**TOWN OF BARRE BOARD MEETING February 13, 2024**

**MEMBERS PRESENT** Chairman Curt Berg, Supervisors Bob Miller and John McGowan

**STAFF PRESENT** Clerk Ann Schlimgen, Treasurer Meri McKinney

**CALL TO ORDER** - Chair Curt Berg called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was properly posted on the website and at the Town Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Motion by Bob for a consensus approval of last month’s meeting minutes, treasurer’s report, and vouchers, seconded by John. Minutes, treasurer’s reports, and vouchers approved.

As many people from the public hearing stayed to hear the vote for the UTV/ATV ordinance, John voted to move this item to be next on the agenda and Bob seconded the motion. John then moved to sign the ATV/UTV ordinance as is. Bob seconded motion. Motion approved. Curt will work with Kat from the UTV/ATV club to get signs.

Mark Schomberg was there with his plans for the Bostwick Creek South addition. The new plan would give the Town of Barre the out lot for the holding pond, making the Township responsible for cleaning and maintaining the holding pond and lot. There was discussion to put the cost on as a special assessment on each lot. Ann had made several calls about adding an assessment. While they won’t give legal advice on how to do this, the state representative referred her to wi statute 66.0701, which she stated she thought we would need a set total dollar amount to assess and suggested we have an attorney also for this project. After discussion was had on the assessment and the need for a fence around the holding pond, Bob made a motion to to approve the plat and stormwater infrastructure with the condition that Mark gets the town an estimate of maintenance and that the town can apply these costs as a special assessment on each lot. Also, Mark will put up a 6-foot fence around the holding pond. John seconded the motion. Motion approved.

The Employee handbook was reviewed by the board members. After discussion John motioned to change the following in the handbook: the phone will stay with the Town of Barre, New year’s eve and the day after Thanksgiving will be removed as holidays, we will add that when needed safety courses may be taken and paid by the township, Sick days will still only be accumulated up to 30, but paid out at 50% instead of 100 %, Life insurance paid will be prorated when an employee leaves and the balance will be deducted from their last paycheck. and when making a job offer, the hourly amount will be shown as a dollar amount for pay and a dollar amount for a medical stipend. Bob seconded this motion. Motion approved.

In the Moblie home ordinance it states license fee will be collected. The board needs to set those fees. As per suggested statute prices, John motioned to approve 1-50 homes is $100, 51-100 homes is $200, 101 – 150 is $300 and 150-200 is $400. Bob seconded this motion. Motion approved.

The DOT is conducting a small bridge/culvert inventory for the state. The first part of this is to do an inventory phase. There are three options for this phase: one the town does it themselves, two the county does it or three we hire it out. John motioned that the town would do it ourself, Bob seconded motion. Motion carried. Ann will print out the form that has to be back before April 15th and have Curt sign and she will mail it out.

Curt inquired about a snow plowing policy. Ann stated that she did see a resolution that if the mailbox was knocked down as the fault of the plow and not due to the weight of the snow the town would pay up to a $50 stipend to the resident.

Road report – The road ban is on and posted. Backup plow driver Gary Loging was at the meeting. He has vehicles ready to go but no snow yet. The board thanks him for stepping in until a Patrolman is hired.

Debra Lager of Meadow View Ct told the board that because of the maintenance on her road last spring the gravel has now all ended up in their front lawns. She asked if they raked up and put in piles if the town would remove it. It was noted that we could address more in spring when hopefully we have a patrolman again. However, before then Curt said they could dump behind the church parking lot, or it was also suggested by many towns people that any farmer would be happy to have it.

Former Chairman Ron said he was still receiving emails and mail for the chair. Ron was asked to unsubscribe when possible and to forward anything from the State, County or Towns association to Ann and she will address getting his name removed.

Ken Schlimgen county board member told the board about a vote coming this month for a Citizen Review Board for the police officers. Ken stated he would be voting no for this board.

Board concerns were John inquired on who was going to the quarterly meeting next Thursday. Also, noted both John and Bob will be attending the March 1st education session. Ann told them about a Hilltoppers meeting and said she would forward date an email to them. If anyone can attend, please let her know and she will get them registered.

Bob made a motion to adjourn the meeting. John seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15.

Respectfully submitted, Ann Schlimgen Clerk – Town of Barre