

TOWN OF CUTLER MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
Monday March 10, 2025
CUTLER TOWN HALL N10846 2nd Ave; Camp Douglas, WI

Town Board Members in attendance: Martin Potter (Chairman)-via phone, Bobbie Georgeson (Clerk), and Curt Jorgensen (Supervisor). Also in attendance were Bob Fink, Charles Batten, Leland and Bobby Shaw. Curt called the monthly meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Minutes: Bobbie distributed February minutes, accepted as prepared.

Treasurer's Report Bobbie gave February Financial Report, prepared by Terry.

- ☐ Terry transferred funds, less \$5, from Tax Account into Money Market account.
- ☐ Terry researching what/how to proceed with delinquent PP tax bill (FY23 Mark Nagel), including the penalty information. As of November 2024, amount was \$44.18 due.

Clerk's Report Bobbie reported correspondence received during the month.

- ☐ Spring Primary results: Thirty-Four (34) total voters. State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Jeff Wright 6, Brittany Kinser 19, Jill Underly 9. Kinser and Underly on ballot in April. Tomah School Board Member, Ryan DeFreitas 4, James Newlun 9, Daniel Crego 7, Catey Rice 11, Heidi Hammes 6, undervotes 1. Rice, Hammes, Newlun, and Crego on ballot in April.
- ☐ Rural Ins. notified us that we are moving into the next tier level for general liability due to our FY23 state report of operational expenses increasing, along with increases of tax collections, federal PILT payments, and other revenue amounts. Therefore, insurance costs will be higher upon renewal.
- ☐ Angie Wagner, Necedah Schools sent notification that she is Linsey Abel's replacement for election duties.
- ☐ Spring Election 01APR2025. Mailed thirteen (13) absentee ballots. 24MAR2025 Public Test scheduled for election equipment, 8:00 a.m. at town hall. Workers will be Gary Frei (chief), Sandee Frei and Brian Krause (poll workers). Still looking for interested people to get trained for future elections. WEC holding training 30SEP & 01OCT in Rothschild, WI. Possible county training this year, yet to be determined.
- ☐ Bobbie received Notary extension certification valid until 07MAY2029.
- ☐ Bobbie completed and returned GEC information request to Jeremy Phillis, 04MAR2025, via email.
- ☐ Form CT filed 10MAR2024 with Dept. of Revenue.
- ☐ Jeremy Bonikowski, Juneau County Emergency Management Director (JC EMD) sent virtual training opportunities. Scheduled classes are: MGT-460 on 26-27MAR2025, AWR-329 on 17APR2025, and AWR-356 on 27-28MAY2025.
- ☐ JC EMD sent invite for Railroad Safety Course to be held on 10APR2025 at Necedah Village Hall. Two time slots are available, 3:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. JC EM along with Canadian National and Union Pacific Railroads are hosting this course. Be Rail Smart STOP. LOOK. LISTEN. LIVE.
- ☐ MAAA – Bobbie attended Regular Monthly 24FEB2025, in Mauston. Cutler had 4 ambulance calls in January. Next Monthly meeting scheduled for 24MAR2025 at 6 p.m., Bobbie will attend. Meeting minutes available for anyone interested.
- ☐ Jim, Terry, and Bobbie attended WTA County Unit meeting 25FEB2025, in Mauston.
 - ☐ Representatives from Ron Johnson and VanOrton's offices gave updates, fielding massive amounts of calls to their offices, which is normal when new administration takes over. Things are moving fast and furious on federal and state level of government with new bills being introduced daily.
 - ☐ Juneau County (JC) Zoning Administrator (David Donnelly) gave brief update and overview on his office, and announced his retirement in a couple months. Interviews were scheduled for Wed (26FEB) for his replacement.
 - ☐ JC Land, Forestry & Parks Administrator (Brian Lloyd) presented overview of his department. He has asked that any municipality that requires Right of Way clearing near county timber areas notify him immediately so he may coordinate road condition improvements with timber cutting jobs, win win for municipality and county to join forces.

- JC EM Director (Jeremy Bonikowski) shared we're in Flood Awareness Week. Check your safety plans. EM has been granted 3 grants. One is providing new updated/remodeled Dispatch Center for County, another will provide 24 hour/365 day monitoring of technology (cyber security) for County, and the final is providing the funding necessary for a Train Exercise in Necedah later this year.
- JC Undersheriff (Zac Board) reported that staffing is slowly improving. Been working diligently to improve wages and benefits to entice personnel to stay beyond their training period. Currently losing to neighboring entities that are offering better wages, hours, etc. In process of hiring (via contract) dispatchers to help alleviate necessary over-time burnout of personnel. Sheriff received very good comments, appreciation towards patrol during election so 01APR2025 election will have officers "popping in" to polling locations again.
- JC Commissioner (Travis Schultz) gave update on \$20M County road projects scheduled. Stated road ban signs going on 10MAR2025. Also said round about on State Hwy. 21 and County G, along with project on State Hwy. 80 (between New Lisbon & Necedah ethanol plant) have been pushed by the state, due to complications.
- Betty Manson updated WTA issues/concerns by reviewing a few of the topics in the Governor's Proposed Budget, suggested people contact legislators with preference regarding election nomination papers verses use of caucuses, and asked if anyone would be interested in receiving scholarship towards the upcoming Roads School, and reminded everyone of the Annual WTA Meeting 12-14 Oct at Kalahari in Dells to allow for planning. Bobbie to contact Betty regarding our patrolman for scholarship.

□ Miscellaneous magazines and local newsletters received.

Communications to the Board None currently

Town Permit Application determinations

- Cutler Fire Dept has applied for picnic license for 12APR2025 crawfish boil at the fire house. Curt made motion to approve, Martin seconded, motion carried unanimously. Bobbie prepared and delivered to Chief Scott Fisher.
- GEC provided updated permit log- Terry Guentner received permit in February for roof mounted PV Solar.

Unfinished Business - None currently

Highway Maintenance

- Plowing/sanding completed as needed and delivered Rail Commissioner correspondence to seven (7) property owners affected by statute for visual of rail trains by road traffic.
- Bobby contacted SK Forest Products, LLC regarding 25th St log hauling, expected to finish hauling 01-02MAR2025. Lambert's hauling on 15th with traffic going out Byron side it appears. Bobby to inspect 24th for log hauling occurring there also.
- County delivered 39.4 Ton sand/salt 20FEB2025, this should be final for this year.
- HWAH contract renewal in May, expecting 3% increase due to cost of living.
- Bobby considering options for groomer cutting edges. Plans to purchase best option.
- Road report (daily log) was submitted.

New Business Spring Election 01APR2025 see notes in Clerks Report above

Payment of Vouchers Various bills were presented, reviewed by board and approved for payment.

Public Comment None currently

Next Monthly Meeting Tuesday, 15APR2025 Immediately following Annual Meeting at 6:00 p.m. Martin made a motion to adjourn, Curt seconded, motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:40 pm
Bobbie K Georgeson, Clerk