

TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY

October 14, 2024

TOWN BOARD MEETING

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman Dan Hanson called a Town Board Meeting of the Town of Pleasant Valley to order on Monday, October 14, 2024, in the Pleasant Valley Town Hall in Cleghorn at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Hanson called for the honoring of our flag with the Pledge of Allegiance.

INTRODUCTION OF TOWN OFFICIALS

Board members present: Chairman Dan Hanson, Supervisor Doug Nelson and Supervisor Scot Iverson.

Staff members present: Jen Meyer, Clerk/Treasurer and Hwy Foreman, Wyatt Wathke.

CONFIRMATION OF PROPER POSTING

Clerk/Treasurer Jen Meyer confirmed the meeting was properly posted more than 48 hours ahead of the meeting time on the Town webpage and the Town Hall posting board as required per state statute.

EAU CLAIRE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT – REFERENDUM PRESENTATION

Mark Elworthy, Executive Director of the Eau Claire Area School District presented information regarding the upcoming referendum question on the November 5th General Election ballot. The district is requesting \$18 Million for each of the next 4 years for programming, mental health, safety and increased educational needs. There were no questions from the audience.

PUBLIC HEARING – REZONE PARCEL 1801822609273400001 - ~22.8 acres from AP-RH

Dan Hanson opened the public hearing at 7:05pm and explained the role of the town in rezoning requests and how our comprehensive plan guides the board with these decisions. Representatives from the Bien Family Trust (Rachel and Jonathan Bien) and Wild Turkey Ridge (Don Southard, Joe Larson and Tod Torgerson(absent)) shared the intentions of the rezoning. The purchase of the said acreage from the Biens will create connectivity to an existing parcel the group already owns, creating 48 acres for future development. A few adjacent property owners expressed concerns regarding roads, erosion, water quality, surveys and future plans. 12 people attended the public hearing.

Motion (Nelson/Iverson) to close the public hearing at 7:30pm

Chairman Hanson announced the ayes carry 3-0 and the motion is carried.

REZONE PARCEL 1801822609273400001 - ~22.8 acres from AP-RH

The role of the Town Board is approve or deny recommending the rezone to the County Planning and Development office for County Board. The board had no further questions for the applicants.

Motion(Nelson/Iverson) to approve recommending said rezone application to the County Board.

Chairman Hanson announced the ayes carry 3-0 and the motion is carried.

PROCEDURES

Motion (Iverson/Nelson) to dispense with the reading of September 9 and October 8, 2024, Town board meeting minutes and approve as emailed and printed.

Chairman Hanson announced the ayes carry 3-0 and the motion is carried.

Motion (Nelson/Iverson) to approve the Treasurers report for the month of September 2024 as presented and printed. Chairman Hanson announced the ayes carry 3-0 and the motion is carried.

LETTERS & REPORTS

Town Chairman

- Township Fire Department has been working on their annual budget. There will be an increased assessment outside of the imposed levy limit on the Towns.
- Emergency Medical Services meetings continue. There are discussions regarding implementing Countywide EMS service as the county can charge for EMS services outside of their imposed levy limits. Towns, villages and cities are not afforded this approach to EMS funding.

Town Supervisors

- Scot attended a WTA Fall meeting.
- Doug complimented the County for placing digital speed awareness signs and enforcing speeds in Cleghorn.

Town Highway Supervisor

- Juniper Ridge is getting blacktop on October 15th
- mowing and patching continue
- Minnesota Drive will be swept shortly before the first snowfall

Town Clerk/Treasurer

- The Plan Commission meeting to discuss amending the Comprehensive Plan will be held on November 6th at 6:30pm. The public hearing will be held on December 9th at 6pm.
- Part of the Hwy 93 2025 road construction will replace the Pine Creek and Clear Creek bridges at the same time. Local traffic will be able to utilize Cty HH as needed.
- The County has requested all Towns mirror the new UTV/ATV ordinance for uniformity with enforcement.

Park/Historical Committee

- Frank shared the gazebo and picnic table have been installed. Tree Savy will be planting a juniper tree south of the memory boards.

CITIZEN INPUT

COMPLAINTS

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Farmland Preservation

After further review of the information shared with the board last month by Dessy Johnson, the board has decided not to recommend nor discourage any changes to the County Zoning and to allow the County to make said changes if they see appropriate.

Discuss Park Expansion/Lions Club

The Lions Club has posed some questions to the board via email regarding the acquisition of land for the park. Jen will answer the questions and if the Lions Club decides to pursue, future discussions will need to occur.

Discuss Dog License Fee Increases

The county will be increasing their fees per dog by \$2. This will reduce our dog license income by approximately \$1000.

Motion (Iverson/Nelson) to increase the Town of Pleasant Valley dog license fees by \$3 each. Chairman Hanson announced the ayes carry 3-0 and the motion is adopted.

Budget Amendment – Resolution No. 24-16-12

A resolution amending the 2024 budget was presented.

Motion (Nelson/Hanson) to approve Resolution No. 24-16-12, amending the 2024 budget. Chairman Hanson announced the ayes carry 3-0 and the motion is adopted.

2024 Budget Review

The budget as of October 14, 2024, was presented and reviewed.

Review/Approve Orders

The bills /orders for the month of September 2024 and the alternative of claims paid report were presented by the clerk and approved by the town board for payment.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion (Hanson/Nelson) to move this meeting is adjourned at 8:15pm.

Chairman Hanson announced the ayes carry 3-0 and the motion is adopted.

Respectfully submitted,
Jen Meyer, Clerk / Treasurer

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