Town of Johnstown Polk County, WI

Minutes of Monthly Town Board Meeting Tuesday, November 10, 2020

Chairman, Mike Anderson called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. at the Town Shed, 2181 County Road G, Comstock, WI. Present were Supervisors, Joe Zaspel and Dan Lowe; Clerk, Deanne Moravitz; Treasurer, Sue Rouzer and 3 town residents. Not Present: Supervisor, Dan Lowe.

<u>Approve of October Town Meeting Minutes</u> – Motion Zaspel/Lowe to approve the minutes as submitted by the clerk. Motion Carried.

<u>Treasurer's Report</u> – Reviewed and accepted October Treasurers Report as submitted by the Treasurer.

<u>Approve Vouchers for Payment of Bills</u> – Motion Zaspel/Lowe to pay the bills as presented by Clerk. Motion Carried.

The Regular December Monthly Town Board Meeting will be held at the Town Shed, 2181 County Road G, Comstock, WI on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

<u>Approve 2020 Budget</u> – Motion by Zaspel to approve the 2020 Budget that was presented at the Budget Hearing. Second by Lowe. Motion Carried.

<u>Approve Cumberland Ambulance Emergency Services Contribution</u> – Motion by Zaspel to approve the Consideration of Contribution for Cumberland Healthcare Ambulance fund in the amount of \$5460.00 This equates to a population base of 520 times \$10.50 per capita. Second by Lowe. Motion Carried.

<u>Local Internet Connectivity</u> – Jan Bryer presented information regarding the lack of internet service in areas within the township, particularly around Pipe Lake. CenturyLink has been contacted and in general, has no interest in extending fiber optic service to the areas of concern. Bryer is asking if there are other avenues that the Town can assist with for advocacy of better internet services in the area. Clerk Moravitz will send available information to Bryer from WTA Advocacy group.

<u>Period of Public Comment</u> – Pipe Lakes District is conducting meetings via Zoom. Jan Bryer provided updates on recent activity and discussions. Visit <u>https://pipelakes.org/</u> for more information and updates.

Supervisor Reports - None

<u>Road Maintenance Report</u> – The topic of Private Drive Snow Plowing was once again brought into discussion. Many private drives are not set up for places to push the snow and/or the roadways are too narrow for the equipment. Homeowners are encouraged to secure other methods of clearing for the 2021 season. Motion by Zaspel to discontinue using town equipment to clear private driveways, with the exception of clearing in the event of a medical emergency, as of May 1, 2021 and to add notice of this action to the back of the 2020 tax letter that will be sent with tax bills in December 2020. Seconded by Lowe. Motion Carried.

Adjournment – Motion by Zaspel, seconded by Lowe to adjourn the meeting at 8:39 p.m. Motion Carried.