

**Town of Evergreen
July 10, 2023 Regular Town Board Meeting**

The July 10, 2023 Regular Town Board Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chair Tim Kessler at the Evergreen Town Hall, W8896 Carlton Rd, Spooner. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. The meeting was properly advertised and all interested parties were notified.

Those present were Tim Kessler, Gary Scalzo, Tim Wallace, Mary Smith, Larry Bascombe, Russ Bylery, Laurie Skyer, Steve Sutter, Brian Melton, Brad Kildow, Gabe Deans and Julie Kessler.

Motion by Scalzo, second by Wallace, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion Carried

Motion by Wallace, second by Scalzo, to approve the minutes of the June 12, 2023 meeting as presented. Motion Carried

Clerk Kessler reported that there were 3 building permits turned in and a couple more coming that have been in contact. There should also be 2-3 driveway permits coming in as well. 4-year election postcards have been coming back and reported into WisVote. Working with Northern Granite and Andy Scalzo on the placement of the Sutter headstone at the Rocky Ridge Cemetery. Town Hall was rented once for a family reunion. Registered the Chair for the Towns Association Conference in August. Filed the quarterly payroll taxes and unemployment report. Printed the licenses approved last month and dropped them off at Track's and filed the annual liquor license report with the state. Motion by Scalzo, second by Wallace, to approve the Clerk's report. Motion Carried

Chair Kessler explained the dog license software issue (to have the Treasurer upload info or the County) and that he has been in contact with the County about why the Town has to pay for a program that is a county mandate according to State Statute. Not getting answers yet, but our license information needs to be uploaded and we need to decide who will do that. Motion by Wallace, second by Scalzo, to approve paying the county to upload our information. Motion Carried. Chair will continue to research this with the Towns Association.

Larry Bascombe reported that they have cut trees, replaced signs and trapped beavers. Chair Kessler brought up increasing our Road worker pay and hiring a full time employee. Motion by Scalzo, second by Wallace, to increase the road crew pay to \$25/hour. Motion Carried. Discussion continues on the extra costs to have a full-time employee. Motion by Scalzo, second by Wallace, to have a job description and ad to present at the next meeting. Motion Carried

Chair Kessler presented a 50/50 Bridge petition for the Little Bass Lake Road culvert replacement and explained the program. Total cost estimated to be \$16,672.76 with the Town responsible for half. Motion by Wallace, second by Scalzo, to approve the petition and turn into the County for funding. Motion Carried

Chair Kessler reported on a building permit that was turned in before there was a driveway. He explained to the resident the process and we are waiting for the driveway permit.

Brian Melton questioned why the 50/50 Bridge Petition didn't include replacing the blacktop. Chair Kessler explained that it wasn't an eligible cost.

Steve Sutter thanked Larry for taking care of the beavers and Julie for her work with the cemetery.

Brian Melton reported on his County Board happenings.

- Campground policy sent back for review and changes.
- Forestry working on Carbon Credits
- Transit – train contract
- Health and Human Services – looking for a dedicated space for youth program

Tim Kessler reported on his County Board happenings.

- AgLLC – lakeshore restoration grants, McKenzie Lakes zebra mussels, old non-metallic mine
- Highway is in construction season, updated on HWY 53 project, staffing
- Veterans – seeing more Vietnam Vets
- Executive – will be having a Committee of the Whole meeting this month

Motion by Scalzo, second by Wallace, to review and approve the bills. Motion Carried

Motion by Wallace, second by Scalzo, to adjourn the meeting. Motion Carried

Submitted by
Julie Kessler, Clerk