

TOWN OF MILTON

MEETING MINUTES

2024

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF MILTON
TOWN BOARD MEETING
January 10, 2024

Chairperson Bob Platteter called the meeting to order at the Milton Town Hall, S2794 State Road 88, Fountain City, WI 54629 on at 6:00 p.m. with Supervisor Tom Lettner, Supervisor Roger Bechly, Clerk Kalene Engel and Treasurer Jane Baures present. Also present were seven community members.

Informal Public Comment: None.

Review and Pay Bills: Supervisor Bechly made a motion to approve payment of the monthly bills. Supervisor Lettner seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed 3-0.

Approval of Minutes: Clerk Engel had distributed draft minutes from the December 13, 2023 Town Board Meeting. Supervisor Lettner moved to approve the minutes; Supervisor Bechly seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed 3-0.

Sheriff Osmond Annual Update: Sheriff Osmond provided an annual update on statistics from the county, as follows:

- Calls for service: Handled by Buffalo Co Sheriff: 16,782; Sheriff's Office calls: 12,844
- Dispatch phone calls: 35,280 in 2023; up from 32,054 in 2022
- 911 calls: 3,081 in 2023, up from 2,345 in 2022
- Door checks, with emphasis on municipal buildings: 2,683 total; Town of Milton checked 84 times in 2023; goal is minimum of once a week
- 3878 traffic stops; 644 citations; goal is to keep roadways safe, not issue citations
- Final statistics are not in but it may be a 10 year low for traffic crashes
- Jail: 368 bookings; 209 non-residents and 159 residents
- Traffic stops: 291 traffic stops in Town of Milton; 43 driving complaints
- Drug testing in the jail: only 14% of persons arrested were clean, with no controlled substances in their system. This correlates with 14/106 people who were involved in victim crimes were clean, meaning that drugs/alcohol are impacting crimes with victims.

Goals for 2024 include

- Continue drug testing and attempt to bring in additional grant money for various law enforcement activities;
- Add a drug detection dog, bringing the total to 2;
- Continue the traffic safety grant for additional enforcement, with advance notice to the public;
- Increase the number of FLOCK cameras county-wide to assist with tracking down vehicles involved in crimes. He would like all municipalities to consider contributing funds to purchase (\$3,500) and maintain (\$3,000 per year) at least one camera in the municipality.

Remonumentation Update: The remonumentation project for the township is complete. Starting February 1, 2024, the Town of Milton will fall under the Buffalo County Land Division Ordinance so Certified Survey Maps will be required when creating parcels less than 20 acres.

Town Hall Locks and Cameras: New front and back door locks and a camera were installed at the town hall to allow for remote access and monitoring.

Recycling/Garbage Updates: Recycling Coordinator, Tony Pfaff, has updated the County Recycling Brochure and website. The Town of Milton has also been updated with current information.

Roads and Bridges:

- Road Grants Update: The Town of Milton's grant application ranked #2 in the county, mostly due to the lower average daily traffic count. There is still a possibility that we could receive grant funding, despite the #2 ranking. There is another grant program being released soon for weight restricted roadways. Schlawin Road would qualify for the new program.
- Road Work Updates: Paul Duellman moved and flagged the speed limits signs on Kamrowski Road as discussed at the December meeting.
- Request by S&J Properties to Improve Unimproved Section of Pine Street Per Town Road Specs: S&J submitted a request for a driveway permit off of Pine Street so Chairperson Platteter met Jonathan Duellman (from S&J) at the site of the requested driveway to discuss the request. In order to construct the driveway, S&J would need to remove a long line of trees. The proposed driveway would run parallel to the existing unimproved section of Pine Street and Mr. Duellman indicated that S&J would be interested in an alternative solution of improving the unimproved section of Pine Street if the town would take over the maintenance once improved to specs. Chairperson Platteter stated that, if agreement could be reached, S&J would build the roadway to the town's placement and specs and there would need to be a signed agreement with details. Supervisor Lettner made a motion to enter into negotiations with S&J Properties for a contract to have S&J improve the unimproved section of Pine Street. Supervisor Bechly seconded the motion. No additional discussion. 3-0. Chairperson Platteter will contact Attorney Loberg to get the ball rolling.
- Bridge Update: There will soon be a law mandating inspections and inventory on any drainage structure from 6' to under 20' bridge. Since we are already doing this, the new law will not affect the Town of Milton.

Announcements:

- The local WTA meeting is on Monday.
- Supervisor Bechly will attend the Board of Review Training this year.

Adjournment: Supervisor Lettner moved to adjourn; Supervisor Bechly seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed 3-0. Meeting adjourned 6:26 p.m.

Minutes by Kalene Engel, Town Clerk

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF MILTON
TOWN BOARD MEETING
February 14, 2024

Chairperson Bob Platteter called the meeting to order at the Milton Town Hall, S2794 State Road 88, Fountain City, WI 54629 on February 14, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. with Supervisor Tom Lettner, Supervisor Roger Bechly, Clerk Kalene Engel and Treasurer Jane Baures present. Also present were eight community members.

Informal Public Comment: None.

Review and Pay Bills: Supervisor Lettner made a motion to approve payment of the monthly bills. Supervisor Bechly seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed 3-0.

Approval of Minutes: Clerk Engel had distributed draft minutes from the January 10, 2024 Town Board Meeting. Supervisor Bechly moved to approve the minutes; Supervisor Lettner seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed 3-0.

Remarks from Amanda Lacey, School Board Candidate: Ms. Lacey was unable to attend the meeting.

Request from D&B Properties for town input on Conditional Use Permit to Exceed 150 Campsites for Special Events: Bob Timm and Ty Lingenfelter from Mississippi Thunder Speedway were present to explain the request. The racetrack parcel already has a conditional use permit, so the current request is for the adjacent parcel owned by D&B Properties. Currently, they can have up to 150 campers on the parcel and with the conditional use permit, they would like to increase that number to 270 for a big race event at the end of May. Chairperson Platteter explained the town's options: support, oppose or take no position. Supervisor Lettner made a motion to support the conditional use permit; Supervisor Bechly seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed 3-0.

Revisions to Town Road Construction Standards Ordinance 2021-23: Chairperson Platter has reviewed Ordinance 2021-23 and believes that should be revised to better reflect what is needed for a town road. He would like to review and consider enactment of the changes soon due to the Pine Street road construction issue. Areas that he believes need to be modified are as follows:

- The town board cannot classify roads; that is done by the state;
- The surface area of the road should be a 24' base and 20' surface;
- The town board should be able to approve a reduction of width to 18', not 20';
- The road base should be breaker rock (eliminate pea gravel);
- For ditching and culverts, the wording should be changed from 2' greater than the base to long enough to provide a 3 to 1 slope
- The dimensions on the diagrams should be modified to incorporate the above changes
- For roads that are primarily residential/cul-de-sac or dead end roads, the requirement should be 8" breaker rock and 6" crushed rock

Chairperson Platteter will discuss the recommended changes with Attorney Loberg and get a revised version of the ordinance to be considered at the March Town Board meeting.

Request to Improve Unimproved Section of Pine Street: Chairperson Platteter will be meeting with Attorney Loberg soon to review a proposed contract for the construction of Pine Street.

Board of Review: Clerk Engel explained that, due to the revaluation, the tax roll will not be ready until later in the year. Therefore, the 1st meeting of the Board of Review will be a very short meeting and will take place prior to the May Town Board Meeting.

Recycling/Garbage Update: No update.

Update on Fountain City Fire Association: The FCFA met on February 7th. Budget numbers were reviewed and the association had a \$23,000 surplus which will be transferred to the equipment fund. The unpaid water bill was discussed and a resolution reached. The new firetruck is on order; a payment of approximately \$25,000 will be due in August/September with the remaining portion of the town's share due in 2025.

Road Grants Update: The town's Canada Ridge Road Project ranked #2 in the County and #5 in the region. This means that we have a good chance of being awarded some money. However, the award would probably be from the discretionary grant fund, which only pays 50% of the cost of the roadway. If Milton is chosen for an award, the project can be modified. The rules for another grant program (agricultural road improvement program) were just released. The Canada Ridge Road Project should qualify for the new program, so Chairperson Platteter could reapply for that project (which pays 90% of the cost).

Road Bans: Road bans were put in place (and signs erected) earlier this month. Chairperson Platter will be looking into a possible violation of the bans.

Road Work Updates: None.

Bridge Update: Chairperson Platteter explained the new requirement that towns do an inventory of 6' to 20' bridges. After discussion, it was agreed that Chairperson Platteter and Paul Duellman would work together to prepare the inventory.

Announcements: None.

Adjournment: Supervisor Lettner moved to adjourn; Supervisor Bechly seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed 3-0. Meeting adjourned 6:44 p.m.

Minutes by Kalene Engel, Town Clerk

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF MILTON
TOWN BOARD MEETING
March 13, 2024

Chairperson Bob Platteter called the meeting to order at the Milton Town Hall, S2794 State Road 88, Fountain City, WI 54629 on March 13, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. with Supervisor Tom Lettner, Supervisor Roger Bechly, Clerk Kalene Engel and Treasurer Jane Baures present. Also present were eight community members.

Informal Public Comment: None.

Review and Pay Bills: Supervisor Bechly made a motion to approve payment of the monthly bills. Supervisor Lettner seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed 3-0.

Approval of Minutes: Clerk Engel distributed draft minutes from the February 14, 2024 Town Board Meeting in advance of the meeting. Supervisor Lettner moved to approve the minutes; Supervisor Bechly seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed 3-0.

Request for Town Board to Revise Town Acknowledgement Form for D&B Properties: S&J Properties, the landowner adjacent to a portion of the proposed campground, sent a request to consider adding a recommendation on the Town Acknowledgment Form for some type of noise limit or control to keep the noise in the campground under a certain decibel limit. No one from S&J Properties was present but Tyrone Lingenfelter and Bob Timm from D&B Properties were present, as were Ron and Charlotte Haney, who reside in the subdivision adjacent to the proposed campground. Mr. Lingenfelter stated that he has never received a noise complaint for the racetrack and noted that the music and other louder activities are kept near the main racetrack itself and out of the campgrounds. He also stated that the persons staying in the campground are usually older and police themselves. Chairperson Platteter observed that the big events only take place one or two weekends a year and that there are no houses in the immediate campground area. He further observed that he did not know how a noise control restriction would be enforced, as the town doesn't have the resources and he doubted that the county did either. Supervisor Lettner noted that the people and business from the events are great for the economy. Ron and Charlotte Haney had no concerns about the request. Supervisor Lettner moved to add the following comments to the Town Acknowledgement Form in support of the request: "The Town Board supports the request because the business and people that the campsites will generate is good for the local economy. Further the Town Board does not support noise restrictions as it has not been an issue in the past and the neighbors who live right next to the area are not concerned." Supervisor Bechly seconded the motion. No additional discussion. Motion passed 3-0.

Revisions to Town Road Construction Standards Ordinance 2021-23: Supervisor Platteter presented a revised Ordinance that incorporated the recommended suggestions that he made at the February Town Board meeting. He stated that the town would need to provide oversight for new road construction. Supervisor Bechly made a motion to approve the revised ordinance; Supervisor Lettner seconded the motion. No additional discussion. Motion passed 3-0.

Review/Approval of Road Right of Way Improvements Agreement: Attorney Loberg drafted a Road Right of Way Agreement between the town and S&J Properties for the improvement of undeveloped portion of Pine Street. The agreement places the financial responsibility on S&J Properties and requires that the road be blacktopped per the Town Road Construction Ordinance

before the town would be responsible for taking over the road and its maintenance. Supervisor Lettner made a motion that the roadway would need to be staked out per the survey at S&J Properties' expense before the Board would consider approval of the agreement. Supervisor Bechly seconded the motion. Supervisor Bechly inquired about the need to have a 66' right of way per the Town Road Construction Ordinance. Supervisor Platteter noted that we had existing roadways that were less than 66' road right of way. Clerk Engel noted that the Road Right of Way Agreement would likely trump the ordinance anyway. Motion approved 3-0.

Variance Request from TJ Lipinski: TJ Lipinski submitted a variance request for a garage that he wants to construct on his property on Bay Street. A variance is needed because the garage will not meet the 50' setback requirement from the center of the roadway. Both Chairperson Platteter and Supervisor Lettner had viewed the area prior to the meeting. Chairperson Platteter noted that there was no issue of visibility for someone coming out of the driveway and it does not infringe onto the road right-of-way. It is an approximate 8' difference. Supervisor Lettner did not think it was a big deal either. Supervisor Lettner moved to support the request on the basis that it did not present any safety risks, impede visibility or infringe on the road right-of-way. Supervisor Bechly seconded the motion. No additional discussion. Motion approved 3-0.

Recycling/Garbage Update: The hours are for the BBCM center are Tuesdays from 3-7pm and Saturdays from 8am to 1pm.

Road Grants Update: The good news is that it sounds like the township might be approved for the road grant. The bad news is that the amount of approval is likely to be only 50% of the approximate \$1.1 million cost (down from 70%). Chairperson Platteter does not know if the township can afford to do the project at the 50% rate but it is also possible that the percentage could increase if other municipalities decline grants.

Road Work: Chairperson Platteter instructed Paul Duellman to remove the road ban signs by Friday, March 15th.

Road Work Updates: None.

Set Annual Road Survey Date: After discussion, the Annual Road Survey was set for April 11th at 4pm starting at the town hall.

Bridge Update: Chairperson Platteter discussed the culvert inventory that was required by the state. He has already completed the first step, which was to specify who would be doing the inventory and submit that form to the Highway Commissioner by April 15th.

Announcements: Chairperson Bechly attended a Wisconsin Towns Association meeting and completed the Board of Review Training. He stated that the speakers reported that funding to assist with culverts would be gone by March 27th.

Adjournment: Supervisor Lettner moved to adjourn; Supervisor Bechly seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed 3-0. Meeting adjourned 6:58 p.m.

Minutes by Kalene Engel, Town Clerk

TOWN OF MILTON
ROAD SURVEY MINUTES
April 11, 2024

Chairperson Platteter called the meeting to order at the Milton Town Hall, S2794 State Rd 88, Fountain City, WI 54629 at 4:00 p.m. with Supervisor Tom Lettner, Supervisor Roger Bechly and Paul Duellman present.

Discussion was held on roads possibly needing work. Attendees then toured the roads being considered for work. Suggestions for 2024 include sealcoating Fern Circle, Henry Lane, Baertsch Valley, and Engel Road. Patching and shoulder work on various roads were also discussed. Chairperson Platteter will reach out to Buffalo County and a few other vendors for estimates.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Minutes by Kalene Engel, Town Clerk based upon notes of Chairperson Platteter

TOWN OF MILTON
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
April 16, 2024

Chairperson Platteter called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Milton Town Hall, S2794 State Rd 88, Fountain City, WI 54629 with nine residents of the Town of Milton present.

Introduction: Chairperson Platteter reviewed the format of the annual meeting.

Elector's Input on Agenda Items: None.

Approval of Minutes: Clerk Engel read the minutes of the April 18, 2023 Annual Town Meeting. Tom Lettner moved to approve the minutes as read; Roger Bechly seconded the motion. No discussion. By a show of hands, the motion carried unanimously (9-0).

Annual Report: The 2023 Annual Report was distributed prior to the meeting and also posted on the town website. Clerk Engel discussed the format and content of the report. She explained that the overall holdings increased from \$455,792.49 to \$542,892.28 during 2022. Sharon Kamrowski made a motion to approve the Annual Report and Rita Bechly seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed 9-0.

2023 Year in Review:

- **Town Hall:** Updated locks were placed on the town hall and shed. The hall continues to be used by community groups. A new use this year was for food packing and distribution for needy families in the C-FC School District.
- **Remonumentation Project:** The remonumentation project has been completed.
- **Litigation report:** There was no new litigation in 2023.
- **Road Report:** The major road project that was completed in 2023 was a section of Canada Ridge Road.
- **Election Update:** 2023 was another slow year for elections.
- **Recycling/Garbage:** Countywide, the hours of operation have been changed to be consistent from site-to-site and year-round.
- **Town Assessor/Attorney:** The current town assessor is Eric Kleven and the current town attorney is Robert Loberg. Kalene Engel made a motion to recommend that the town retain the services of Kleven and Loberg for another year. Tom Lettner seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed 9-0.
- **Board of Review Recap (2023):** One case was heard by the 2023 Board of Review. The 2024 Board of Review will not be held until the fall due to the revaluation.

- **Fire Association/Fire Truck:** The new fire truck has been ordered. The chassis should be delivered after the 1st of the year, but the truck will then need to go to Marshfield to have the tank built, so it will not be in service for a while. Discussions are underway to potentially change the cost allocation between the four municipalities that comprise the Fountain City Fire Association. The current allocation is 25% per municipality; other options being considered are a per population or per call allocation.

ATV Trails: Buffalo County has changed its ATV ordinance to allow trails to be open year-round from 5am to 10pm. The State of Wisconsin has also agree to open up 5 sections of state highway to allow connections to county roads.

License Fees: Chairperson Platteter reviewed the current alcohol license fees, as follows: \$500 liquor license; \$100 beer license; \$10 operator's license; \$7 background check fee and \$5 provisional operator's license fee. He also reviewed the dog license fees: \$5 (neutered); \$12 (not neutered) and \$10 late fee. No action on license fees was recommended or made.

Election Workers: The hourly rate for election workers was raised to \$14/hour in April of 2023. Chief Inspectors are paid \$10 extra per shift worked and all workers receive a \$5 mileage allowance. No action on election worker compensation was recommended or made.

Compensation of Town Board: Chairperson Platteter reviewed the compensation for Town officers, as follows:

- Chairperson: \$6,500 – effective April 2021 – increased by \$1,000 in 2020
- Supervisor: \$2,000 – effective April 2015-increased by \$350 in 2015
- Treasurer \$4,500 – effective April 2021-decreased by \$500 in 2020
- Clerk: \$12,000 – effective April 2021 – increased by \$2,000 in 2020

Chairperson Platteter explained that any changes made would not take place until the next term (in 2025). Compensation can also be reviewed at the November Tax Levy Meeting. No action was taken or recommended.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Kalene Engel. and seconded by Roger Bechly. Motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Meeting adjourned 6:32 p.m.

Submitted by Kalene Engel, Town Clerk

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF MILTON
TOWN BOARD MEETING
April 16, 2024

Chairperson Bob Platteter called the meeting to order at the Milton Town Hall, S2794 State Road 88, Fountain City, WI 54629 on April 16, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. with Supervisor Tom Lettner, Supervisor Roger Bechly and Clerk Kalene Engel present. Treasurer Jane Baures was absent with prior notice to the board. Also present were five community members.

Informal Public Comment: None.

Review and Pay Bills: Supervisor Bechly made a motion to approve payment of the monthly bills. Supervisor Lettner seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed 3-0.

Approval of Minutes: Clerk Engel distributed draft minutes from the March 14, 2024 Town Board Meeting and April 11, 2024 Road Survey Meeting in advance of the meeting. Supervisor Lettner moved to approve the minutes; Supervisor Bechly seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed 3-0.

Operator's License for Lexie Lorenz and Theresa Kriesel: Clerk Engel reported that there were no issues with the background checks for either applicant and that they planned to work at Drift Inn. Supervisor Bechly made a motion to grant the licenses. Supervisor Lettner seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed 3-0.

Review/Approval of Road Right of Way Improvements Agreement: Chairperson Platteter provided a copy of the draft agreement to Jonathan Duellman, who responded with a request for significant changes to the agreement. Chairperson Platteter provided the modified agreement to Attorney Loberg, but he had not yet had a chance to review and advise on the changes prior to the meeting. Therefore, any action on this item was deferred until Attorney Loberg can advise.

Recycling/Garbage Update: Supervisor Bechly will attend the May 1st BBC&M Meeting.

Road Grants Update: Chairperson Platteter has not received any updates on the grant requests.

Road Survey Update: During the Road Survey Meeting on April 11, 2024, the Board identified the following roads in need of sealcoating: Fern Circle, Henry Lane, Baertsch Road and Engel Road. Additional patching and shoulder work also needs to be done on various roads. Chairperson Platteter would like to explore using other products for the sealcoating and has requested preliminary estimates. Supervisor Lettner made a motion to approve placing a notice for bids for the work should the estimates come in over \$25,000. Supervisor Bechly seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed 3-0.

Bridge Update: None.

Announcements: None.

Adjournment: Supervisor Bechly moved to adjourn; Supervisor Lettner seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed 3-0. Meeting adjourned 6:53 p.m.

Minutes by Kalene Engel, Town Clerk

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF MILTON
TOWN BOARD MEETING
May 8, 2024

Chairperson Bob Platteter called the meeting to order at the Milton Town Hall, S2794 State Road 88, Fountain City, WI 54629 on May 8, 2024 at 6:01 p.m. with Supervisor Tom Lettner, Supervisor Roger Bechly, Clerk Kalene Engel and Treasurer Jane Baures present. Also present were five community members.

Informal Public Comment: None.

Review and Pay Bills: Supervisor Lettner made a motion to approve payment of the monthly bills. Supervisor Bechly seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed 3-0.

Approval of Minutes: Clerk Engel distributed draft minutes from the April 16, 2024 Town Board Meeting in advance of the meeting. Supervisor Bechly moved to approve the minutes; Supervisor Lettner seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed 3-0.

Prairie Moon Museum Insurance: The cost of insuring the Prairie Moon Museum building and sculptures has more than doubled, to over \$5,500. The Friends of the Prairie Moon group has agreed to pay the premiums.

Review/Approval of Road Right of Way Improvements Agreement: Chairperson Platter has been in discussions with Attorney Loberg regarding additional changes to the agreement. Attorney Loberg still needs to revise the agreement so it was not ready for a vote.

Recycling/Garbage Update: The BBC&M Meeting had to be rescheduled; a new date has not yet been selected.

Road Grants Update: The town was selected to receive a 50% cost share grant for the Canada Ridge Road Project, the total cost of which was over a million dollars. It was one of 47 grants awarded for that program. Originally, the application was submitted for a 70-90% cost share. Chairperson Platteter and Clerk Engel have discussed the possibility of borrowing money to fund the project. Chairperson Platteter is also going to reach out to the state to see if the project could be scaled down, so the match amount was less.

Road Work Update: Paul Duellman completed the sweeping of town roads and has been doing a lot of patching. He and Chairperson Platteter will take a look at Schlawin Road, which needs patching.

Bridge Update: None.

Announcements: None.

Adjournment: Supervisor Lettner moved to adjourn; Supervisor Bechly seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed 3-0. Meeting adjourned 6:12 p.m.

Minutes by Kalene Engel, Town Clerk

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF MILTON
BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING
May 8, 2024

Chairperson Bob Platteter called the meeting to order at the Milton Town Hall, S2794 State Road 88, Fountain City, WI 54629 on May 8, 2024 at 5:45 pm.

Roll Call: Assessor Eric Klevin and the following Board of Review Members were present: Chairperson Platteter, Supervisor Tom Lettner and Clerk Engel. Also present were six community members.

Confirmation of appropriate Board of Review Notices: Clerk Engel attested to the proper publication and posting of the Board of Review Notice.

Select Chairperson: Clerk Engel made a motion to select Chairperson Platteter as Chairperson of the Board of Review. Supervisor Lettner seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed 4-0.

Select Vice-Chairperson: Supervisor Lettner made a motion to select Supervisor Bechly as Vice-Chairperson of the Board of Review. Clerk Engel seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed 4-0.

Verify Training Requirements: Clerk Engel attested to the fact that Supervisor Bechly attended the mandatory Board of Review Training on March 2, 2024.

Verify Ordinance for Confidentiality: Chairperson Platteter attested to the fact that the town has an ordinance for the confidentiality of income and expense information (Ordinance 11).

Report on Status of Assessment Roll: Assessor Klevin reported that the assessment roll is not yet complete. He is waiting for numbers from the Department of Revenue that will not be released until August 15th.

Adjournment: Clerk Engel moved to adjourn the Board of Review to a date to be scheduled after the assessment roll is done. Supervisor Lettner seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed 4-0. Meeting adjourned 5:48 p.m.

Minutes by Kalene Engel, Town Clerk

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF MILTON
TOWN BOARD MEETING
June 12, 2024

Chairperson Bob Platteter called the meeting to order at the Milton Town Hall, S2794 State Road 88, Fountain City, WI 54629 on June 12, 2024 at 6:01 p.m. with Supervisor Tom Lettner, Supervisor Roger Bechly, and Clerk Kalene Engel. Treasurer Jane Baures was absent with prior notice to and permission of the Chairperson. Also present were eight community members.

Informal Public Comment: Sharon Kamrowski questioned if the town or railroad owned the bridge under the train trestle on which graffiti was painted. It is owned by the railroad.

Review and Pay Bills: Supervisor Lettner made a motion to approve payment of the monthly bills. Supervisor Bechly seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed 3-0.

Approval of Minutes: Clerk Engel distributed draft minutes from the May 8, 2024 Board of Review Meeting and May 8, 2024 Town Board Meeting in advance of the meeting. Supervisor Bechly moved to approve the minutes; Supervisor Lettner seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed 3-0.

Insurance Update from Steve Berger: Steve Berger of Rural Mutual Insurance reviewed the various insurance coverages for the town.

Operator's License Applications: Operator's License application information and criminal background information on applicants was reviewed by the board. Clerk Engel reviewed the requirements of the application and the law regarding license denials. Supervisor Lettner made a motion that the following individuals be granted an Operator's License: Mary Engler, Mara Fenske, Christian Fratzke, Emily Jandl, Kristin Dodson, Jessica Kupka, Justin Norland, Brad Norland, Shawn DuBois, Jessica Tekippe, Brandi Joswick, Eryn Englund, Hailey Towner, Robert Timm. Supervisor Bechly seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed 3-0. Supervisor Lettner made a motion to deny an Operator's License to Courtney Davis due to an incomplete application, recent conviction for activity that was substantially related to the licensing activity and no evidence of rehabilitation, subject to the applicant's ability to submit a complete application and evidence of rehabilitation. Supervisor Bechly seconded the motion. No additional discussion. Motion passed 3-0.

Liquor License Applications: Complete applications for Class B" Intoxicating Liquor and Class "B" Beer Combination Licenses were received from MTS, Inc – Hailey Towner, Agent; MAD Enterprizes, LLC – Dave Barnhardt, Agent; Bar Creations, LLC – Jeff Jandl, Agent; Brad's Roadhouse Bar & Grill, LLC – Brad Norland, Agent. Supervisor Lettner made a motion to grant licenses to all applicants. Supervisor Bechly seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed 3-0.

Cigarette License Application: A complete application for a cigarette/vape/tobacco license was received from MAD Enterprizes, LLC. Supervisor Bechly made a motion to grant a cigarette license to the applicant. Supervisor Lettner seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed 3-0.

Appointment of Assessor and Attorney: Supervisor Bechly made a motion to appoint Eric Kleven as Town Assessor and Robert Lobert as Town Attorney. Supervisor Lettner seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed 3-0.

Update on Prairie Moon Museum: Chairperson Platteter read from an e-mail sent by Marjorie Kammuegger, President of the Friends of Prairie Moon. According to the email, improvements that will be made this summer include sidewalks, surfacing of the parking lot, a new shelter over a concrete slab and a wheelchair accessible table, which will be put in the shelter along with the three existing tables. The Friends of Prairie Moon is also looking into improved signage in light of the volume of traffic generated by the Great River Road (formerly called the Happiness Highway) and the money that tourism brings into the area. The Prairie Moon was featured on May 19th Discovery Wisconsin episode on Channel 19.

Review/approval of Road Right-of-Way Improvements Agreements: Chairperson Platteter has been working with Attorney Loberg and Jonathan Duellman to put the finishing touches on the agreement. One issue that came up is the room needed for a turnaround, should the road that was constructed be a dead end road. Concerns were expressed that the amount of room needed for a bus would be greater than what is currently considered. Additional concerns raised by residents included a requirement for a minimum number of houses to be constructed to justify the town taking over the roadway. Chairperson Platteter stated that the county zoning ordinance had specifications for what could be considered a town road which included a minimum number of residence. Chairperson Platteter will continue to work towards finalizing the agreement.

Recycling/Garbage Update: The BBC&M Meeting was held earlier this month. Everything is going well on the recycling end of things. One issue that has arisen is that the site has been overwhelmed with brush and burning due to recent storms. Waste Transport will be increasing the burn prices to keep pace with costs. The board agreed to put some of its funds into a CD at Alliance. Tony Pfaff, County Recycling Coordinator, is retiring on July 1st.

Road Grants Update: The town received a letter from Wisconsin Towns Association congratulating us on the road grant for Canada Ridge Road. Chairperson Platteter checked with the state and was advised that the town could do a one time change in scope to reduce the scope and cost, but that would also reduce the match. The Town of Naples used a local bank to borrow money for its recent road project. Another option is to borrow through the Board of Commissioners of Public Land, which is often used by municipalities to borrow money for public works projects. The application process is easy, the rates are competitive and all interest gets distributed back to school libraries. Supervisor Lettner moved to accept the grant and move ahead with the project. Supervisor Bechly seconded the motion. Supervisor Bechly asked whether the town could back out if it determined it was not feasible. Chairperson Platteter stated that it was possible, but if the town backed out, it would lose the grant money. No additional discussion. Motion passed 3-0.

Road Work Update: Paul Duellman has been working on patching roads and will continue to do so. He will also be mowing weeds within the next few weeks.

Bridge Update: The culvert inventory is due at the end of the year.

Announcements:

- Chairperson Platteter has received another complaint about speeders on Kamrowski Road. Bob directed Paul Duellman to put up additional 45 mph signs

- Chairperson Platteter is gathering estimates for chipsealing. He received an estimate for a new process of microsealing which is more expensive than chipsealing but lasts longer.

Adjournment: Supervisor Lettner moved to adjourn; Supervisor Bechly seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed 3-0. Meeting adjourned 7:00 p.m.

Minutes by Kalene Engel, Town Clerk

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF MILTON
TOWN BOARD MEETING
July 10, 2024

Chairperson Bob Platteter called the meeting to order at the Milton Town Hall, S2794 State Road 88, Fountain City, WI 54629 on July 10, 2024 at 6:03 p.m. with Supervisor Tom Lettner, Supervisor Roger Bechly, Treasurer Jane Baures and Clerk Kalene Engel present. Also present were six community members.

Informal Public Comment: None.

Review and Pay Bills: Supervisor Lettner made a motion to approve payment of the monthly bills. Supervisor Bechly seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed 3-0.

Approval of Minutes: Clerk Engel distributed draft minutes from the June 12, 2024 Town Board Meeting in advance of the meeting. Supervisor Bechly moved to approve the minutes; Supervisor Lettner seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed 3-0.

Operator's License Applications: Operator's license application information and criminal background information on applicants was reviewed by the board. Supervisor Lettner made a motion that the following individuals be granted an Operator's License: Courtney Davis, Debra Hund Morem and Mckinlee Northrup. Supervisor Bechly seconded the motion. No additional discussion. Motion passed 3-0.

Approval of Contracts with Semling Brothers Concrete: Notice of intent to enter into three contracts for improvements to the Prairie Moon Museum property (owned by the town) was posted on June 30, 2024. The three contracts were for (1) sidewalk and pavilion patio for \$13,932; (2) upper parking lot for \$19,613 and (3) parking lot and driveway for \$18,005. Supervisor Bechly moved to approve the three contracts. Supervisor Lettner seconded the motion. Clerk Engel clarified that the Friends of the Prairie Moon would be paying for the improvements. No additional discussion. Motion passed 3-0.

Recycling/Garbage Update: No update.

Fire Department/fire runs updates: The Fountain City Fire Association will have its budget meeting on July 24th at 7pm. Treasurer Baures will bring a report on the fire run information for the August meeting.

Road Grants Update: We have received the SMA (State Municipal Agreement) which confirms that the State of Wisconsin is committing to the money granted to Milton. The next step is to select a consultant to do the engineering. The sunset date for the project is 2029, so there is some time to complete it; however, it will be a three-year process to do the project. As noted previously, if the town scales back on the project, the amount of matching grant money would be reduced.

Approval of Contracts with Struck and Irwin: Notice of intent to enter into three contracts for improvements to the township roadways was posted on June 30, 2024. The three contracts were for site preparation and microsurfacing of (1) Henry Lane for \$13,732; (2) Fern Circle for \$16,713 and (3) Engel Road for \$12,404.70. Chairperson Platteter had also received estimates from Scott's Construction for chip sealing for the above roads plus Baertsch Valley Road. The board reviewed and compared the costs for road repair. Chairperson Platteter described the chip seal process and

noted that a road that has allegatoring (striations) on it (like Engel Road) was better suited to a double chip seal. He also noted that prep work would need to be done on Engel Road and Baertsch Road prior to any chip seal. He further noted that microsurfacing worked best on roads that were in fairly good shape. Supervisor Lettner moved to approve the public contract with Struck & Irwin Paving, Inc. for Henry Lane for \$13,732 and to approve the public contract with Struck & Irwin Paving, Inc. for Fern Circle for \$16,713. Chairperson Bechly seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0. Clerk Engel will prepare a Notice of Public Contracts for Baertsch Road and Engel Road for contracts with Scott's Construction.

Other Roadwork Update: Paul Duellman put some new gravel on Kennebeck Road and will be clearing some brush on/near other roadways. Chairperson Platteter and Paul Duellman marked the spot for additional 45 mph signs on Kamrowski Road.

Bridge Update: Chairperson Platteter will pick up the bridge inventory form at the County Office Building.

Road Right-of-Way Improvement: Jonathan Duellman agreed to the changes suggested by Attorney Loberg except the one relating to the "west end of Pine Street" since there isn't only one west end of the roadway since it curves. Chairperson Platteter explained that some of the trees next to the roadway would need to be removed, but that some of them were not in good shape and were in danger of coming down anyway. Supervisor Bechly moved to approve the road agreement subject to final review and approval by Attorney Loberg. Supervisor Lettner seconded the motion. Supervisor Bechly inquired about the survey for the roadway and Chairperson Platteter stated that was a part of the agreement. Motion passed. 3-0.

Announcements:

- The annual Towns Association Meeting picnic is on Monday.

Adjournment: Supervisor Lettner moved to adjourn; Supervisor Bechly seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed 3-0. Meeting adjourned 6:43 p.m.

Minutes by Kalene Engel, Town Clerk

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF MILTON
TOWN BOARD MEETING
August 14, 2024

Chairperson Bob Platteter called the meeting to order at the Milton Town Hall, S2794 State Road 88, Fountain City, WI 54629 on August 14, 2024 at 6:02 p.m. with Supervisor Tom Lettner, Supervisor Roger Bechly, Treasurer Jane Baures and Clerk Kalene Engel present. Also present were six community members.

Informal Public Comment: None.

Review and Pay Bills: Supervisor Bechly made a motion to approve payment of the monthly bills. Supervisor Lettner seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed 3-0.

Approval of Minutes: Clerk Engel distributed draft minutes from the July 10, 2024 Town Board Meeting in advance of the meeting. Supervisor Lettner moved to approve the minutes; Supervisor Bechly seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed 3-0.

Operator's License Applications: Clerk Engel reported on the applications of Lexie Lorenz and Cindy Hanson. Supervisor Lettner made a motion to grant operator's licenses to both. Supervisor Bechly seconded the motion. No additional discussion. Motion passed 3-0.

Recycling/Garbage Update: No update.

Fire Department/fire runs updates: There was a Fire Association meeting on July 24th. Due to insurance costs, the assessments will go up \$500 to \$15,000 for next year. Delivery of the fire truck has been postponed until the first quarter of next year. The City Council made a motion to wipe out the past bills for water and to bill at a set rate per year in the future but one of the council members has objected to that as being improper, so the issue remains unresolved. Treasurer Baures reported on her efforts in billing for fire runs, noting that it is difficult to get timely, accurate and complete information about the fire runs making it difficult to prepare the invoices.

Road Grants Update: Chairperson Platteter is reaching out to consultants to give presentations to the board so that the board can select a consultant for the Canada Ridge Road Project.

Approval of Contracts with Scott Construction: Notice of intent to enter into two contracts for improvements to the township roadways was posted on July 16, 2024. The two contracts were double chip seal of Engel Road (CTH G to East Town Line) and \$9,083 for single chip seal of Baertsch Valley Road (CTH G to East Town Line) for \$13,261. Supervisor Lettner moved to approve the contracts. Chairperson Bechly seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Other Roadwork Update: Paul Duellman has cleaned up Baertsch Road; Kennebeck is almost done. Fern Circle and Henry Lane microsurfacing has been completed; it is not as smooth as what Chairperson Platteter expected.

Bridge Update: None.

Road Right-of-Way Improvement: Attorney Loberg reviewed the contract and has some suggestions which need to be reviewed. This will be placed on the September agenda.

Announcements: None.

Adjournment: Supervisor Lettner moved to adjourn; Supervisor Bechly seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed 3-0. Meeting adjourned 6:24 p.m.

Minutes by Kalene Engel, Town Clerk

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF MILTON
TOWN BOARD MEETING
September 11, 2024

Chairperson Bob Platteter called the meeting to order at the Milton Town Hall, S2794 State Road 88, Fountain City, WI 54629 on September 11, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. with Supervisor Tom Lettner, Supervisor Roger Bechly, Treasurer Jane Baures and Clerk Kalene Engel present. Also present were five community members.

Informal Public Comment: None.

Review and Pay Bills: Supervisor Lettner made a motion to approve payment of the monthly bills. Supervisor Bechly seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed 3-0.

Approval of Minutes: Clerk Engel distributed draft minutes from the August 14, 2024 Town Board Meeting in advance of the meeting. Supervisor Bechly moved to approve the minutes; Supervisor Lettner seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed 3-0.

Operator's License Applications: Clerk Engel reported on the application of Hailee Burt. Supervisor Lettner made a motion to grant operator's licenses to both. Supervisor Bechly seconded the motion. No additional discussion. Motion passed 3-0.

2025 Budget: Clerk Engel reviewed the proposed 2025 Budget including a review of the 2023 tax levy amounts for each of the townships in Buffalo County. Milton's levy last year was \$86,835, while Cross and Waumandee's were over \$200,000. Most of the municipalities in the county have approximately 30 miles of roads to maintain, with some exceptions. With an upcoming million dollar expense for Canada Ridge Road (half of which will eventually be reimbursed from a grant), it is necessary to increase the levy to have sufficient money in reserves so that the interest expenses on the amount the town will have to borrow to front the money for the project are kept to a minimum. Additionally, with rising costs of road maintenance overall, and compared to other similar townships, if the township wants to be able to pay for the services that the residents have come to expect, it is necessary to raise the levy. The proposed increase is \$43,165, making the total levy \$130,000.

Resolution to Exceed Levy Limit Via Town Meeting: Supervisor Letter made a motion to pass Resolution 24-01 to raise the levy to the amount stated above. Supervisor Bechly seconded the motion. A question was asked as to whether this means the levy would be automatically increased. Clerk Engel stated that the electors would need to vote on the final levy at a town meeting in November. No further discussion. Motion passed 3-0.

Board of Review:

-Dates: The 2024 Open Book has been set for October 9, 2024 from 3-5 pm at the Town Hall. Assessor Kleven will be present to answer questions from taxpayers. Due to the revaluation, there are going to be significant changes to value, but not necessarily an increase in taxes for everyone. The Board of Review has been set for October 23, 2024 from 4-6pm at the town hall

-Alternate Board of Review Ordinance: To allow for potential conflicts of interest or removals of Board of Review members by taxpayers, the township has an ordinance naming alternates to serve on the board of review. The ordinance has not been updated in some time and some of the names on the existing ordinance no longer reside in the township. The following persons have been identified as being willing to be listed as alternates: Sharon Kamrowski, Rodney Bagniewski,

Eugene Bagniewski, Jr. and Jon Schiller. Supervisor Bechly made a motion to amend Ordinance 5 to name the above persons as alternates, in the order listed. Supervisor Lettner seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed 3-0.

Recycling/Garbage Update: No update.

Fire Department/fire runs updates: Discussion was held on a better way to approach billing for the fire runs in the township. Duane Hund explained that the Town of Waumandee has a flat charge per call that is included on the towing bill, then reimbursed to the township if paid by insurance. Clerk Engel will review this matter and report at the October meeting.

Road Grants Update: Chairperson Platteter plans to have 2-3 consultants for the Canada Ridge Road Project give presentations to the board at the December meeting.

Culvert Inventory: Chairperson Platteter has the forms to complete the culvert inventory and he and Paul Duellman will complete this by the December deadline.

Other Roadwork Update: Paul Duellman plans to order some fine mix to fix some spiderwebbing on Canada Ridge Road and Waumandee Creek Road.

Bridge Update: None.

Road Right-of-Way Improvement: Attorney Loberg reviewed the contract and had some additional suggestions which were sent to John Duellman. He had some additional changes which are now being reviewed by Attorney Loberg. John Duellman indicated to Chairperson Platteter that he would like to get the agreement wrapped up by the spring.

Announcements: None.

Adjournment: Supervisor Lettner moved to adjourn; Supervisor Bechly seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed 3-0. Meeting adjourned 6:53 p.m.

Minutes by Kalene Engel, Town Clerk

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF MILTON
TOWN BOARD MEETING
October 9, 2024

Chairperson Bob Platteter called the meeting to order at the Milton Town Hall, S2794 State Road 88, Fountain City, WI 54629 on October 9, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. with Supervisor Tom Lettner, Supervisor Roger Bechly, Treasurer Jane Baures and Clerk Kalene Engel present. Also present were three community members.

Informal Public Comment: None.

Review and Pay Bills: Supervisor Lettner made a motion to approve payment of the monthly bills. Supervisor Bechly seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed 3-0.

Approval of Minutes: Clerk Engel distributed draft minutes from the September 11, 2024 Town Board Meeting in advance of the meeting. Supervisor Bechly moved to approve the minutes; Supervisor Lettner seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed 3-0.

Request from Hilltop Trailblazers Snowmobile Club for permission to cross behind town hall: Jason Marquardt was present to explain the request. The Club wants to move the trail to the top of the bank for winter due to the fact that the grooming machine has difficulty getting down to the lower bank. The trail will remain on the lower bank for ATVs. Supervisor Lettner moved to grant permission as requested; Supervisor Bechly seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion passed 3-0.

Recycling/Garbage Update: No update.

Fire Department/fire runs updates: Clerk Engel provided an update on the fire run issue. While the town is able to modify the billing schedule to a per call basis, any fees collected would have to be deducted from the levy limit, so any collections would be cancelled out by a reduction in the levy limit. Clerk Engel compiled a chart showing the annual revenues and expenditures (including fire calls and fire call receipts) over the past 10 years. The total amount of fire call expenses for a 10 year time span was approximately \$17,700, or \$1,770 per year. Not all of that amount is collectible—in fact, over the same 10 year time period, only \$2,900 has been collected. In light of the difficulty of collecting fire run revenue and the fact that any collections must be deducted from the levy limit, Clerk Engel recommended that the town cease attempts to collect for fire runs and instead request that persons who receive services from the Fountain City Fire Dept or First Responders in the Town of Milton be encouraged (via letter from the town) to donate to those two organizations. She will prepare a proposed letter and this item will be placed on the November agenda as an action item.

Road Grants Update: Chairperson Platteter will reach out to a third consultant and schedule the consultants for a presentation to the board at the December meeting.

Culvert Inventory: Chairperson Platteter and Paul Duellman will work on creating the culvert inventory over the next quarter; the due date is December 31, 2024.

Other Roadwork Update: Paul Duellman will complete additional spot patching. Scott Construction has asked for feedback on the Engel Road and Baertsch Road projects. Clerk Engel was directed to provide positive feedback as the roads turned out good. Chairperson Platteter

reported that Scott Construction would provide materials to deal with any oil seepage that may occur on the chipsealed roads within the next year.

Bridge Update: None.

Road Right-of-Way Improvement: The agreement is still under review.

Announcements: The next Wisconsin Towns Association local meeting is on October 21st. The Scenic Valley Swimming Pool provided budget and usage data along with a funding request and those materials were provided to the board.

Adjournment: Supervisor Bechly moved to adjourn; Supervisor Lettner seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed 3-0. Meeting adjourned 6:28 p.m.

Minutes by Kalene Engel, Town Clerk

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF MILTON
BOARD OF REVIEW (Reconvened)
October 23, 2024

Chairperson Bob Platteter called the meeting to order at the Milton Town Hall, S2794 State Rd 88, Fountain City, WI 54629 at 4:00 p.m. on October 23, 2024. In addition to Chairperson Platteter, the following Board of Review members were present: Supervisor Tom Lettner, Supervisor Roger Bechly and Clerk Kalene Engel. Also present was Eric Kleven (assessor), Dan Senn and Michael Hunger.

Review of Prior Meeting: Chairperson Platteter explained that all agenda items through 7 were handled at the previous meeting of the Board of Review.

Confirmation of Notice: Clerk Engel verified that proper notice of the meeting was given by posting on the website and three locations in the township on September 7, 2024.

Review of new laws: Assessor Kleven stated that biggest change was the elimination of personal property assessments. This did not affect the township that much because we did not have that much personal property to begin with. Buildings on leased land have now shifted to real estate taxes.

Report/Receipt of Assessment Roll: Assessor Kleven reported that the assessment roll was completed and appropriate reports filed. Clerk Engel received the assessment roll from the Assessor, completed the sworn statement and delivered it to the Chairperson Platteter.

Review the Assessment Roll and Perform Statutory Duties: The Board of Review received the Assessment Roll and performed its statutory duties.

Error Under State Law: Assessor Kleven indicated that the following corrections of error were made under state law: none.

Open Book Changes: Assessor Kleven verified that changes made at open book were included within the assessment roll.

Taxpayer Examine the Roll: No taxpayers requested to examine the roll.

Consideration of Waiver of 48 Notice of Intent to File and Objection Due to Good Cause: The Board of Review did not receive any requests to waive the 48-hour notice.

Consideration of Waiver of Board of Review Hearing to allow property owner to appeal directly to district court: The Board of Review did not receive any requests from property owners to waive a Board of Review Hearing.

Requests to testify by telephone or submit sworn written statement: The Board of Review did not receive any requests for testimony via telephone or sworn written statement.

Subpoena requests: The Board of Review did not receive any subpoena requests.

Action on any other legally allowed/required Board of Review matters: The Board of Review did not receive any requests or have any other legally allowed/required actions to consider.

Review Notices of Intent to File Objection: The Clerk received a timely notice of intent to file an objection via email by Daniel Senn, who did file a timely Objection.

Proceed to Hear Objections Upon Proper Notice/Waiver: Daniel Senn was present and prepared to have his objection heard immediately. Testimony was taken from Mr. Senn, Michael Hunger and the Assessor, after which the Board of Review made a determination, as indicated on the Notice of Board of Review Determination.

Consider/Act on scheduling additional Board of Review Dates: There were no additional objections, so no additional hearings were scheduled.

Adjourn: Supervisor Lettner moved to adjourn. Supervisor Bechly seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kalene Engel, Town Clerk

NOTE: Next year's Open Book is tentatively scheduled for May 2, 2024 from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. If

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF MILTON
HEARING ON 2025 BUDGET
November 13, 2024

Chairperson Bob Platteter called the meeting to order at the Milton Town Hall, S2794 State Road 88, Fountain City, WI 54629 on November 13, 2024 at 5:45 p.m. Ten electors were present; an additional elector arrived during the meeting.

Presentation and discussion of the proposed 2024 Town of Milton Budget: Clerk Engel presented the proposed 2025 town budget. Roger Bechly had a question on the timing of the payment of the Canada Ridge Road Project. Robert Platteter explained that the money would need to be spent first and once the project was completed, reimbursement for the grant dollars would be made from the state.

Adjournment: Jane Baures moved to adjourn the meeting. Rita Bechly seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:51 p.m.

Minutes by Kalene Engel, Town Clerk

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF MILTON
SPECIAL MEETING OF ELECTORS
November 13, 2024

Chairperson Bob Platteter called the meeting to order at the Milton Town Hall, S2794 State Road 88, Fountain City, WI 54629 on November 13, 2024 at 5:52 p.m. Eleven electors were present.

Resolution to approve tax levy: Proposed Resolution No. 2024-02 to approve the 2024 tax levy (payable 2025) in the amount of \$130,000 was presented and reviewed. Jane Baures moved to adopt the proposed resolution to exceed the allowable town tax levy for 2024 of \$86,931 after adjustments, by 49.7%, with the proposed increase from the 2023 tax levy of \$43,165. Kalene Engel seconded the motion.

11 Town electors voted aye
0 Town electors voted nay
0 Town electors abstained
Motion to adopt resolution passed.

Approval of town tax levy: Jane Baures moved to approve the 2024 total town tax levy (to be collected in 2025) pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 60.10(1)(b)1 of \$130,000. Kalene Engel seconded the motion.

11 Town electors voted aye
0 Town electors voted nay
0 Town electors abstained
Motion passed.

Adjournment: Jane Baures moved to adjourn the meeting. Robert Platteter seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Minutes by Kalene Engel, Town Clerk

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF MILTON
TOWN BOARD MEETING
November 13, 2024

Chairperson Bob Platteter called the meeting to order at the Milton Town Hall, S2794 State Road 88, Fountain City, WI 54629 on November 13, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. with Supervisor Tom Lettner, Supervisor Roger Bechly, Treasurer Jane Baures and Clerk Kalene Engel present. Also present were three community members.

Informal Public Comment: None.

Review and Pay Bills: Supervisor Lettner made a motion to approve payment of the monthly bills. Supervisor Bechly seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed 3-0.

Approval of Minutes: Clerk Engel distributed draft minutes from the October 9, 2024 Town Board Meeting and October 23, 2024 Board of Review in advance of the meeting. Supervisor Bechly moved to approve the minutes; Supervisor Lettner seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed 3-0.

Adoption of 2025 Budget: Supervisor Lettner moved to adopt the 2025 Budget as presented; Supervisor Bechly seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion passed 3-0.

Appointment of Jennifer Davis as Election Inspector: Supervisor Bechly moved to appoint Jennifer Davis as an election inspector; Supervisor Lettner seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion passed 3-0.

Consideration of Zoning Request by Richard Ernst: Richard Ernest is seeking town input on the placement of a driveway within the 75 foot setback of a navigable waterway. Supervisor Lettner and Chairperson Platteter have already have discussions (separately) with county personnel about the request. Supervisor Bechly viewed the location on November 13, 2024. The driveway would be a personal driveway, not a town road. Mr. Ernst has already had to move the house from the original location he wanted to use. Supervisor Lettner moved to support the request; Chairperson Platteter seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion passed 3-0. Notes were added to the Town Acknowledgement Form as follows: NOTES: "Will be a private driveway only, may not be dedicated to the town to be a town road. A" concern was mentioned that the ag land to the NW be accessible.

Recycling/Garbage Update: No update.

Consideration of temporary suspension of enforcement of Ordinance 17 – Fire Protection Charges Ordinance: Clerk Engel reviewed the recent history of enforcement of Ordinance 17 as well as the proposed "donation" letter which would take the place of the town issuing bills for fire calls. The donation letter would be sent by Treasurer Baures to people who received fire call services in the township, other than fires taking place at owner-occupied residences. Chairperson Platteter moved to temporarily suspend enforcement of Sections 2 and 3 of Ordinance 17, to be replaced by the "donation" letter. Supervisor Lettner seconded the motion. No additional discussion. Motion passed 3-0.

Road Grants Update: At the December meeting, the town board will be receiving presentations from up to three companies who are interested in doing the design work for the Canada Ridge Road Project.

Culvert Inventory: Chairperson Platteter and Paul Duellman completed the culvert inventory.

Local Road Certification: Chairperson Platteter has completed the road certification and just needs to mail it to the state.

Other Roadwork Update: Paul Duellman will be completing patching work and tree cutting within the next month.

Bridge Update: None.

Road Right-of-Way Improvement: The agreement is still under review.

Announcements: Clerk Engel reported that there was a very good turnout for the election, with 379 total voters (compared to 403 voters on the printed poll list). She thanked the election workers for making sure the election ran smoothly.

Adjournment: Supervisor Lettner moved to adjourn; Supervisor Lettner seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed 3-0. Meeting adjourned 6:32 p.m.

Minutes by Kalene Engel, Town Clerk

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF MILTON
TOWN BOARD MEETING
December 11, 2024

Chairperson Bob Platteter called the meeting to order at the Milton Town Hall, S2794 State Road 88, Fountain City, WI 54629 on December 11, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. with Supervisor Tom Lettner, Supervisor Roger Bechly, Treasurer Jane Baures and Clerk Kalene Engel present. Also present were five community members.

Informal Public Comment: None.

Review and Pay Bills: Supervisor Lettner made a motion to approve payment of the monthly bills. Supervisor Bechly seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed 3-0.

Approval of Minutes: Clerk Engel distributed draft minutes from the November 13, 2024 Budget Hearing, Special Elector's Meeting and Town Board Meeting in advance of the meeting. Supervisor Lettner moved to approve the minutes; Supervisor Bechly seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed 3-0.

Set Date for 2025 Caucus: Supervisor Bechly made a motion to set the caucus meeting date for January 8, 2025 at 5:45 pm. Supervisor Lettner seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion passed 3-0.

Recycling/Garbage Update: No update.

Road Grants Update: Due to competitive bidding requirements, a bid will be put in the paper for the design work on the roadway to be opened in January.

Culvert Inventory: The culvert inventory has been submitted to the county.

Local Road Certification: Chairperson Platteter submitted the road certification to the state.

Other Roadwork Update: No updates.

Bridge Update: None.

Road Right-of-Way Improvement: Chairperson Platteter believes that we are close to an agreement. There is one line in the legal description that our attorney wants to be removed. The agreement was already approved contingent upon the attorney approval.

Announcements: None.

Adjournment: Supervisor Lettner moved to adjourn; Supervisor Bechly seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed 3-0. Meeting adjourned 6:09 p.m.

Minutes by Kalene Engel, Town Clerk