1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm

Present: Dave Moyer,Sharon Douglas, Loren Bobolz, Dan Huisheere, Ben Wellnitz, Jill Bier, Marlina Jackson

Also present: Chief Schultz, Chief Rousch, Officer Kunkel

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Adoption of the Agenda

A motion to adopt the agenda (Dan Huisheere/Sharon Douglas). Motion carries by voice vote with no negative vote

4. Approval of the Minutes to the Town Caucus and January 16th, 2024 meeting

A motion to approved the minutes to the Town Caucus and minutes to the January 16th meeting (Loren Bobolz/Ben Wellnitz). Motion carries by voice vote with no negative vote.

5. New Business

1. Joint Municipal Court Updates Discussion and Action

Chief Schultz shares with the board that no code complaints have been received in the town of Bradford. Dave states to Chief Schultz that the whole purpose of the joint municipal court agreement was for the town to get money back and he doesn’t believe we have received any funds in return. Chief Schultz responds that the focus on that (money return) is the village attorney. From court it gets reduced to a lesser fine or dismissed. It is not just a Bradford problem but a village problem as well. Dave states he will contact the village attorney or have our attorney do i.t If its arbitrated out of the situation and it should be reduced proportionately to our fee schedule. Chief Schultz suggests visiting the contract. Board thanks Chief for attending.

B. Discussion and Action on report by Fire Department Representative

Cheif states that in January there were 54 calls and 38 transports.14 fire incidents and 1 structure fire. Shares updates with the board.

C. Discussion and Action on the 2024-2027 Clinton Fire Protection District Agreement

Agreement was emailed out to the board. Dave received a call from Dave Brandl and Dan Risse. Dave reports that after the conversations with them that the Town of Clinton did not approve the agreement for reasons of self auditing. Dan Risse called Dave shortly after speaking with Dave Brandl and in discussion of auditing dave suggest 9 years of self audit and 1 year of hired audit. Chief responds that it is a budgeting issue and that is a big chunk of money. Dave states that it provides a clear picture and we can get advise from an auditor. Dan Risse advised Bradford not to approve the agreement this month but suggests approving it next month. Chief states that big purchases have been held off and they can’t do anything until agreements are approved. Loren asks how many times has it been suggested? Town can do the self audit but villages struggle. Dave is going to attend the meeting on Thursday. Dave gives an example of it Loren cannot attend the replacement cannot vote at the meeting. Dave says consistency is needed. Loren asks about what changes would need ot be made and they refer to item 6 in the agreement. Jill asks about state statues in regards to the agreement? Statute 60.55 is in regards to the organization. It would have to eb in the agreement. A motion to the recind the motion to approve the agreement from January (Dan Huisheere/Ben Wellnitz). Motion carries by voice vote with no negative vote. Loren and Dave will be attending the fire meeting on Thursday.

D. Discussion and Action on recommendation from P&Z for ReZone Application from Shane Pope, Kemp Road.

The P&Z committee recommends a zoning change for Parcel 6-3-77.2 from A1 to A2. The board discusses the recommendation and agrees it is a non conforming zoned parcel. A motion to change the zoning from A1 to A2 on Parcel 6-3-77.2 (Ben Wellnitz/Loren Bobolz) Motion carries by voice vote with no negative vote.

E. Discussion and action on Zoning Officer Report

Marlina shares Chars report with the baord. A New Home permit was issued to Adam and Jessica James on Carvers Rock Road.

F. Discussion and Action on Invenergy Solar Project

Dave attended the last meeting. They are bringing in panel boxes for the project. Walworth and Darien did not post the roads. Dave does not want to impede business if roads are cleared.

G. Discussion and Action on Town of Bradford Road Postings

Fulton posted the same time Bradford did. Dave wants to keep the road posting signs and it only took him 2 hours to post. Dave asks why there are no markings on Larson Red EW Side of 140 Creek Rd EW 140 Tresher Rd. We need to put in Class B Roads on any road off of a Class A road.

H. Discussion and Action on Local Bridge/Culvert Inventory and Assessment

Dave states we have to have the inventory and assessment completed. WTA is going to pay for it and we need to entertain the idea of letting them do the count. We have to front the money on the $100 per culvert. Other money is not fronted and gets paid directly to the contractor. Budget is a temporary checkout but we get paid in. Dan wants to check our culverts and compare our number with their inventory. Loren says it sounds like a no brainer program. Dan says when they mark them it will give additional information. A motion to engage the WTA recommended company to complete the locating and inventory (Dan Huisheere/ Loren Bobolz). Motion carried by voice vote with no negative vote.

I. Discussion and action on Supervisors’ evaluation of their sections of roads

Board discusses and agrees that they are being pretty caught up and that Pete and Tim stated our roads aren't in complete despair. Grader gouged some ditches. Dave states there are less reports of mail box damage this year.

J. Discussion and action on roadwork, including but not limited to tree trimming, culvert repair and replacement, crack filling, ditching, shouldering, maintenance including replacement of signs and posts, paver repair, pot hole filling, Agricultural Road Improvement Program

Dave Brandl and Dave Moyer discussed working on BC townline together for the ARIP Program. Would be making it a class A road. Dan asks how far they are looking to do? Loren states it is for Rock Road and they should be responsible. Townline is in the middle of no where. Dan agrees. Board discusses and they understand fixing the road but Rock Road doesnt pay any taxes in Bradford so we need to consider other roads for the ARIP funding. Improvements should be made to the roads that our constituents pay taxes on. Clarkes, Biers, Popes, Tracys, Broeges, Dairy etc use Carvers Rock road and Bradford Townhall Rd and it is an ag usage road. Dave says he thought farmers were the ones to apply. Loren says that the farmer support is needed. Dave state ARIP is an unknown split so far. The work is 2-3 years out Dave will reach out to Ryan at Battermans tomorrow for the April 5th application deadline.

K. Discussion and action on Town Hall Repair Committee Report

Dan Wellnitz looked at the windows and measured. Thinks the new windows will be in by April.

L. Discussion and Action on Townhall Building 2

Light is out. Jill asks about paying the principle on the loans back if we have the $20000 to put back towards the loan. A motion to pay the $20000 back to the BCPL (Sharon Douglas/Dan Huisheere). Motion carries by voice vote with no negative vote.

M. Discussion and action on approval of Driveway Permit Applications

None received

N. Discussion and action on Utility Permit Applications

None received

O. Discussion and action on date/time of Clerk/Treasurer Audit

A motion to conduct the Clerk/Treasurer audit on March 5th at 6pm (Sharon Douglas/Loren Bobolz) Motion carries by voice vote with no negative vote.

6. Citizen Participation

None

7. Chairman’s Report

Dave received a call about lowering the speed limits at Emerald grove.

8. Announcements and Reports

A. The March Town Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 19th, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. at the Bradford Town Hall.

B. Rock County Sheriff’s Report

Officer Kunkel states that there is not a whole lot in the reports for Bradford for this month. Sharon Douglas states that in the last year there has been a young man riding a scooter at high speed in Avalon. She received 5 complaints of a truck with no muffler and being very loud. Provides officer with address and license plate. Officer responds that they will need to catch him in the act and inquires when it is happening. Sharon responds that it is during the daytime and on weekends. Dave asks the officer about the many break-ins that have been occurring in the township. Officer advises that they have not caught any one yet and activity has ceased for a week and is moving around the county. Areas of Creek Road/Emerald Grove Road/Avalon road and other areas in the county. Officers are doing a neighborhood canvas and suggests advising family and friends to lock up. During the over night shifts they are looking for suspicious vehicles and being proactive. Board thanks officer for attending.

C. Grota Appraisals Open Book Monday, May 10th, 2024 at Bradford Town Hall from 9:00am-11:00am Board of Review Tuesday, June 4th, 2024 at Bradford Townhall 9:00am-11:00am

D. Delavan-Darien School District Report

9. Treasurer’s Report

Jill shared the settlement report with the board. Dave asks how many delinquent taxes are in the township? Jill responds that the county collects the delinquent taxes.

A motion to approve the treasurers report (Dan Huisheere/Ben Wellnitz) Motion carries by voice vote with no negative vote.

10. Bills for Approval

Motion to approve the February bills (Sharon Douglas/Dan Huisheere). Motion carries by voice vote with no negative vote.

10. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn (Loren Bobolz/Dan Huisheere). Motion carries by voice vote with no negative vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:17pm

**Bills for Approval February 2024**

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| **Rock Energy Cooperative** | **Town Hall Expense-Light** | **$101.80** |
| **Alliant Energy** | **Hwy. exp-street lights** | **$49.04** |
| **Lentells Disposal** | **Recycling** | **$500.00** |
| **Clinton Community School District** | **Monthly Parking Permit Fees** | **$200.61** |
| **Rock County Department of Public Works** |  |  |
| ***Rock County Treasurer*** | ***Special Charges Managed Forest*** | ***$151.24*** |
| ***Rock County Treasurer*** | ***February Tax Settlement*** | ***$215,954.88*** |
| ***Clinton Community School District*** | ***February Tax Payment*** | ***$518,244.12*** |
| ***Delavan-Darien School District*** | ***February Tax Payment*** | ***$18,220.46*** |
| ***Blackhawk Technical College*** | ***February Tax Payment*** | ***$39,626.37*** |
| ***Rock County Treasurer*** | ***Dog License Payment*** | ***$114.75*** |
| **Rock Valley Publishing** | **P&Z Notice: 32.85**  **Election Notice: 21.27** | **$54.12** |
| **US Cellular** | **Feb/March internet** | **$108.98** |
| **Rock County Treasurer** | **PILT 229.05** | **$229.05** |
| **Clinton Community School District** | **PILT 582.65** | **$582.65** |
| **Blackhawk Technical College** | **PILT 42.03** | **$42.03** |
| **Premier Pest Elimination LLC** | **January Service 1/23/24** | **$80.00** |
| **Duick and Company** | **W2 Prep** | **$200.00** |
| **Board of Commissioners of Public Lands** | **Loan Payment** | **$12,387.65** |
| **Clinton Fire Protection District** | **½ Payment 2024** | **$54,920.42** |
| **Jill Bier** | **Election training 1/17/24** | **$30.00** |
| **Sharon Hargarten** | **Election training 1/17/24 1/23/24** | **$60.00** |
| **Marlina Jackson** | **Election training 1/4/24 1/17/24 1/23/24** | **$90.00** |
| **Donna Mullooly** | **Pollworker training 1/27/24** | **$30.00** |
| **Vicky Duoss** | **Pollworker training 1/27/24** | **$30.00** |
| **Jenny Membrino** | **Pollworker training 1/23/24** | **$30.00** |
| **Jan Moyer** | **Pollworker training 1/27/24** | **$30.00** |
| **Lorilea Reible** | **Pollworker training 1/27/24** | **30.00** |
| **Nancy Pope** | **Pollworker training 1/27/24** | **$30.00** |
| **Credit Card** | **WTA District Meeting** | **$325.00** |
|  | **Total:** | **$862,453.17** |