Town of Dovre Meeting Minutes for Regular Meeting

Tuesday, May 9, 2023

The Dovre Town Board met at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 9, 2023, at the Dovre Town Hall located at 304 25 ½ Street for a Town Board Meeting. Names of people present at the meeting are on file with the Clerk/Treasurer.

1. Chairman Hanson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. Supervisors: Allen Nyhagen – present, Diane Vaughn – present, and Chairman Mitch Hanson – present. Also, Present - Clerk/Treasurer – Louise Cody
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Motion by Supervisor Nyhagen to approve the agenda. Second by Supervisor Vaughn. Motion carried, unanimous yes vote.
5. Public Input: Dan North states he believes that with the three-member board, tasks should be designated. In addition, email should be used utilized with the clerk/treasurer to avoid walking quorums. Town funds were not secured on 03/13/2023 and a means had been put into place to secure them on 03/15/2023 in a unanimous vote.
6. Building Inspector Report: Caleb Trowbridge 209 26 ¾ St. Addition Underground in, slab poured

Jeremiah Shipley 2nd Ave Dwelling All rough ins complete

Jim Janota 2656 3 ½ Ave Dwelling all rough ins complete

Gerald Holter 2668 ½ Ave New steel on shed

Chaz Ducommun 22 27th St. Pole Shed

In addition, Chairman Hanson states that an Amish family living on 5th Ave pulled in a mobile home and they are working with Daryl Dostal on permits

1. Motion by Supervisor Vaughn to approve the minutes of the April 18th regular meeting and the April 26th special meeting. Second by Supervisor Nyhagen. Motion carried, unanimous yes vote.
2. Motion by Supervisor Vaughn to accept the Financial Report. Second by Supervisor Nyhagen. Motion carried, unanimous yes vote.
3. Motion by Supervisor Nyhagen to accept the Treasurer’s Report. Second by Supervisor Vaughn. Motion carried, unanimous yes vote.
4. Set Date for Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 13, 2023, 6:00 pm
5. Town Patrolperson Report: Supervisor Nyhagen and Art Harelstad have taken care of the shoulder washout on 29th St. The western star has a coolant leak.
6. Discussion and action on driveway permit: Steve Schneider on 6 – 5 ¾ Ave driveway permit is approved
7. Reports
   1. Fire and Ambulance Report: New Auburn Fire is having their raffle on June 24th, 4:00-7:00. They have been waiting for a chassis on the new brush truck. Chetek fire meets next Thursday.
   2. Board member reports

Supervisor Vaughn – Attended Town Days in Barron Co; got Board of Review certified; talked to an individual interested in the patrolperson vacancy; she brought an ATV map from the county

Supervisor Nyhagen – Received calls about water over the roadways in three locations; put up signs; and got Board of Review certified

Chairman Hanson – attended Town Days in Barron Co; talk to Haas about project dates and plans; and completed the driveway inspection

c. Clerk/Treasurer Report: has gotten banking set up with Security Bank; has been having printer issues but believes they are resolved, has transferred all software for the township on a new computer and would like to store all the digital information on a portable hard drive that is stored in the fireproof room of the township

14.a. Chairman Hanson stated the township is not going forward with the purchasing of the shoulder mowing equipment from Barron County.

1. The funds from Sterling Bank have been transferred to Security Bank. Motion by Supervisor Nyhagen to transfer funds back to Sterling Bank. Second by Supervisor Vaughn. Roll call vote:

Vaughn – yes; Nyhagen – yes; Hanson – yes. Motion carried, unanimous yes vote. Clerk/Treasurer Cody states that this can only be done with a Resolution. She will have the Resolution prepared at next meeting.

1. Chairman Hanson ordered dumpsters from Rightaway Rolloff for May 20th.

15 a. The Village of New Auburn North St Easement agreement is approved and signed by Chairman Hanson.

b. Chairman Hanson got an estimate from the roof damage from snow and ice. Supervisor Nyhagen would like to get multiple estimates. Tabled until next board meeting.

c. Supervisor Vaughn states that Barron County passed an election official integrity, donations, and grants ordinance and would like the township to consider doing the same. Clerk/Treasurer Cody states she will prepare a draft similar to Barron County for the township to consider at next month’s meeting.

d. Chairman Hanson motions to change the meeting agendas and notices posting location from Hometown Repair to Bridgestop; therefore, the three locations would be the New Auburn Post Office, the townhall, and Bridgestop. Second by Supervisor Nyhagen. Motion carried, unanimous yes vote.

e. Chairman Hanson states that it would cost $1358.33 to update the old security system through Citizens Telephone. Supervisor Nyhagen would like to get estimates from other companies. Tabled until next meeting.

f. Chairman Hanson would like to look into website providers and get price comparisons.

g. Chairman Hanson has paused the purchase of a new town pickup truck.

i. Inez North asked if she could make a public comment before the board goes into closed session. Chairman Hanson said he would allow it. Inez states that she accepts the decision of the board to move their funds to Sterling Bank but is disappointed that she was not given the opportunity to defend unfair and cherry-picked statements made by a board member in the meeting regarding Security Bank. She states that Security Bank offers the same services to all their municipalities. Clerk/Treasurer Cody stated that she felt her opinion was not considered by the Board regarding the banking.

h. Motion by Chairman Hanson for the board to consider convening into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 19.85 (1)(c) for purposes of considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. Discussion of patrolman position employment at 7:12 pm. Second by Supervisor Vaughn. Roll call vote:

Vaughn – yes; Nyhagen – yes; Hanson – yes. Motion carried, unanimous yes vote.

Motion by Chairman Hanson to hire Art Harelstad as part-time patrolperson at a rate of $25 per hour and pay him $25 per hour for hours worked prior to the May 9th, 2023 board meeting. Second by Supervisor Vaughn. Motion carried, unanimous yes vote. Motion by Chairman Hanson to hire Allen Nyhagen as a part time patrolperson at a rate of $20 per hour. Second by Supervisor Vaughn. Motion carried, 2-0 vote, Supervisor Nyhagen abstains.

16.a June 13th agenda to include resolution designating public depository and authorizing withdrawal of Township monies; update on Village of New Auburn grant; North St road swap; hall roof repair; ordinance election official integrity, donations, and grants; townhall security; town website; closed session for patrolperson; Hometown Repair permit; designating town duties to board members; designated engineering firm

b. Motion by Chairman Hanson to authorize the payment of bills. Second by Supervisor Nyhagen. Motion carried, unanimous yes vote.

1. Chairman Hanson motions to adjourn at 7:49 pm. Supervisor Vaughn seconds. Motion carried, unanimous yes vote.