



Town of Vienna Web Site Address: www.viennawi.gov

September, 2024

2024 Prime Partisan Election Results

The Partisan Primary Election on August 13th had a total of 444 ballots casted. Overall we had about a 45% turnout which was higher than anticipated. This includes the early votes and absentee ballots which counted for 82 of the 444 votes. The following results provide an idea of how the Town of Vienna is voting:

Republican total votes - 172

Democratic total votes - 240

No Votes for either Party- 32

The 2 Referendums were both voted with similar results. There were 173 YES votes and 264 NO votes. For complete election results, you can check on Dane County website under Election Results. The General Election is quickly approaching. If you would like to request an absentee ballot be mailed to you, please be sure to request it early. We have to mail them out by September 19th as required by state statute. Early voting will begin October 22nd and continue until November 1st, which is the last date to vote prior to the election. If you have any questions, please contact the office for assistance.

Waunakee Gun Club

The Waunakee Gun Club, located at 6680 Ripp Road in our Town in Vienna, is hosting their 29th Annual Duck Flurry on September 7th and 8th. This event is designed to prepare hunters for duck season. The club works with DNR to host the "Learn to Shoot" event later in September. This club is open to the public and offers shooting courses. If your interested in attending these events or others offered, you can go on their website www.wgcsportingclay.com

Yahara Riverfest

Mark your calendars for the annual Yahara Riverfest held on September 7th, 2024 from Noon to 4:00pm at Conservancy Commons Park, 6822 Yellowwood Lane. There will be live music, fish-ing games, pumpkin decorating, face painting and more! This event is FREE to attend. Food carts will be lined up, including local restaurants, for purchases on site.

September Brush Site Hours

The brush site will be open on the following dates and times. Saturday, September 7th, 9AM to 2PM; Wednesday, September 11th, 4PM to 7PM. On Saturday, September 21st, 9AM to 2PM; Wednesday, September 25th 4PM to 7PM. The brush key is always available during regular office hours during the week. It can be found in the entrance way with a sign out sheet. A key can be checked out for special projects, just ask the office about this.

Trash/Recycling Date Change

Due to the Holiday, our trash and recycling collection day has been moved from Monday, September 2nd to Tuesday, September 3rd. If you need a collection calendar, copies are available on our website under the community tab or in the town hall entrance way which is always open to the public. Please remember to keep your bins at the end of your driveway and not in the road, especially in Nature Valley Subdivision.

Town Road Signs Missing

Town road signs continue to disappear from our roads. The signs missing include stop signs, road name signs and informational signs. These missing signs cause intersections to be dangerous for people who may not travel the roads frequently, as well as being costly to the town to replace. If anyone notices someone taking down a sign, please try to get a license plate number or take a picture if possible so we can file a formal report. Any help would be appreciated.

Town of Vienna Board Minutes August 5, 2024

The regular meeting was called to order on Monday, August 5, 2024, at 7:00PM by Chair Jerry Marx. Supervisors Steve Ruegsegger, Sherri Meinholz, Gary Endres, and Clerk Kathy Clark. Residents Kramer Menz and Ron Rupp were present. Supervisor Dakota Cable was excused.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Comment: Rupp asked about Workforce Labor housing that was discussed at the last plan commission meeting. He asked if this included trailer parks which it does not. That was never a consideration. Rupp then raised concern with property located on Cuba Valley that has multiple cars and is not kept up as it should be. Clark will follow up with owners of the home.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Ruegsegger, second by Meinholz to approve the minutes for the July 15, 2024, town board meeting. Motion carried (4-0).

Discussion and possible action on Municipal Code Enforcement Services: At the last board meeting, Schwark presented an overview of services provided by her company. The main objective for her company is enforcement of local Ordinances that resolve issues such as abandoned vehicles, unsightly properties, obnoxious weed control and other infractions that need addressing. The contract is based on an "as needed" hourly rate when services are rendered. Discussion followed. Motion by Meinholz, second by Endres to approve contracting with Allison Schwark, Municipal Code Enforcement Services, LLC. Motion carried (4-0)

Discussion and possible action on ETF Health Benefits for Part Time Employees: Wisconsin State Benefits plan, WRS for retirement and ETF for Health Plans, sent out a request to all local government participants requesting updates of employees covered in the plans, including part time employees. The town's employee handbook only provides health benefits to full-time employees but this needs to change. The employer is required to offer the same coverage to part-time employees as full-time employees. Employers can offer less than the maximum 88% coverage of premium costs that they pay for full time employees. Depending on the number of hours, employers can offer 25% and up to and including 88%. This will not go into effect until 2025 benefit rates are released. Motion by Endres, second by Ruegsegger to offer 50% coverage in health benefits to employees working above 1040 hours a year and 25% coverage to employees working below 1040 hours a year. Motion carried (4-0)

Operator's License: One application was submitted by Ehlenbach's for review. Motion by Ruegsegger, second by Meinholz to approve the operator license application for Jonah Stewart. Motion carried (4-0)

Town Supervisor Reports: Supervisor Steve Ruegsegger meeting with Cornerstone Community Center is scheduled for Tuesday, August 13th. Supervisor Meinholz meeting with Dane-Vienna Fire Department was held Monday, July 29th. They are starting to look at budget numbers. Supervisor Endres meeting with Waukegan Fire Department was held Monday, July 29th. The Village performed a study to review departments within the Village organization.

Town Clerk's Report: Clark informed the board that chip sealing is scheduled to start this month. The Partisan Primary election is next week, Tuesday, August 13th. Last, the plan commission meeting has been rescheduled to Monday, August 19th, prior to the town board meeting. Board members interested in the progress of the comprehensive plan should plan to arrive early to listen in on the plan commission meeting.

Review and authorize payments of current town and utility bills, wages, and expenses: Motion by Ruegsegger, second by Meinholz to approve the current town bills as stated in the amount of \$102,106.20; Payroll \$22,221.36; Town Bills \$45,342.20; Utility 1 \$19,190.40 and Utility 2 \$15,352.24. Motion carried (4-0)

Adjourn: Motion by Endres, second by Meinholz to adjourn. Motion carried (4-0). The meeting adjourned at 7:33PM.

Prepared by: Kathleen Clark, Town Clerk

Note: These draft minutes are subject to approval at the August 19, 2024, Town Board Meeting

Town of Vienna Plan Commission Minutes Monday, August 19, 2024

The Town of Vienna Plan Commission meeting was called to order on Monday, August 19, 2024, at 6:00PM by Chair Brian Meinholz. Commissioners Steve Herbrand, Joe Henry, Cate Heath and Clerk Kathy Clark were present. Board members Marx, Endres, Meinholz and Ruegsegger and resident Nancy Caldwell were also present. Jim Koch was excused

Public comment: None

Approve the minutes: Motion by Heath, second by Herbrand to approve the minutes for the July 8, 2024 Plan Commission meeting. Motion carried (4-0).

Dane County Senior Planner Curt Kodl, Comprehensive Plan Discussion and Review: Clark informed the members that Elements 4-7 (aka Chapters) were included in Plan Commission packet for review. Elements 1-3 that had been reviewed and recommended for approval by the Plan Commission in April were included in the Town Board packet for final review and possible approval. Kodl explained he has been going through the documents and updating maps, such as land use and town maps and added an ATV road map with the key factors of the ATV Ordinance included on the map. Kodl noted after further review, Element 3-Economic Development primarily relates to Agriculture type of business. Kodl felt the new language was too exclusive so he suggested modifying the language but not to designate a specific location of where it would occur or limit the type of business to just Agriculture. This Element-Economic Development referred to commercial development along the interstate corridor, but this land has been annexed so this was removed.

Kodl stated this was not ready for final review by the Town Board until these changes discussed were final by the Plan Commission. Kodl is working on a one-page handout that would outline the procedures for building in the town or creating a split/buildable parcel on vacant land. Element 4-Utilities still requires language for Solar Panel farms, adding in a required performance bond. Heath suggested we confirm if we can have performance bonds as part of the development agreement. Endres asked about designating an area for commercial development. Clark explained that this has been discussed for potential areas and County Hwy V, down Patton Rd to Norway Grove School already includes commercial. Meinholz expressed there are very few locations available for commercial business. Kodl thought there could be future potential on the west end of the town but since it is not happening now, the town can leave that out for now and amend it later if needed. Further discussion of potential sites took place but nothing definitive was decided. Endres commented that the residential development is limited to locations that offer sewer hook-up but should this be so exclusive or should this allow for discretion of the board to decide when the plan is presented. Element 7-Cultural Resources was discussed and reviewed. There was some language added but everything else was still correctly stated. Motion by Heath, second by Henry to recommend approval of Element 7-Cultural Resources. Motion carried (4-0)

Adjourn: Motion by Heath, second by Henry to adjourn. Motion carried (4-0) Meeting was adjourned at 7:03pm.

Prepared by: Kathleen Clark, Clerk

Note: These draft minutes are subject to approval at the next Plan Commission Meeting

Town of Vienna Board Minutes August 19, 2024

The regular meeting was called to order on Monday, August 19, 2024, at 7:07PM by Chair Jerry Marx. Supervisors Steve Ruegsegger, Sherri Meinholz, Gary Endres, and Clerk Kathy Clark were present. Also present, Plan Commission members Joe Henry and Cate Heath and resident Nancy Caldwell. Supervisor Dakota Cable was excused.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Comment: None

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Endres, second by Meinholz to approve the minutes for the August 5, 2024, town board meeting. Motion carried (4-0).

Discussion and possible action on Review Draft of Comprehensive Plan: The Plan Commission had recommended approval of Elements 1-3 for review and approval by the town board. During tonight's meeting, the Plan Commission made some revisions to Element 3-Economic Developments. When the town reviewed these sections, there were still some questions remaining with the language. Element 1 – Agriculture section contained language that seemed to limit the commercial or business development to Agricultural type business growth only. This language needs to be reworded so there is not a limitation for growth. Element 2 – Housing section.

This section addresses allowable building rights for housing, without causing conflict with agriculture. The goal is to ensure homes are built in designated areas within the town to avoid random building in the middle of a farm or field. A few language changes were discussed by the board to ensure the set conditions for building are clear. The board reviewed a few other sections that were discussed in the Plan Commission meeting held prior to the board meeting. No action was taken as the town board had some suggested changes to the Elements presented for review.

Operator's License: None

Town Supervisor Reports: Supervisor Steve Ruegsegger meeting with Cornerstone Community Center was held on Tuesday, August 13th. The Center is still looking into becoming an independent organization. Supervisor Meinholz meeting with Dane-Vienna Fire Department is scheduled for Monday, August 26th. Supervisor Endres meeting with Waunakee Fire Department is scheduled for Monday, August 26th.

Town Clerk's Report: Clark informed the board that Tri County plan to grade the road in Nature Valley on Thursday, August 22nd and pave Tuesday, August 27th. The Contract for Municipal Code Enforcement has been reviewed and signed. Clark asked the board about meeting the day after Labor Day and everyone was fine with the date.

Review and authorize payments of current town and utility bills, wages, and expenses: Motion by Ruegsegger, second by Meinholz to approve the current town bills as stated in the amount of \$158,262.41; Payroll \$5,840.87; Town Bills \$151,517.99; Utility 1 \$675.24 and Utility 2 \$228.31. Motion carried (4-0)

Adjourn: Motion by Endres, second by Meinholz to adjourn. Motion carried (4-0). The meeting adjourned at 7:35PM.

Prepared by: Kathleen Clark, Town Clerk

Note: These draft minutes are subject to approval at the September 3, 2024, Town Board Meeting

Thanks Public Works Department

A special thanks to our guys, Scott Benson and Billy Newman for all their hard work. They keep our roads safe and plowed, our sewers maintained, our equipment working and our parks and lawns looking good. We appreciate all they do and hope you do as well.

Back to School

It is that time of year when school registrations take place, student pictures are taken and school sports begin! Deforest, Waunakee, Lodi and Poynette schools begin Tuesday, September 3rd. More information for each school district can be found on their websites.

Vienna Town Board Meeting Agenda Tuesday, September 3, 2024

The Vienna Town Board will meet on Tuesday, September 3, 2024 at 7:00PM at the Town Hall, located at 7161 County Highway I, DeForest, WI. The agenda for this meeting includes the following items:

Call the Town Board meeting to order

Recite the Pledge of Allegiance

Public comment

Approve or amend the minutes of the August 19, 2024 Town Board meeting

Discussion and possible action on Trost LLC Request for Meeting-Drainage District 29

Discussion and possible action on Workshop Schedule for Planning

Operator's License

Town Supervisor Reports

Town Clerk's Report

Payne & Dolan DOT Project Night Operations September-November

Office closed Tuesday, September 17th for Training

Senator Joan Ballweg visit to Town

Review and authorize payments of current town and utility bills, wages, and expenses

Adjourn