

STILES TOWN BOARD MEETING – WEDNESDAY, JULY 13, 2022

Stiles Town Board held its monthly meeting Wednesday, July 13, 2022, at 6:00 P.M. in the Stiles Town Hall. Chairman Dupuis called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Chairman Dupuis opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Chairman Dupuis, Supervisors Sonesen and Telford, Treasurer Peterson and Clerk Babino.

- 1. Approval of Agenda** - Motion by Telford seconded by Sonesen to approve the agenda; motion carried.
- 2. Approval of Previous Month's Minutes** - Motion by Sonesen seconded by Telford to approve the previous month's minutes; motion carried.
- 3. Treasurer's Report** – Peterson read Treasurer's report with ending balance for cash of \$171,990.15, equipment fund \$26,667.18, cemetery fund \$28,473.37 and ARPA \$158,677.52. Motion by Telford seconded by Sonesen to approve the Treasurer's report; motion carried.
- 4. List of Bills** - Motion by Sonesen seconded by Telford to pay bills presented by Clerk Babino; motion carried.
- 5. Tim Magnin, Oconto Falls Fire Chief to discuss dry fire hydrants**
Tim Magnin and Joel Lavarda from Oconto Falls Fire Department discussed importance of dry fire hydrants. Tim had to step out for a phone call. Motion by Telford seconded by Sonesen to table item at 6:09 P.M. until Tim returns; motion carried. Moved to item #6. Motion by Sonesen seconded by Telford to return to item at 6:18 P.M.; motion carried. Looking at placing a dry fire hydrant in the pond located west of Kwik Trip on Hwy 22. Equipment and parts costs \$2,000. Oconto Falls Fire Department applied for a DNR grant for \$1,000 and asking if the Town of Stiles would contribute \$1,000. Discussion held. The Board would like more information. Tim and Joel will get more information as it becomes available.
- 6. Discuss Recycling Fees, including cost for bags at recycling center. Vote on if necessary.**
Discussion held. Motion by Telford seconded by Sonesen to increase the additional bag costs purchased at the recycling center to \$15.00 for 25 bags effective 7/13/22; motion carried.
- 7. Discuss fire reinspection fee. Vote on if necessary.**
Tim Magnin with Oconto Falls Fire Department explained that a reinspection fee would occur if there was a violation during the first inspection; the owner would then get a note stating that the violation needed to be fixed by a certain time (decided by fire department), if violation not fixed upon reinspection, the owner would get charged a fee. Motion by Telford seconded by Sonesen to set the Town of Stiles fire inspection fee to \$100.00 per visit; motion carried. Chairman Dupuis to reach out to Lena Fire Department.
- 8. Discuss Town of Stiles permits potential. Vote on if necessary.**
Supervisor Telford checked with Oconto County and Tom Smith. Currently they issue building, land use and sanitary permits. Discussion held. No changes at this time for the Town of Stiles permit requirements.
- 9. Discuss resolution for updated fee schedule; amend if needed. Vote on if necessary.**
Discussion held. Updated fees as voted on. Motion by Sonesen seconded by Telford to update Resolution R2022-04 Establishment of Fee Schedule; motion carried. See R2022-04 for details.
- 10. Discuss propane contracts. Vote on.**
Received propane contract prices from Countrystyle Propane for \$1.84/gallon, Garrow Oil & Propane for \$1.979/gallon and Country Visions for \$2.149/gallon. Discussion held. Motion by Sonesen seconded by Telford to sign the propane contract with Countrystyle Propane for \$1.84/gallon; motion carried.
- 11. Discuss removal of downed tree at cemetery. Vote on.**
Discussion held. Tree is too dangerous for Town of Stiles to remove. Motion by Telford seconded by Sonesen to accept the proposal of \$2,230.00 from Duame Sand & Gravel, Inc. to remove the tree; motion carried.

12. Discuss and vote on a pay increase of \$4.00 an hour for Kurt Delzer and Lon Ludemann to be divided between them; effective next pay period.

Lon Ludemann suggested that Kurt Delzer gets \$3/hour and he gets \$1/hour due to Kurt's skill level. Discussion held. Motion by Telford seconded by Sonesen to increase Kurt's wage to \$19/hour and Lon's recycling wage to \$16/hour and maintenance wage to \$17/hour to be effective for July 2022 pay period; motion carried.

13. Discuss and vote on culverts replacement on Busy Nook Road

Discussion held about 2 culverts on Busy Nook Road. The culverts are in good condition, but the road is rising. The road will need to be raised 6 inches with gravel and black top. Motion by Sonesen seconded by Telford to accept the proposal from Duame Sand and Gravel, Inc. for \$3,115.00 for Busy Nook Road; motion carried.

14. Discuss and vote on the culvert replacement on Caldie Road at the curve

Discussion held. Culvert would need to be replaced. Motion by Telford seconded by Sonesen to accept the proposal from Duame Sand and Gravel, Inc. for \$1,795.00 for Calide Road; motion carried.

15. Discussion only of replacing the current Tractor with a Boom for ditch clearing and roadside tree removal

The Town's current tractor is old and unable to get into some ditches. Discussion held about looking at replacing tractor along with selling of the old tractor. Chairman Dupuis will get quotes on used tractors and price to sell old tractor.

16. Informational Only. House at 4925 Spirea Road has been razed by owner.

Chairman Dupuis reported the house at 4925 Spirea Road has been removed and cleaned. The Town doesn't need to do anything further.

17. Discuss subsidizing Kurt Delzer to obtain a CDL license to be able to plow roads for the Town of Stiles. Vote if necessary.

Our current plow truck driver, Mark Hodkiewicz, may only work for the Town of Stiles for another 1-2 years. The Town needs someone with a CDL license to plow snow. Kurt Delzer is willing to obtain CDL. Discussion held about covering the cost of Kurt's classes and training and a contract signed with Kurt to stay on with the Town of Stiles for a set number of years. Supervisor Telford will get contract typed. Motion by Telford seconded by Sonesen to table this until the next Town Board meeting; motion carried.

18. Supervisor Telford to give update on website

Supervisor Telford is working with NSight to update the town's email. The Town's website has been converted to the new format. There will be new updates to the website in the next few months.

19. Issue culvert permits – No permits requested.

20. Agenda items needed by August 3, 2022

21. Open question-3 minutes per question

Townsperson asked about opening County I south of Hwy 22 to ATVs. The Town Board will discuss this at next month's meeting. Another townsperson asked about the fiber optics being laid in areas.

22. Adjournment

Motion by Telford seconded by Sonesen to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 P.M.; motion carried.

Next Town Board Meeting Wednesday, August 10, 2022, at 6:00 P.M.

THESE MINUTES ARE UNAPPROVED UNTIL THE NEXT TOWN BOARD MEETING.

Jill E. Babino, Clerk