Town of Sampson Meeting Minutes for Regular Meeting

Monday, February 10th, 2025

The Sampson Town Board met on Monday, February 10th, 2025, at 6:00 pm 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 Supervisor Christenson. Motion carried, 3-0.
5. Public comment: none

6. Motion by Supervisor Haller to approve the minutes of December 9th Regular Meeting, January 2nd Special Meeting, and January 8th Special Meeting. Second by Supervisor Christenson. 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 Christenson to accept the treasurer’s report as presented. Second by Supervisor Haller. Motion carried, 3-0.

1. Next meeting is March 10, 2025, 6:00 pm
2. Reports

a. Clerk/Treasurer report – Clerk/Treasurer has completed tax collections. The February Spring Primary is next week. The audit is also scheduled next week.

b. The Rural Mutual checks received in 2024 were because of audits being completed and refunds were issued.

c. Patrolman Sarauer has cut trees on 136th and 110th but the power company will take the tops of some of the trees. The shop has been organized. Patrolman Sarauer asked about obstructions in the ROW. He had tires put on the pickup. An electrical van hit the plow truck which was reported. The tractor backhoe has a miss so Randy will call McCoy. He got prices on augers. Motion by Chairperson Butterfield to purchase an auger from McCoy. Second by Supervisor Haller. Motion carried, 3-0.

d. Fire Report: The New Auburn Fire Department had 190 calls in 2024 and 18 calls so far in 2025. The new fire engine arrived and it was paid for with approximately $200,000 cash down and approximately $147,000 loan is needed. $15,000 for small capital improvements was removed from the budget but it was shifted towards Barron Co for digital radios. The brush truck had a minimum bid of $45,000 so the brush truck did not sell because the highest bid was $20,000. The pumper truck is listed at $5,000 and has a current offer of $1,000.

e. At the Chippewa County Unit meeting they gave handouts for the comp plan for Chippewa County Emergency Management and courses information.

11. Old Business

a. Motion by Supervisor Haller to approve the operator’s license presented. Second by Chairperson Butterfield. Motion carried, 3-0.

b. There were no actions taking regarding the New Auburn Fire Department

12. New Business

a. Motion by Supervisor Haller to hire Don Wulf as the second patrolman. Second by Supervisor Christenson. Motion carried, 3-0.

b. Motion by Chairperson Butterfield to approve the employee handbook amendments as presented. Second by Supervisor Christenson. Motion carried, 3-0.

c. Motion by Supervisor Christenson to wait one year and budget if necessary to enter a contract with the Chippewa County Humane Society. Second by Supervisor Haller. Motoin carried, 3-0.

d. Patrolperson Sarauer will place signs on 287th curve in the spring.

e. Motion by Supervisor Haller to increase the dog license fee for altered dogs from $8 to $10 and unaltered from $13 to $15. Second by Supervisor Christenson. Motion carried, 3-0.

Motion by Chairperson Butterfield to increase the operator’s license from $5 to $10. Second by Supervisor Christenson. Motion carried, 3-0.

Motion by Chairperson Butterfield to increase the cigarette license from $5 to $10. Second by Supervisor Christenson. Motion carried, 3-0.

Motion by Chairperson Butterfield to require a $25 driveway permit fee in the Town of Sampson. Second by Supervisor Christenson. Motion carried, 3-0.

f. not needed

g. not needed

13. Other Administrative Matters

a. Next agenda items: Motion by Chairperson Butterfield to set next meeting agenda items –2025 road bids; road bans; set date for spring road inspection Second by Supervisor Haller. Motion carried, 3-0.

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

14. Motion by Chairperson Butterfield to adjourn at 7:44 pm. Second by Supervisor Christenson. Motion carried, 3-0.