Town of Sampson Meeting Minutes for Regular Meeting

Monday, February 12th, 2024

The Sampson Town Board met at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, February 12th, 2024, at the Sampson Town Hall located at 10770 270th Ave, New Auburn for a Town Board Meeting. Meeting notice was posted at three locations. The names of people present at the meeting are on file with the Clerk/Treasurer.

1. Chairperson Butterfield called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Supervisors: Jack Christenson – present, Kevin Haller – present, and Chairperson Darla Butterfield – present. Also, Present – Clerk/Treasurer– Louise Cody and Patrolperson – Randy Sarauer
4. Motion by Supervisor Christenson to approve the agenda. Second by Supervisor Haller. Motion carried, 3-0.
5. Public Comment: Bill Perry commented that brushing is being completed and the township is looking great. He also suggested seal coating on ¼ mile of 80th and on 287th to preserve that stretch of road.
6. Motion by Supervisor Christenson to approve the minutes of the January 8th regular meeting. Second by Supervisor Haller, Motion carried, 3-0.
7. Motion by Supervisor Haller to accept the financial report as presented. Second by Supervisor Christenson. Motion carried, 3-0.
8. Motion by Chairperson Butterfield to accept the treasurer’s report as presented. Second by Supervisor Haller. Motion carried, 3-0.
9. Next meeting is March 11th, 2024, at 6:00 pm
10. a. Clerk/Treasurer report – Clerk/Treasurer Cody has paperwork from the county for election relier and ditch cleanup for the board to approve. Tax collections for the township are complete and reconciled. The audit has been submitted. Election training for chief inspectors is on March 18th.

b. Patrolman report – Patrolperson Sarauer has been brush cutting and right of way clearing. He put up road ban signs. He is looking at other options to build a loft in the shop for storage that would not require stairs. He had the salt/sand refilled and the old plow needs repair because the blade will not drop. He got quotes on a new box for the old plow and quotes to modify the plow bracket. The board approved him using comp time in place of overtime if overtime is needed.

c. Supervisor Christenson stated he learned how they rate vehicle replacement ratings for fire equipment and that it is a federal system. The new truck has arrived at Darly. The fire department is working on a zoning map with the county. They have 23 volunteers which is down. They had 220 calls in 2023. He attended their annual banquet on February 3rd.

1. Old Business
   1. No new operator’s licenses.
   2. The board decided to contact the 10 residents within a quarter mile from the potential woodburning location.
2. New Business
   1. Chairperson Butterfield would like to get quotes on two tree removals at the cemetery for the Urban Forestry Grant.
   2. The 2023 audit is submitted to Bauman.
   3. Chairperson Butterfield would like to get legal advice regarding the New Auburn Fire Department agreement. Motion by Supervisor Christenson to have a lawyer look over the by-laws and offer legal advice. Second by Supervisor Haller. Motion carried, 3-0.
   4. Motion by Supervisor Christenson for the township to pay for veteran’s plaques for the hall. Second by Chairperson Butterfield. Motion carried, 3-0.
   5. The state is requesting an inventory of culverts that are 6-20ft for the WI DOT Small Bridge/Culvert Program. Delmore will complete the inventory.
   6. The board decided that kitchen will not be painted at this time.
   7. Clerk/Treasurer Cody will give the fish and game a picnic license application to fill out for their May 18th event. Motion by Supervisor Haller to charge $10 for all picnic licenses. Second by Supervisor Christenson. Motion carried, 3-0.
3. Other Administrative Matters
   1. Next agenda items: 2024 road work, equipment replacement, set BOR date, LRIP application, tree removal estimates, woodburning facility, New Auburn fire dept, picnic license
   2. Motion by Supervisor Haller to authorize the payment of bills. Second by Supervisor Christenson. Motion carried, 3-0.
4. Motion by Chairperson Butterfield to adjourn at 7:38 pm. Second by Supervisor Haller. Motion carried, 3-0.