094.31. Motion Carried.

MEETING REPORTS: The Town Association meeting on October 18 at Meats in St. Nazianz sponsored by the Town of Eaton is canceled due to Covid-19. The WTA Christmas party is canceled and all Towns will be notified by the WTA of a virtual meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS UPDATES: Chairman Christel noted that since Adam Schetter is now appointed supervisor, his position will have to be replaced on the Land Use Committee. If any resident of the Town of

Eaton would be interested and would like to serve on this Committee, please contact Chairman Christel at 920/773-2535.

CLERK's Report: Clerk Vogt reported she had been at a meeting for the instructions on how to run the new tabulator for the elections.

ADJOURNMENT: With all necessary business having been completed, Supervisor Schema made a motion to adjourn. Supervisor Schetter 2nd said motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Paulette Vogt, Eaton Town Clerk