

TOWN OF ERIN PRAIRIE  
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 20, 2023

The February 20, 2023 Town of Erin Prairie Board Meeting was called to order at 6:00p.m. by Chairman John Van Dyk at the Erin Prairie Town Hall. Present were Board Members John Van Dyk, Dennis Mitchell, and Mike Monteith.

A motion was made by Mike and seconded by Dennis to accept the agenda as presented. Dennis moved to approve the January Meeting Minutes as written. Mike seconded the motion. Both motions were approved by affirmative vote.

It was reported there is \$281,893.53 available in our checking and Money Market Accounts. This does not include \$36,895.67 of ARPA Funds to be used for broadband expansion in the township. The bills were presented and discussed. The County Highway bills totalled \$15,898.00 with all the snow plowing and ice control necessary in December and January. A motion was made by Dennis to approve the Treasurer's report and pay the bills as presented. Mike seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Joel Allen, with the St. Croix County Highway Department, was contacted and asked to check out 156<sup>th</sup> St. and let us know his thoughts about the condition of the road for paving. Joel reported that the road should be roll tested to check for imperfections in the gravel base. He is thinking three to six inches of gravel may need to be added to the base. The cul-de-sac needs to be checked to be sure it is the required size. The ground must slope so the water runs away from the road. When the Board checks the roads in the spring to determine the summer work that is necessary they will look at 156<sup>th</sup> again to see if they feel it is suitable for paving.

Todd Dolan had sent an updated Building Inspection and Permit Ordinance for the Board to Review. The Board read through the ordinance, making changes where necessary.

John gave a few updates from the ambulance, WI Town's Association, and New Richmond and United Fire Department Meetings he had attended.

The Board reviewed and approved a letter that will be sent to Representative Shannon Zimmerman and Senator Rob Stafsholt regarding State Shared Revenue and allowable levy increases for Wisconsin Townships. The letter points out how State Shared Revenue that we receive each year has decreased over the years. In 2000 the Town of Erin Prairie received \$21,713.00 in Shared Revenue and in 2022 our Shared Revenue was \$9,376.00, a 57% decrease over 22 years. Additional funding and levy increases have not kept up with the cost of road maintenance, construction, or paving. Information on this subject that the Wisconsin Town's Association has compiled will also be included with the letter.

A contract with our township auditor, Johnson, Lewis, and Mount LLC, was signed for renewal of their services.

The next Board Meeting will be held Monday, March 27, beginning at 6:00p.m.

A motion was made and passed to adjourn at 7:25p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Mitchell, Clerk/Treasurer