

# TOWN OF GORDON REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, April 9, 2024 - 6:30 pm Gordon Town Hall

## MINUTES - APPROVED



Chair Jen Knutson called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

**A. Call to order/ Roll Call** - Chair Jen Knutson, Supervisor Craig Golembiewski, Supervisor Cody Eagle, Justin Flamang, Clerk Denise Wohlbier and 18 interested citizens were in attendance.

**B. Pledge of Allegiance** - Recited

**C. Consent Agenda** –

- a) Adopt Agenda, Motion to adopt Craig Golembiewski , 2<sup>nd</sup> Cody Eagle, motion approved.
- b) Approve Town Hall Regular Meeting Minutes for March 12, 2024, Motion to approve Craig Golembiewski, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jen Knutson, motion approved.

**Treasurer's Report for April 2024:** Justin Flamang, Treasurer – Treasurer report.

<u>March 2024</u>	<u>Checking Account</u>	<u>Money Market</u>	<u>Savings Account</u>	<u>GGND Account</u>
Beginning Balance-Amended	\$597,793.26	\$772,369.16	\$4,310.11	\$16,619.11
Checks Written	(\$772,950.85)			\$4,450.00
Cleared Credits/Debits	(1,060,438.12)			
Deposits	\$20,982.66	\$0		
Voided Checks	-			
Transfer MM	\$472,000.00	(\$472,000.00)		
Interest	\$1.24	\$160.10	\$0.89	\$0.07
Outstanding checks	(\$36,129.17)			
Ending Balance	\$5,790.13	\$300,529.26	\$4,311.00	\$12,169.18

### **D. Department & Representative Reports:**

EMS: *Betty Ebert, EMS Director* : 9 runs, 3 Gordon, 5 Wascott and 1 mutual aid.

So that was 9 for March 2024, 8 runs for 2023 and 12 runs for 2022.

Cemetery: Report

Public Service Officer: *Jamie Kuffel* : 8 calls for service.

Fire Dept: *Mike Chmielecki-Fire Chief* : 3 medical calls, 1 for motor vehicle accident, 1 wild fire and 1 mutual structure fire.

Highway Dept: *Justin Holmes:* (Craig) The guys have been brushing until we got the snow then they were plowing with a man down. Equipment did take a little pounding during the heavy wet snow, now doing maintenance on that. Now working on pulling sanders and plows so they can start on road repairs. Spring load limit postings will be coming off Thursday April 11<sup>th</sup>. Finished the culvert inventory and turned in to the Highway Commissioner. Putting up the bird netting on the Eau Claire river bridge has to be done by May 1<sup>st</sup>.

County Board Supervisor: *Mary Lou Bergman reporting for Douglas County:* Zoning meets tomorrow April 10<sup>th</sup>, Gordon has 3 applications – Total of 2 zone changes, 2 conditional-use applications. Revision of conditional use permit #20947 and approval of Reclamation plan. For information only there will be a update from the Dairyland Outdoor Veterans Retreat. And the town should have received notice that there was going to be a Zoning conference in Solon Springs that has been canceled because only 16 people had responded they will be rescheduling. Forestry met on the 25<sup>th</sup> of March as of that date Brule was the only town to participate in the ARIP program. They asked Forestry Department for a letter of support and has been issued. Prioritize over a million dollars in capital projects, starting with the Mooney Dam boat launch relocation, Need a new low boy trailer replacing the 32 year old one, Need a semi tractor truck. Ask dollars for county forest road improvements, also need a crawler dozer and the intention is to build a shower house at the Gordon Dam those are not all going to happen now but the are listed in priority it might be a couple years before they happen. Lockers conference is the 16<sup>th</sup> of April at the Solon Community Center from 10-1 open to everyone. This is Mary Lou's final meeting as District 21 supervisor. Congratulations to Dennis Cummings who will be her replacement.

Historical Society: Not in attendance.

GGND: They are out to a great start this year, had a lot of sponsors reach out. They are up 50% close to 60% coming in from them. We had a whole new committee last year so this year we have taken it upon ourselves to reach out to even more sponsors. We are on target with everything we have going on. Looking at getting banners for GGND for every other pole.

**E. Public Comments:** Please be advised Per Sec 19.84(2), comment and announcements will be received from the public. Comments are to be directed to the Town board and limited to 2 minutes per person.  
No action will be taken by the board at that time.

Dennis Cummings introduced himself and thanked Les Chandler for running a good campaign, Mary Lou and everyone who went out and voted. And is looking forward to working with everyone.

#### **Discussion and Possible Action Items:**

1. Approve February & March vouchers. Jen had question on who Diamond Mowers where, Craig answered. Motion to approve both vouchers Craig Golembiewski, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jen Knutson, motion approved.
2. Petition to Rezone Alexander Brodt GO-012-01669-00, Zone change for F-1 to C-1. This was on our Agenda last month, needed to send letters. Letters sent to adjoining land owners was not enough time to hear back by meeting. Still no response back from land owners. He is planning to build a small engine shop. Motion to approve petition Craig Golembiewski, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cody Eagle, motion approved. Papers signed.
3. Northwoods Range, Inc. for Conditional-Use Permit Revision. Jim McCumber found out that the conditional permit they had was not in compliance with what they had so they refiled with new sketches to update their maps of the property. Motion to approve petition Craig Golembiewski, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jen Knutson, motion approved. Papers signed.
4. Town of Gordon/ Douglas County Reclamation Plan Revised. Updated maps in the plan. Motion to approve petition Craig Golembiewski, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cody Eagle, motion approved. Papers signed.
5. Lighting Plan- Installing new poles in recreational parking and removal of pole. Just south of the pump station is being converted to recreational parking, Discuss what kind of lighting options electric or solar (3) poles. Looking to get map of all light poles in Gordon, Justin is working on the map we are at 52 and Dahlberg has us at 55 has a request to them to find the extra 3 poles. Elyse Jensen & Dennis Wilcox wishes for our light pole on their property to be removed and they will install one of their own. Craig Golembiewski, made a motion to go with power and LED lights for the new poles, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cody Eagle. Motion passed. Talk to Dahlberg about updating the billing. Recreational parking is being paid for by a grant.
6. Approval of purchasing man lift for Highway Department. Sold Army truck got \$4,000.00 to cover the cost. Motion made by Craig Golembiewski, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cody Eagle motion passed.

7. Columbarium update. Hayward came back and fixed the concrete. Cody is going to side the back. Columbarium has been paid off.
8. Cemetery Policies and Pricing. Trying to update the website page about the work being done. Introduced Deb Dahlquist Deputy Clerk that is taking over the responsibilities for Gail. We have a lot of historical documents our main book dates back to 1860. We are looking into putting everything online, also looking at software to put all the information into. And scanning everything and putting the original in the safe. Talking to the Scouts for the Spring clean up in the Cemetery, they are looking forward to doing the project. And putting together prices for the Columbarium and plots.
9. The Ball Park restrooms. Getting bids to stick build the structure. Find out if the Insurance Company will pay for the port-a-potty rental.
10. Review the Draft Financial report to be presented at the Annual Meeting. Reviewing format of Financial report.

- F. **Chair Report:** Advertise for help with Quickbooks. Put off the development on the east of town if we could get the money from grants or loans would it be worth looking into with all the people coming to the area try to buy property. Need to get on the Zoning Agenda. Some plans are already drawn up. If ask for help from town people that might have the expertise in the field. The building has been rekeyed.
- G. **Supervisor Report:** The Town has 2 cabins out east right off the Flamang Road footprint that in 1960 something the town decide to lease property both are under 1 acre. The properties have a 100 year lease with the town. They have never paid taxes on the property until 4 years ago. The town board in the 1990's transferred the lease to another person. Just for a heads up. Hiring of Solum & Associates for the Bridge project for right of way from the National Park Service.

H. **Clerk Report:** Nothing to report.

**Adjournment – 7:38** Motion to adjourn made by Craig Golembiewski, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jen Knutson, motion approved.  
Respectfully Submitted: Denise Wohlbier, Clerk – Town of Gordon

**I certify that these Minutes was posted at the following location, Town's website, by Denise Wohlbier, Town Clerk, Town of Gordon. Date: 5-15-2024**