

July 13, 2021
Town of Packwaukee
Regular Town Board Meeting

In attendance: Lance Achterberg, Vikki Trimble, Judi Nigbor, Keith Bagley, Larry Haygood, Courtney Trimble-Clerk, Jeri Showers-Treasurer

Called to Order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Lance Achterberg

- Motion by Vikki, seconded by Larry to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2021 meeting. Motion carried.
- Clerk's Report - Discussion regarding the cost of operator license fees and background checks. Courtney will find out what other towns are charging and report back at the next meeting.
- Treasurer's report read.
- **Library Report:** Summer reading program is going well. There have been multiple presentations happening this summer and attendance has been good.
- **Citizens Inquiries and Concerns:**
 - Concern that the count is only mowing twice a year, is that correct? Yes, we have always only had town mowing done twice per year.
 - Vikki Trimble received a call from a resident who said she appreciates the mowing that is being done this year as it's a wider path and it's easier to see animals that may run out into the road.
 - Resident wants to know if there has been any further discussion on the Sand/Gravel pit. The company is still working on finishing their application. The earliest this would come up for a vote would be August, but most likely will be later. Resident would like the board members to visit the area of the pit on Highway 22 near Pardeeville as she feels it is hazardous and loud.
 - Resident wants to know if decisions will be made regarding the causeway before the Sand/Gravel pit is approved. It is unknown at this time.
 - Keith Bagley received a call from a resident regarding the dead geese on the causeway. They wanted to know if we could put up Goose Xing signs. Lance will talk to Brian.
- **Feedback on Previous Concerns:**
 - Fireworks - Lance has talked to the sheriff and Waylon Zrinsky regarding Mr. Zrinsky's fireworks permit requests. Lance is going to get contact information for Mr. Zrinsky's neighbors so he can let them know ahead of time when Mr. Zrinsky will be shooting off fireworks.
 - Vikki Trimble questions whether heritage days will happen. Keith Bagley states they have not been able to get it organized for this year. They are working on restarting the Lions Club and they are hopeful they will work with the Historic Society to make it happen next year.
 - The animal that has been digging at the cemetery has not been a big issue anymore.
- **Licenses:** Motion by Keith, seconded by Larry to approve operators licenses for Sandra Bobzien and Kathleen McWilliams. Motion carried.
- **Recycling Center:** Bill received from Columbia County Recycling as that is where the large item dumpsters come from. There is no schedule for when they are picked up, just as needed. The board would like to revisit the possibility of adding a special charge to the tax bills for additional recycling center funding.
- **Cemetery:** Vikki is keeping an eye out for the rodent diggin holes. County Plumber came and completely cleaned and emptied the porta potty.
- **Roads:** Vikki contacted Brian regarding the town road work as nothing had been started yet and there is concern that the town will not reach the minimum required spending on roads. Work is scheduled to start soon. Keith received a few calls regarding the sod on the sides of County Roads C and D. Landowners can move this themselves if they want. Once the road work is completed the shoulders will have to be regraded.

- Town Hall, Park, Flags, Boat Landings, Christmas Decorations:

- Keith talked to the DNR and they are getting him some new pamphlets for the new kiosks at the boat landings.
- Lance questions whether the Historic Society will be maintaining the Christmas lights again. This is unclear.

- Lake Commission Reports:

- Buffalo: District wants to purchase a used harvester. Larry has been talking to the DNR about dredging the lake. Judi states Montello Lake is looking into the same so he might want to talk to them.
- Emery: They have taken in over \$500 in launch fees already this year. They are considering asking the town to take over the launch fees and asking the town to be responsible for maintenance. There has been no official vote on this.
- Williams: District voted unanimously to proceed with the project for a Lake Management Plan. They will apply for a grant to proceed with hiring a consultant.

- Old Business:

- Boat Landing Grant: The Waterways Commission Grant Committee is meeting on August 10th. Vikki will attend the meeting. They would still like to do this project this year if possible.
- Veterans Memorial Project: Keith continues to move forward with this. Discussion regarding financing this project. Motion by Judi, seconded by Keith that the town designates the vacant property at the corner of Walnut Street and State Street for this project and the town will be responsible for memorial maintenance. Discussion. Motion carried. Motion by Lance, seconded by Judi that the town will match donations of up to \$1500 for this year's portion of the memorial project which as presented is the concrete slab and gravel for the parking lot. Discussion. Money to be taken from Room Tax fund. Motion carried.
- Room Tax Letter: Jeri has this done.
- Stop/Right Turn No Stop at C and 8th Rd: Brian believes this would cause additional problems. Motion by Vikki, seconded by Keith to reduce the speed limit to 45mph from County ZZ to the 25mph zone. Discussion. Motion amended that the speed limit not be decreased but the stop sign is not pursued either. Motion and second stand. Motion carried.
- Financial Review: This is tabled until October.
- Town Signs: Vikki talked to Shawna Buenger about doing 1 new sign and touch up on 1 other. The board would like three completely new signs. Lance would like to look into vinyl signs instead. Motion by Lance, seconded by Keith to reimburse Larry \$117.19 for the cost of the plywood he already bought. Motion carried.
- Totsky Lawsuit: the complaint was answered.

- New Business:

- Moon Lake/Russ Rainey Complaint: After discussion, Judi will contact Russ and let him know we talked to the Sheriff's department and there were no complaints on file for his property and if he has concerns he should be contacting the Sheriff's Department.
 - Marquette-Adams Grant Application: Patrick Scully from Marquette-Adams presented their request for the town's ARPA funds to increase their broadband reach. Motion by Lance, seconded by Keith to contribute \$0 of ARPA funds to this project. Motion Carried. The board could potentially reconvene this month to discuss this again after the County has voted on it.
- Motion by Vikki, seconded by Keith to adjourn the meeting at 8:48pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Courtney Trimble, Clerk