

TOWN OF ERIN PRAIRIE
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2023

The November 20, 2023 Meeting of the Erin Prairie Town Board was called to order at 6:15p.m. by Chairman John Van Dyk at the Erin Prairie Town Hall following the Budget Hearing and Meeting to approve the 2024 Budget. Present were Board members John Van Dyk, Mike Monteith, and Dennis Mitchell.

A motion was made by Mike to approve the agenda as presented. Dennis seconded the motion, which passed by affirmative vote.

Dennis moved to approve the October Meeting minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Mike and passed unanimously.

It was reported there is \$136,148.24 available in our checking and Money Market Accounts. This does not include the \$36,895,67 of ARPA Funds that will be used for improved broadband in the township. The Shared Revenue payment of \$7,988.67 received on November 20 is included. A motion was made by Dennis to approve the treasurer's report as stated. The motion was seconded by Mike and passed by affirmative vote.

The bills were presented including Highway Department bills and the payment of ARPA funds to Next Gen Broadband for the broadband expansion agreement. The decision was made to pay the 18 month statement to the Wisconsin Town's Association Advocacy Counsel. Bills from the New Richmond Fire Department, Animal Humane Officer Darel Hall, All-Croix Inspections, and Custom HVAC Solutions (for furnace repair) were also paid.

Maureen Brunner and Nancy Meyer were present representing the Senior Center Board in New Richmond. Currently space is rented in the New Richmond Civic Center to hold meetings and activities for Seniors. Over 300 seniors attend these activities. The VFW is building a new building in which the Senior Board is planning to use part of the building for their activities. The Senior Center Board is looking for donations to help complete this building project. At this time the township has made no donation commitment.

Tim Kusilek with Next Gen Broadband updated the board on the work that is being completed in our township. Tim said the mainline construction is completed. There are 155 services to residents in the township. Running the broadband to their houses should be completed by the end of this week. This does not include the actual hook up to the houses. One customer is hooked up now. Next Gen will be working through the winter on customer hook ups.

Patti DeWitt was present to ask about parcel sizes and what is allowed to be built on a parcel that is one acre in size. The Board directed her to talk with the County Community Development Department. They will be able to look at the parcel in question and know what the parcel is zoned and what will be allowed. She also asked about the number of animals allowed on a parcel.

John briefly mentioned information from The Town's Association meeting and ambulance meetings he had attended.

The December Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 18 at 6:00p.m.

A motion was made and passed to adjourn at 7:45p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Mitchell, Clerk/Treasurer

