

Town of Packwaukee – Regular Town Board Meeting  
September 13, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

**In attendance:**

Lance Achterberg, Vikki Trimble, Judi Nigbor, Keith Bagley,  
Courtney Trimble – Town Clerk and Jeri Showers – Town Treasurer

**Absent:** Larry Haygood

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

- Motion by Vikki, seconded by Keith to approve the minutes of the August 12, 2022, meeting. Motion carried.

**Town Clerk Report:**

- Expense report has a typo, will be fixed
- There will be two more vouchers to be signed tonight for town trainings.
- Tara Sommersberger appointed Town Clerk effective October 1 will need access to bank account. Jeri Showers will follow up on this.
- Digital Recorder for meeting will be needed.

**Treasure’s Report:** Read

**Library’s Report:**

- Carol indicates she got a grant for the lights and the library system grant paid for it. Electric 1 did the work.
- Library had their last summer program for the year and about 40 people showed up.
- Library is requesting an additional \$1,000 in budget due to inflation. Without an increase, Carol indicates this would be the 5<sup>th</sup> year the library has the same budget. Carol indicates without this increase; the library would not be able to pay for all expenses. Discussion was had regarding inflation and the price of everything increasing.

**Citizen’s Inquires and concerns:**

- Citizens concern that there is an electrical fence on the property of the home across the street from the library and the concern is around the safety of the children. It is on private property. Keith will talk to the owners and look into the possibility of the owner obtaining signage for this fence.
- Citizen concern about a bush nearby the library with berries on it that are poisonous. Discussion was had but no further follow up.
- Citizen concern about a cooler/freezer in the town park. Discussion was had and a decision was made to put in the garage for interim. Keith is going to ask if the historical society wants it and if not, it will be thrown away.
- Citizen question as to whether the “trolley car” located on the “Weekendz” property will be allowed to operate on public streets. The answer given was “no” as the license allows them to sell alcohol on their property but not on streets.
- Citizen concern about the garage being painted. It was decided that Larry is the point of contact and will need to identify where the painting concerns are and Larry will follow up on this.

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- Judi indicated the county board did meet and approved 10,000\$ for the veterans’ memorial. They also approved \$22,000 for Hollenbeck boat landing with the stipulation that we will be applying for grants when eligible and any grant money given would go back to the county.
- EMS assists: EMS makes the decision upon their arrival at a scene as to whether the fire department is needed. A cost solution is in the works.

**Previous Citizen Concerns:**

Emergency light is still not working. Citizen indicated all emergency lights should be fixed as the batteries might be low for all of them. Get report from Larry as to its status and to have fixed by next town meeting.

**Fire district report:**

- Lance indicates the next meeting is third week in October. We are still working on agreement, and we should have numbers for tentative budget meeting.

**Recycling Centers:**

- Lance turned in invoice. The center is trying to liquidate things. There are still TV’s that need to be disposed of and current charge is 10-20\$ per TV based on size. The items that need disposing are tires, TV’s and mattresses.
- On October 1, 2022, the recycling center will no longer be accepting construction debris, mattresses or any big items. Courtney will put this announced on website.
- The tree along the Southgate could use cutting.

**Cemetery:**

- Vikki sprayed for bees. We did receive a check from county veterans.

**Roads:**

- Lance brought up a pothole on Lake Street just past the Trading Post. Vikki will talk to Brian from the Highway Department about that hole.
- 8<sup>th</sup> Driven needs work as well and Vikki will talk with Brian about this as well.

**Town Hall/Park/Flags/Boat Landings/Christmas Decoration**

- Alliant Energy demo’d the line coming out of town on County C towards Montello and in lieu of putting in another transformer at the street light that was there, they moved the light closer to town. It also has an outlet for a Christmas decoration.
- Courtney indicated county boat launch fees could raise to \$5.00 if it passes the county board and the town may want to consider doing the same.
- Janitors can’t get to furnace room because the cabinets need to be removed. Larry is to follow up
- The town hall carpeting needs to be cleaned
- Town water samples: subsequent samples didn’t pass so we had to do two samples (two days apart) and then we have to wait three months and do more samples.

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**Lake Commission Reports:**

- Buffalo: Approved budget. Annual meeting on April 8<sup>th</sup>. They got ARPA funding from the county for \$5,000 for fish stocking.
- Emery: no new reports.
- Williams Lake: They had their quarterly and annual meeting. The pier is on the agenda next. Lake water quality is good.

**Williams Lake Handicap Pier:**

- Mary Murren from the Williams Lake Rehabilitation District was present with handouts regarding the damage to their handicap pier. Per the MOU between the town and the district, the pier is owned by the lake district and they are responsible for its upkeep and maintenance. The district would like to redo the MOU to give the pier to the town.
- The district would like the town to replace the pier as it is old and wearing out (boards are rotting). Mary presented multiple grants that may be available. Vikki will look into the DNR grants to find out what percentage of costs the grants cover and who the proper entity is to apply for the grants based on the current MOU.

**Firewise Program:**

- The tree cutting around Lake Emery will be done soon and the town board will need to decide if they want to renew the program for another 5 years.

**Veteran's Memorial Project:**

- The town board indicated the design was shown to the board but never approved. There is 10,000\$ in ARPA money to support this project.
- Lance would like to physically go to this area and see the design that Keith has proposed.

**Alleyway:** Haven't heard anything back about fixing the deeds. To be on agenda for next month.

**Audit/Review:** Courtney is working on this. The hope it to have it done by the end of the year.

**New Business:**

- Credit Card payments for taxes: put on hold by county. They are switching software companies and will wait to make this transition until the software is implemented.
- Vacating Lakeview Dr. between N3130 Lakeview Dr. and W6048 Freedom Road:  
Motion by Vikki, seconded by Keith to proceed with vacating the road. The motion was carried.
- Letter from Attorney Smiley regarding previous alley vacation between N3485 Liberty St. and N3495 Liberty St.:  
We will consult with our attorney. Attorney Sondalle did the initial work for us. The entire alley was given to one property owner instead of being split between the two.

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.