Town of Sampson Meeting Minutes for Regular Meeting

Monday, September 9th, 2024

The Sampson Town Board met at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, September 9th, 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 Haller to approve the agenda. Second by Chairperson Butterfield. Motion carried, 3-0.
5. Public comment: Bill Perry asked if the 2025 road projects have been decided.

6. Motion by Supervisor Christenson to approve the minutes of the August 12th Regular Meeting and August 21st Special Meeting. Second by Supervisor Haller. Motion carried, 3-0.

7. Motion by Supervisor Christenson to accept the financial report as presented. Second by Supervisor Haller. Motion carried, 3-0.

8. Motion by Supervisor Haller to accept the treasurer’s report as presented. Second by Supervisor Christenson. Motion carried, 3-0.

1. Next meeting is October 14th, 2024, at 6:00 pm and Budget Workshop October 18th at 4:00 with Special Board Meeting to follow
2. Reports

a. Clerk/Treasurer report – Clerk/Treasurer Cody will be working on the election and budget next month. She sent a certified letter to Bremel’s and turned in the ATV paperwork.

b. Patrolman report – Patrolperson Sarauer had the windshield replaced and it was covered by insurance. 80th is paved and he has been mowing the ditches. The old plow truck is repaired. Chip sealing is supposed to be completed this week. He has put up the advisory speed signs. The county said that gravel will likely be available at the pit in the spring. The grader needs service and he would like the county to look at it.

c. Fire Report: New Auburn Fire Dept had a special meeting about the brush truck and borrowing rates were 7% so the bill will be paid with money in the money market account. October 17th is the next regular meeting.

11. Old Business

a. The 2025 road project list was completed and approved at the August 21, 2024 special board meeting so no further discussion or action is needed.

b. The budget workshop is 10/18/2024 at 4:00 with a meeting to follow to approve the resolution. The town elector’s meeting will be November 11th and a 15-day notice is required.

c. Sampson will request that ATV signs be paid for by the ATV club at the entrances. The Welcome to Sampson signs are approximately $250 per sign. Kings Inn will sponsor the sign for County Highway M.

d. A-1 did not have any used hydrants. The board discussed leaving the hydrants the way they are but to repair the cracked hydrant.

e. Motion by Supervisor Haller to approve Alyson Downs operator license. Second by Chairperson Butterfield. Motion carried, 3-0.

f. Motion by Chairperson Butterfield to approve the Chippewa County Emergency Operation’s Plan as presented. Second by Supervisor Haller. Motion carried, 3-0.

g. The Town of Sampson Board discussed and agreed that Supervisor Haller will present the New Auburn Fire Board to change the current agreement on how to determine dues by using an adjustable mill rate to cover budgeted operating costs. They would also like to propose that any additional capital needs such as equipment purchases would be billed to the townships separately. They would also like the 2% fire dues received from the townships from the state be placed into a capital outlay account and used for vehicle purchases and/or payments.

12. New Business

a. Gravel will be available in the spring so that will be part of the 2025 budget.

b. The appointing an alternate to Fire Department Board was discussed and acted on the August 21st special meeting.

c. The board discussed adjust the equipment rates to state rate as follows: snow plow and man $160 per hour; mower and man $100 per hour; grader and man $175 per hour; dump truck and man $110 per hour; tractor backhoe $115 per hour. Motion by Supervisor Haller to adjust the equipment rates to the state rate. Second by Supervisor Christenson. Motion carried, 3-0.

d. At 7:28, motion by Chairperson Butterfield to convene 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. Second by Supervisor Haller. Roll call vote:

Butterfield – yes; Haller – yes; Christenson – yes; motion carried, 3-0

Motion by Supervisor Haller to reconvene into open session at 7:45 pm. Second by Chairperson Butterfield. Motion carried, 3-0.

f. No action taken from closed session

13. Other Administrative Matters

a. Next agenda items: Motion by Chairperson Butterfield to set next meeting agenda items – Sampson entrance signs, operator license, election workers. Second by Supervisor Christenson. Motion carried, 3-0.

b. Motion by Supervisor Haller to authorize the payment of bills. Second by Supervisor Christenson. Motion carried, 3-0.

14. Motion by Supervisor Haller to adjourn at 7:50 pm. Second by Supervisor Christenson. Motion carried, 3-0.