

**December 8, 2020**  
**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 Judi, seconded by Keith to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2020 meeting. Motion carried.
- Clerks Report given.
- Treasurer's report read
- Library Report: Jeanne Metcalf applied for a \$250 gift card for the library through Thrivent Financial. This was used to purchase STEM kits that can be checked out. Book club has started. The Library Board approved returning their unused budget to the town and they ask that the money be put in the building fund. The gutter is still leaking from last year and Carol would like this fixed as soon as possible to make it safer for library patrons. Carol is going to look into getting money from Focus on Energy to update the lighting in the whole building.
- Citizens Inquiries and Concerns:
  - Concern about the flags on light poles being frayed and ripped. Lance is working on getting them down, time permitting.
  - Concern regarding the christmas decorations not being completely up yet. The town is having trouble finding additional replacement bulbs because we are trying to switch to LEDs. This is still being worked on.
  - Feedback on previous concerns:
    - Marquette Street House - Keith spoke with Donna Webb regarding multiple properties that haven't been mowed all year. A letter will be sent to the home on Marquette Street as that one has had a specific complaint filed.
- Fire District Report: Next meeting is next month
- Recycling Center: Lance received a call and email from the DNR about scheduling a phone conference so they can explain to us what we need to do to get back in compliance. The citizens who are making these complaints are going straight to the DNR instead of trying to address them with the town first and Lance has verification from Waste Management that since April the town has neer had overflow garbage. Lance is working with the DNR on this. Additionally, Advanced Disposal and Waste Management have merged which means the town may be able to get roadside pick up again. Lance is going to look into when this may be able to start.
- Roads:
  - The county has concerns that the town isn't going to meet its spending obligations to get its full GTA in 2021. Brain is suggesting that we pay ahead on a project for next year. Motion by Lance to prepay the bill for the work on 9th Avenue at the cost the county estimates of \$50,700.00, seconded by Keith. Discussion. Motion amended to prepay at the proposed rate of \$50,700.00 plus 20% which totals \$60,900.00 to be rounded to \$61,000.00 to account for cost increases in 2021. Motion carried.
  - Keith has many concerns regarding the bridge over Buffalo Lake as well as the road approach on the north side of the bridge. Judi is going to stay in contact with Al Rosenthal, who is on the highway committee for the county board and she will keep the town board informed about what is going to happen with the bridge.

- Town Hall, Park, Flags, Boat Landings, Christmas Decorations:
  - Vikki got a quote from Brian at the county to redo the boat landing approaches at the Freedom Road and Hollenbeck boat landings. A 14x32 foot slab of concrete is \$12,000.00 installed. It is still to be determined how many each boat landing would need. The grant from the state would pay 50-70% of the cost and Kari Solis from the Marquette County Tourism Commission stated there may be money available from them to help cover some of the cost as well. Motion by Larry to proceed with this project so we can apply for the grant. Motion withdrawn. Judi is going to contact someone from the DNR to see what would be the best avenue to go with a shallow water lake.
  - Keith looked into the cost of getting new kiosks for both boat landings and the recycling center. Keith is volunteering to install them and stock them with the DNR/Fishing signs that are available. Motion by Keith to buy three kiosks at a cost of \$569 each, seconded by Larry. Discussion: the cost for the kiosk for the recycling center will come out of the legal budget. Motion carried.
- Packwaukee Land Use Planning Commission
  - Jeff Blau - Camping Permit (appeared via phone): Plan commission recommended approval. The permit is annual and county zoning auto renews it unless there is a complaint against the property. Motion by Vikki, seconded by Keith to approve the camping permit. Motion carried.
  - Serwe/Wiese - Variance Request: This was kicked back to zoning for clarification as a variance may not be needed. This has not come back to the plan commission so this is a dead issue at this time.
- Lake Commission Reports:
  - Buffalo: Nothing new
  - Emery: Meeting this Saturday
  - Williams: Nothing.
- Firewise: Grant was applied for and they are waiting to hear back. They are waiting on the pamphlets to be delivered.
- Old Business:
  - Park Pavillion maintenance: Work should start this week and it is still on schedule to be done by the end of the year.
  - Routes to Recovery Grant - This has been submitted and approved.
- New Business:
  - Chickens: The county is looking for input from the town on how they feel about chickens in residential areas. Motion by Lance, seconded by Judi for the board to support the ordinance as it is currently written. No chickens in residential areas. Motion carried.
  - W5935 Chestnut Street: Motion by Vikki, seconded by Larry to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the County Health Department to have the county clean up the brush piles at this home and get rid of a rat infestation. The town will then add the cost of the cleanup to the property tax bill for the property. Motion carried.
- Closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. Sec. 19.85(1)(c) - Discussion of employee performance and compensation. Motion by Vikki, seconded by Judi to enter into closed session. Roll Call Vote: Larry - Yes, Keith - Yes, Judi - Yes, Vikki - Yes, Lance - Yes. Motion carried. Closed session began at 7:27 p.m.
- Open session was resumed at 8:03 p.m. Motion by Jdui, seconded by Vikki, that pursuant to discussion in closed session the janitor that cleans the building be at a salary of \$100 per month. The person who collects the garbage for the town gets a salary of \$120 per month and uses his own vehicle. Motion carried.
- Motion by Vikki, seconded by Lance to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 p.m. p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Courtney Trimble, Clerk