Town of Sampson Meeting Minutes for Regular Meeting

Monday, March 11th, 2024

The Sampson Town Board met at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, March 11th, 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. Supervisor Haller 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 – absent. 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, 2-0.
5. Public Comment: Brian McFaul stated that he would like the current entrance, gate, and culvert to remain at the same location for the possible burn site. He would also want the tree line to remain intact and would be willing to sign off for approval if the board puts in writing that burning would only take place twice a year.

Pete Breed asked the board to speak loudly so everyone could hear.

Ron Pribyl contacted his insurance company and the insurance company stated that they could be dropped if the fire department is further distance away.

Bob Krause told the town board that they are doing an excellent job.

Supervisor Christenson thanked everyone for coming and would like to work with the fire department and to continue gaining knowledge of the situation.

Jon Pederson would like to have more information available about the fire department discussions.

Peter Ploumidis stated that he would like the board to continue to study the issue and gather all information available. He also stated that 30% of the Sampson budget is being spent on the fire department and other communities are spending less.

Jody Lang needed more information. She was wondering if being a double township is why Sampson’s dues are high and has two diabetics she is concerned about regarding response times.

Rick Boelkes does not want to see an outside fire department serving his neighbors and friends.

Patricia Boettcher had an explosion in 2016 on Long Lake and the New Auburn fire department was very responsive and helpful. EMTs arrived in 6 minutes to help.

Judy Skaw asked what the dues are used for and if they amount can be spread throughout years.

Fire Chief Tom Bischel stated the history of the Town of Sampson joining the fire department in 2002 and the amount of runs and added expenses because of the Town of Sampson size.

1. Motion by Supervisor Christenson to approve the minutes of the Feb 12th regular meeting and the Feb 28th and March 1st Special Meetings. Second by Supervisor Haller, Motion carried, 2-0.
2. Motion by Supervisor Christenson to accept the financial report as presented. Second by Supervisor Haller. Motion carried, 2-0.
3. Motion by Supervisor Christenson to accept the treasurer’s report as presented. Second by Supervisor Haller. Motion carried, 2-0.
4. Next meeting is April 8th, 2024, at 6:00 pm
5. a. Clerk/Treasurer report – Clerk/Treasurer Cody has sent out absentee ballots and has started scheduling poll workers for April’s election.

b. Patrolman report – Patrolperson Sarauer has been cutting trees and mowing right of ways. The road bans are being taken down by the county on Thursday, but the board wants them on longer. He burned some brush piles on 80th St. Pete Grewe would like the culvert on 290th to be put on next month’s agenda.

1. Old Business
   1. Discussion and possible action on 2024 road work is tabled until discussions and plans are finalized with Delmore.
   2. The board and patrolperson are currently looking to replace the box on the old plow truck or looking for a used truck. The box is too rusty to repair.
   3. The woodburning facility is currently tabled pending two additional signatures required.
   4. There is no further update regarding the New Auburn fire board.
2. New Business
   1. Open book is scheduled for April 17th 5:30 – 7:30 pm. Board of Review May 16, 2024, from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 am
   2. Motion by Supervisor Christenson to accept the bid from Cloudview for tree removal at $800 per tree including cleaning up and hauling away at Tillinghast cemetery. Second by Supervisor Haller. Motion carried, 2-0.
   3. Motion by Supervisor Haller to approve the New Auburn Fish and Game picnic license on May 18th. Second by Supervisor Christenson. Motion carried, 2-0.
   4. Motion by Supervisor Haller at 6:53 pm for the board to convene into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 19.85 (1) (g) Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved. Second by Supervisor Christenson. Roll vote: Haller – yes, Christenson – yes; Motion carried, 2-0.

Motion by Supervisor Haller to reconvene into open session at 7:41 pm. Second by Supervisor Christenson. Roll vote: Haller – yes, Christenson – yes; Motion carried, 2-0.

1. Other Administrative Matters
   1. Next agenda items: closed session regarding part-time employment; culvert on 290th; Twin Lakes cemetery; 2024 road work; equipment purchase, repair, and replacement; woodburning facility; levy limit discussion
   2. Motion by Supervisor Haller to authorize the payment of bills. Second by Supervisor Christenson. Motion carried, 2-0.
2. Motion by Supervisor Haller to adjourn at 7:48 pm. Second by Supervisor Christenson. Motion carried, 2-0.