

# TOWN OF EATON

## MANITOWOC COUNTY

316 W MAIN STREET

VALDERS, WI 54245

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Richard Christel, Chairman; Joe Riesterer, Supervisor; Lewis Schema, Supervisor; Paulette Vogt, Clerk; Pamela Schneider, Treasurer

TOWN BOARD MEETING 05-18-2024

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting of the Town of Eaton was called to order by Chairman Rick Christel at 6:30 p.m., Monday, May 18, 2024 at the Eaton Town Hall. The Pledge Allegiance to the flag was recited by all.

**MEETING NOTICES:** Meeting notices were posted at the Eaton Town Hall, and the Town Website timely.

**ROLL CALL:** Rick Christel, Chairman; Joe Riesterer, Supervisor, Lewy Schema, Supervisor, Paulette Vogt, Clerk, Pam Schneider, Treasurer, Craig Zipperer, Road Superintendent, and Ben Schema, Town Constable, were in attendance along with Randy Knier.

**AGENDA:** The agenda had been emailed previously. Supervisor Schema made a motion to accept the agenda, and Supervisor Riesterer 2<sup>nd</sup> the same, motion carried unanimously.

**MINUTES:** The minutes from the March 8, and 23, 2024 meetings had been emailed to the Board previously. Supervisor Schema made a motion to accept the minutes. Supervisor Riesterer 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

### PUBLIC INPUT:

Mr. Chris Bestul and Mr. Chuck Augustine questioned the Board if the American Legion, Post 477, of which they are members, could store their equipment at the Eaton Town Hall as they do not have their own facility. After some discussion. Chairman Christel stated that he would check with the town's insurance status on this type of matter and get back to these two gentlemen.

A question arose as to whether the town could have a free electronics day at the recycling center for the Town's residents. This could also eliminate people dumping appliances into the ditches of the Town. Road Supervisor Craig Zipperer will look into this matter and get back to the board with that information.

**ROAD SUPERINTENDENT:** Road Superintendent Craig Zipperer reported on the many jobs he has been doing this month along with working with the Town of Liberty on culverts. Craig reported that he is dealing with the DNR about a culvert issue on Carstens Lake Road. Craig stated that we have to do the correct steps so that the town can get bridge aid for this project. Craig also reported that the schedule for wedging will be in May or June and Chip Sealing will be in July.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** The treasurer's report had been emailed to the Board previously. A motion was made by Supervisor Riesterer to accept the treasurer's report and Supervisor Schema 2<sup>nd</sup> the same. Motion carried unanimously.

**CONSTABLE:** Constable Ben Schema reported that there were no calls for the month. He also reported that he could not get in touch with the Humane Society as they were not answering his calls or messages. Chairman Christel stated he would check into the matter.

**ASSESSOR:** No report. The Board of Review will be Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup> from 4-6 p.m. Treasurer Pam Schneider will be the alternate.

## CHAIRMAN REPORT:

LRIP GRANT UPDATE: Chairman Christel reported that we received funding for the Niles Road project from the 2024-25 Town Road Improvement Supplemental Program (LRIP). This program assists local units of government in improving deteriorating county highways, town roads, and municipal streets under a authority of the local unit of government by paying up to 90% of the total eligible project costs, with the balance matched by the local unit of government. Our project was one of 81 projects selected in Wisconsin for funding in the 2024-2025 biennium. The total eligible cost of the project is estimated at \$978,200.00 and WisDot will reimburse the Town of Eaton for up to a limit of \$684,740.00. Chairman Christel stated that this project will be put out for bids later this year.

VERTICAL TIMERS LIQUOR LICENSE: A motion was made by Chairman Christel and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Riesterer to approve the Class B Liquor License for Vertical Timbers. Motion carried.

OPERATORS LICENSE: A motion was made by Chairman Christel and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Schema to approve the operating licenses for Cheryl Saunders and Shelly Leonhard at Vertical Timbers.

OPEN GENERATOR BIDS: The Generator bid was opened. Only one bid was submitted. Chairman Christel read the generator bid from Schnell Electric. After some discussion, Supervisor Schema made a motion to purchase the generator from Schnell Electric for \$4,743.00. Chairman Christel 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion carried. The ARPA money will be used for this purchase.

OPEN HAND-HELD RADIO BIDS: The Radio bid were opened. Only one bid was submitted. Chairman Christel read the radio bid from Frank's Radio. After some discussion, Supervisor Riesterer made a motion to purchase the hand-held radio from Frank's Radio pending the fact that Manitowoc County would pay ½ of the price of the radio. The radio price is \$6,916.30 plus the programming fee of \$85.00. Chairman Christel 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion Carried.

APPROVE VOUCHERS: Supervisor Schema made a motion to approve the vouchers for April. Supervisor Riesterer 2<sup>nd</sup> the same. Motion carried.

MEETING REPORTS: There will be a Manitowoc County Unit Meeting on May 16, 2024 at Seven Lakes.

There being no further discussion, Supervisor Schema made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Supervisor Riesterer 2<sup>nd</sup> the same. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Paulette Vogt, Town of Eaton Clerk