

## TOWN OF MENTOR

### ANNUAL MEETING April 24th, 2021, 10AM MENTOR TOWN HALL

Chairman Gile, called the meeting to order.

All board members were present

Pledge of Allegiance

Verification of posting in 3 places.

Since no agenda is required for this meeting Chairman Gile initiated the meeting by establishing voting criteria. Residents attending the meeting are allowed to vote should a motion be brought. Residents agreed that a show of hands will be the method.

**Attorney Anders provided an update** on the Town's legal activities:

- Sanitary District – need petition signed by 51% of village residents
- Landfill – Town is still trying to prevent the landfill from starting but it may be only a matter of time before we run out of options.
- Montgomery – Town is trying to stop the sex offender residency which is taking a long time. In the meantime, should you see the resident outside then please call the police.

**Fire Chief Kevin Forsting provided an update** on the fire department

- 23 Volunteer Fire Fighters (17 from Alma Center, 6 from Humbird)
- 43 Calls
- Fund Raiser – Selling Brats on Apr 30<sup>th</sup> & May 1<sup>st</sup> to raise money towards helmets, boots, and automated external defibrillator's (AED)
- 20 Yr Compliance Rule – Each fire district must have in their fleet at least one truck that is less than 20 years old. The district is reaching that point where we'll have to be looking for a newer truck.

**Sandmine** – The Wisconsin Proppants representative did not show up to this meeting. Chairman Gile read a statement from Mr Orlando Shapiro which indicates that the mine will remain dormant until further notice.

**Old Abandoned Houses** - Attorney Anders and Chairman Gile said that this is a very lengthy process and that legal steps must be followed. The town doesn't just take people's property.

**New Stove & Refrigerator for Hall** – The old commercial stove & refrigerator needs to be replaced. However the question is, do we have to have commercial grade or can we use the less expensive general household appliances. Supervisor 1 Carol Johnson will look into this. The residents held off from voting to buy a stove or refrigerator until that question can be answered.

**Clerk / Treasurer Status** – Currently the position of Clerk / Treasurer is an elected position. Due to the complexity of the job, it is thought this position should be a hired position. Doing so would provide continuity to ensure the town's business functions will not be adversely affected after an election. The towns electors voted 19 yes, 0 no, to allow the Chairman to proceed with starting this very lengthy process.

**County Line Road** -A new 4 season home is being built along eldger road where the atv trail is. Discussion about who is responsible for building and maintaining this road. Chairman Gile is pursuing a shared cost between Town of Alma, Town of Mentor, and Property Owner.

**Bridge Project** – Dennis Elfering inquired about the \$30,000 budgeted for “Other Conservation”. Chairman Gile note that is for the new Fairview Bridge which should be starting construction soon.

**Dogs Running Loose** – If dogs are habitually running loose then the owners may be subject to a fine, and that the police can be called. Chairman Gile will be looking into this matter further. In most cases should a dog be found loose then a simple message on the towns Facebook page is enough to let the owner know.

**Closed Session** – Last week the board went to closed session, and inquiry was made to determine if the town is facing some unforeseen litigation. Attorney Anders noted the closed session is regarding a pending issue but could not provide specifics.

**Clean Up Day** – Sue Larson said that Carl Spurling has agreed to pick up old appliances, washers, dryers, hot water tanks, t.v.'s, computers, and printers. Tentatively scheduled for Jun 5<sup>th</sup> and there will be no cost to residents. In addition, Sue requested the Town consider providing 2 dumpsters that day to dispose of other debris, like old furniture or maybe tires. Town electors voted 11 yes, 3 no to pursue acquiring dumpsters for a cleanup day. Issue will be discussed further at the next monthly meeting on May 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Cemetery** – Sue Larson reported the cemetery is trying to raise money for tree maintenance which is estimated to be \$4500 - \$6000. They will be having a biscuits & gravy fund raiser on Jun 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Road / Pothole Update** – Shop Foreman Curt Goodwick provided an update on the road conditions. They are waiting for the cold patch vendor to replenish supplies; he hopes to have enough cold patch to begin the process of filling potholes. In the meantime, the bad holes are being filled with gravel.

**Board Salaries** – Darlene recommended the board get a raise. Chairman Gile noted it has been 10 years since there was an increase. He also noted that this year an increase was approved.

**Feed My People** – Jan Elfering reported that Pop-Up Food Panty has been very successful in helping those in need. The Pantry will continue twice each month through August 2021.

Chairman Gile asked for a motion from residence to set next year’s annual meeting for April 23<sup>rd</sup> 2022 at 10am. Lori Walker made the motion, Marv Scholze seconded the motion. All in favor show of hands. 20 for, 0 against. Motion was carried.

Larry Flood motioned to adjourn the meeting, Marv Scholze 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

Chairman Gile Adjourn the meeting. 12:00pm

Dated this 26th day of April, 2021

Jack Ikhtiari Sr, Clerk/Treasurer