

Town of Lebanon-Town Board Meeting Minutes-January 18, 2021 (draft)

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Al Tank at 7:00pm.

Roll call by Clerk Schoenrock. Present: Mary Schoenrock, Don Laughlin, Al Tank, Jeff Handschke, Lynn Tank

Motion made by Jeff Handschke, 2nd by Don Laughlin to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Motion made by Jeff Handschke, 2nd by Don Laughlin to approve the minutes from the Board Meeting on 12/21/2020. Motion carried.

Motion made by Jeff Handschke, 2nd by Don Laughlin to approve the treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.

Katie Batten, school board candidate, and Erich Korth, school board candidate were present. They both shared their views of what they would hope to do as school board member if elected. Top priorities would be to expand more trade classes, more transparency from parents as 86-87% of the parents wanted the kids in school but it didn't happen. They are both "implants" to New London but love the area and want to see New London schools prosper. Studies have shown that COVID19 transfer rate between students and teachers is quite low.

Resident Dave Erdmann requested that the agenda be posted on the website.

Dan Rammer from MSA Professional Services presented the engineering study of Tank Rd and Stage Rd. The data in the study was collected via video for 12 hours. The Sight Distance Analysis is the biggest determinant in deciding if the stop sign is warranted and the study showed that the stop sign is warranted. It was recommended that the Stop Ahead sign could be changed out for the graphic stop ahead sign but it is not required. Discussion was held on reducing the speed limit but to reduce lower than 45 MPH requires DOT approval and Tank Rd to the north of Stage does not have enough issues such as driveways and a reduced speed limit would not be approved.

Discussion was also held on a proposal made by Jeff Handschke that the 22 townships in Waupaca County consider getting together and hire a county officer and that officer would be shared by all of the townships. The residents present thought this was a good idea. The County Deputy officer present will take this information back to the sheriff for consideration.

Resident Dave Urban has noticed that Church Rd has increased traffic and increased truck traffic as it is the path of least resistance to reach Hwy 45. There are many pedestrians along Church Rd and the traffic goes faster than the posted 45 MPH. Jeff Handschke proposed posting a Pedestrians Present sign. Al Tank recommends that we try and get the speed enforced and will discuss this with Sheriff Wilz. Discussion was also held by board members to possibly post a No Thru Trucks sign on Church Rd and to post a Truck Route sign on Crain Rd. Issues concerning Shamrock Club's driving range was discussed due to the hazard of vehicles being hit by golf balls. The town had in the past encouraged the club to plant evergreen trees but the owners had refused but there are new owners since that discussion so the town could possibly pursue the tree option again.

No update on the Town hall sign available.

Motion made by Jeff Handschke, 2nd by Don Laughlin to approve the CSM presented by Ray Moeller for his property on Crain Rd. Motion carried.

Motion made by Jeff Handschke, 2nd by Don Laughlin to approve the request by Tim Wilz to extend the timeline of completing roadside ditch modifications through 2021. Motion carried.

Al Tank reported that the broadband tower project is waiting for state approval per Ryan Brown, County Zoning Administrator.

Motion made by Jeff Handschke, 2nd by Al Tank to approve the permits as presented. Motion carried.

Jeff Handschke reported that it is too late to get our service population for Gold Cross changed for 2021. The 2021 contract has been signed by Al Tank and returned to Gold Cross. We will follow up on getting our population numbers changed for the 2022 budget.

The Rural Mutual quote with the increased liability limits was reviewed. This item was tabled as Al will contact the WTA on what the State limits are.

Manawa Fire Board report was presented by Jeff Handschke. The specs for the new truck have been sent out with hopes of a late 2022 delivery date. They don't anticipate any fee increase as they have been setting aside funds for this purchase.

Jeff Handschke contacted New London Tree Service and they expected to complete the project by the end of March.

It was reported that all of the LRIP money has been received. Motion made by Jeff Handschke, 2nd by Don Laughlin to apply the entire amount of the LRIP funds to the principal of the loan. Motion carried.

Motion made by Don Laughlin, 2nd by Jeff Handschke to renew Bernie Ritchie's term on the Planning Commission for a 2 year term from February 2021 through February 2023. Motion carried.

Motion made by Don Laughlin, 2nd by Jeff Handschke for the annual approval of Ordinance 15— Appointment of Alternates to the Board of Review. Motion carried.

Motion made by Al Tank, 2nd by Jeff Handschke to hire Carter Vanbuskirk as a driver of the F550 plow truck. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the condition of the large plow truck. The last inspection showed that the frame is showing signs of deterioration caused by corrosion due to the salt exposure. The proposal is that the town start to look for a used truck. Discussion was held about other future equipment purchases include a boom mower and flashing speed sign trailers or post style.

Motion made by Jeff Handschke, 2nd by Don Laughlin to allow Chairman Al Tank to call a special meeting if necessary. Motion carried.

Correspondence presented was all informational, no action required.

Motion made by Don Laughlin, 2nd by Jeff Handschke to pay all bills as presented. Motion carried.

Motion made by Jeff Handschke, 2nd by Don Laughlin to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:10PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Schoenrock, clerk