

Town of Bradford

Town Board Meeting

Tuesday, September 17th, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. at the Bradford Town Hall

Minutes

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Meeting called to order at 6:31 pm. Present: David Moyer, Sharon Douglas, Loren Bobolz, Dan Huisheere, Ben Wellnitz, Jill Bier, and Marlina Jackson. Also present: Chief Schultz, Art Fish, Jordan DeLong, Chic DeLong, Ben DeLong, Doug Kloopping, Beau Sandin and wife, Bob Risseeuw, Sharon Hargarten

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Adoption of the Agenda

A motion to adopt the agenda (Loren Bobolz.Dan Huisheere). Motion carries by voice vote with no negative vote

4. Approval of the Minutes to the August 20th, 2024 meeting

A motion to approve the minutes to the August 20th meeting (Loren Bobolz/Sharon Douglas). Motion carries by voice vote with no negative vote.

5. New Business

A. Discussion and Action on Joint Municipal Court

Chief Schultz states there are no code complaints in Bradford. He also states that he will not be in attendance until January. Board thanks Chief.

B. Discussion and Action report by Fire District Representative

Loren Bobolz read report from chief. They worked on the budget and kept it tight. There is a slight increase for the town of Bradford. Ask if there's any questions. Loren says the budget is running in line for this year. Staff is there but not picking up slots. Will know more next month.

C. Discussion and Action on recommendation from P&Z committee for CUP request from The DeLong Company

P&Z committee recommended to table until more information received. Motion to table the request with the publication fees, mailing notices and P&C stipend to be paid at resume. (Dan Huisheere/Ben Wellnitz) Motion carries by voice vote with no negative vote.

D. Discussion and Action on citizen concerns over The DeLong Company in Avalon

Art Fish introduces himself to the board. He states that in the community the dust from the grain elevator has considerably increased from the intake of more grain and problems have escalated. When Gavilon was there they provided car wash tokens now the DeLong company does not pay for car washes. Loads have increased. Avalon is very dusty, when the wind is from the north it is very bad. Something needs to be done to accommodate the community. There should be some type of dust collection system in place. Jordan DeLong responds- he thanks Art for meeting with him and states that from the DeLong standpoint they have not had any formal complaints. After he met with Art him and his family had a meeting to discuss solutions. Jordan hands the floor over to Doug Klopping. Doug states that grain handling has increased in Avalon and going forward the market will be a little less. One of the processes for dust collection is a system when they harvest 7000 bushel per hour in the current drying system they would treat corn with a vegetable type oil, such as they do in Chemung and Clinton. Doug States that it is in their interest to be a good neighbor and see how the system works. It is step one in the process. Doug states that corn will exit and fill the bin and be treated that way. The pile is 1800 truckloads and if needs to be treated, they can work on that corn does have extra bee wings this year. Doug has been with the facility since 2016 and car wash tokens were available, however They decreased He is excited to try this new system and crop conditions vary each year. Drying is not going to be a big concern this year. Art states It's loading that sees the dust-there is a vacuum system that recovers a portion of the dust and he has an understanding of dust control. He knows that the driveway application will help with dust. There are room for improvements. They are not doing a good job now and Art wants to see the DeLong company do better. In his shop there is dust. Inside of his shop is a safety concern. He doesn't feel there has been any attempt made to accommodate the population of Avalon. Dan response that DeLong company is addressing it and

lets see how this new system plays out. Attempts are being made. Sharon Douglas tells Jordan that they have an existing CUP that talks about dust control and she wants to see change as she also lives in Avalon. She agrees that a filtering system needs to be in place. There are three neighbors in this room, ask if it is the white dust or the bees wings states it's a health concern for community. Grain is moving more and more and becoming a bigger problem when the wind is in the south it's not bad but the north wind is terrible. It is a fire hazard and he has to pay someone to clean it up there health concerns for Arts employees and it's more than just a nuisance, Dave states that he fully believes that the system would handle the dust from the grain system for bees wings that bees wings would need to have some type of research. A dust collection. System would alleviate some of that and filling the pile with a mineral oil system will reduce the dust. Next year if the crap is late and wet, bees wings will be everywhere. This year It's dry so there are less. Dave asks about Recovery systems available. Doug States that they are an EPA guidelines at that facility. Art says all the other elevators in the area are doing a better job and they have this facility to go without a dust collection system. Ben asks Doug how well the mineral oil works. Doug responds that Chemung it worked well and he says that is something that they will need to try and work on, Chic states that it changes the cosmetics of the finished product . Jordan states that they found out about Arts concerns on Friday and immediately met and are working on moving forward. Chic says that with a grain dryer the in and out of a grain bin has a heat system. They built a tube around it to collect the fines which creates a hazard. Sharon says that they need to look at Farm city she understands the fire hazard problems and dryers. Art states the issue is loading at the rail. It's a failed system. Loren asks if the vegetable oil doesn't work if they want to look at other options, Doug responds that they want to be good neighbors and find a solution for bees wings and dust dust. Recovery systems and other options will be looked at. Grain hauling has been down in the last two years. Again Art states that it's not dumping grain loading of cars he doesn't think it will address the concern but doesn't see a solution. He's not satisfied until he has answers. He states he's holding liability to this Town board bringing the problem to the board and wanting a solution, Ben asks if the issue is the same with other agri businesses. Dave response it's an issue and the ordinance needs to be upheld wants to see an attempt. Dan states that the oil install is an attempt states this year won't hold any difference Dave states that this is the first time that this board has heard any discrepancies of Delong company's business as well as DeLong hearing it for the first time Dave wants to see

mitigation. If it doesn't do the job they can come back to revisit Sharon ask the timeline Art states this is not a good template. He wants to visit this in the spring and see what the results are. Dave says the original deal is for six months. If it doesn't work, they have six months and moving forward and not staying stagnant. Dan says in this day the timeframe is different so we have to give DeLong the opportunity to improve if more needs to be done and discussed come to the board communication going on and moving forward Dan states harvest is here three weeks ahead of time states he's all about more time to see progress in the heart of the season. He has an understanding that there is an agger business to be. Had Jill states that she talked to Brandi and Tom about dust at Farm city it is also an issue in Darien but they revisit their system often, Jordan states that he wants to be made aware of concerns as they are trying the system for the first time in Avalon motion to give the opportunity to try and revisit in six months is made(Dan Huisheere/loren Bobolz). Motion carries by voice vote with no negative vote at this point Doug says no trains are sold October November December when loading trains they can alert and keep an eye on it at this point the market is telling them to hold chick says it's unfortunate that the commodity is not moving right now.

E. Discussion and Action on Discussion and Action on follow up from Attorney Letter

Dave states that Mike has not received a response from Shady Hill or Valente. He has had discussions with Janssen. Sharon says Ed was in front of the garage with a grill. It's hard to see if the lights are on. Dave says some of the vehicle registrations have been updated, but you cannot live on a commercial property Did call the health department and spoke with him. Health department is receiving calls about the systems needed and shady Hills. Adam advised Dave that his supervisor is taking over when it comes to fines and penalties. Loren says this is not a good situation. Says Mike is asking what we do next. Loren asks How do we respond to letters? Jill asks about sending the sheriff there. Dave says he will ask Mike and Sharon suggest sending certified letters. Dave responds that has been done. Jill says the tax bill goes to Avalon for Valenti Jill ask if Mike could address the \$300 operator fee for the application Dave says no we have not received any payment that should've been updated on July 1. He is going to talk to Mike.

F. Discussion and Action on Schultz Communities Shady Hill Mobile Home Park

Jill found a mobile home application from another Township and ask Dave if we should adopt it. He is going to talk to Mike.

G. Discussion and action on Braukhoff Pit/Rock Road Hauling

Loren says there are still no shoulders on the road. Dave says they are going to shoulder and put a new route signs. He spoke with Troy and is expecting new sign soon and will get shouldering done. Some of the asphalt needs work. They are building up.

H. Discussion and Action on Invenergy Solar Project

Meeting on Thursday

I. Discussion and action on Zoning Officer Report

None received

J. Discussion and action on Supervisors' evaluation of their sections of roads

Board discusses says roads are looking better and the current roads are good. Dan asks if he's been on Carver Rock Road from Popes to the north at 15 miles an hour. It was rough but now it's really bad. There were 11 trucks in a row coming off of Camp Road to the east silage trucks don't move over they go down the middle of the road. Jill asks if we get any AR and would make it a class a road that wide in the road 20 to 24 feet and easement would go into the neighboring lands speed limits can be adjusted. There are concerns about patching and budget. County is short staffed. Dave says we got lucky that we have our request met Highway. Project is postponed again and Highway 140 is pushed back. Lauren doesn't know where to start and stop the road broke apart bad Steve says we need to talk to the dairy about rotor pairs. The county needs a list and October for roadwork roadwork for next year. Their goal is to finish emerald Grove Road. Johnstown worked on side. It would be nice to get a whole road done. It was greater patched by Bobs and Bill Mulooly. We should get that finished. Dave says

that there's other roads in our Township but we've been staying on the west side O'Reilly Dunn Road. Those roads are in bad shape fixing them is two years out Says a lot of signs are faded and eligible

- K. 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

See above

- L. Discussion and action on Town Hall Repair Committee Report

Ramp needs to be repaired the brace underneath it is bad. Jill asks about starting over the patch for November election the long-term is what to do in the future the potential for steps with a railing. Loren asked about prefab steps and a straight deck. It would be a temporary fix before the election though.

- M. Discussion and Action on Town Hall Building 2

Loren ask wahts happening on the side of the building. They are holes in the roof. There's a lot of coon poop

- N. Discussion and action on approval of Driveway Permit Applications

none received. Loren asked about driveways from the Clarks added onto a driveway and put it in this week for driveways for one field and for dairy sludge at the end of pikes McGuinness on the south east corner of the road is broken town hall Road by Randy's there is no driveway, but the silage company made a driveway. We need to check other roads.

- O. Discussion and action on Utility Permit Applications

None

- P. Discussion of 2025 Preliminary Budget

Jill and Sharon explain the budget there is a reevaluation and but can't be done in 2025 and will be done in 2026. The cost is about \$9600 consider eliminating joint municipal court cost. The assessor needs to be changed to \$8100 snowplowing to \$52,000 About paying more on the loan, but the interest is at 4.25%. Dave states more income will be coming in when the solar is operational right now. The land is tax agriculturally, but will be collected on commercial setting. There will be no tax when it is

Q. Discussion and Action on ARIP application

Application submitted, we might as well try

R. Discussion and Action on Operators License received from Cecelia's

Ally Bell submitted an operators application. Marlina shared results motion to approve all be for a one year operator license for Cecelias. (Sharon Douglas/dan Huisheere) motion carries by voice vote with no negative vote

S. Discussion and Action ATV/UTV

No progress. Table until further notice.

6. Citizen Participation

7. Announcements and Reports

- a. The October Town Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 15th, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. at the Bradford Town Hall. P&Z meeting at 6:00pm
- b. Rock County Sheriff's Report
- c. A silver van has been reported the cop is unable to make contact. He was pulling a boat today. Rumor is the individual lives in the van. There are no plates on it. He is very good at being elusive. Marlina shares.
- d. WTA meeting Thursday, September 19th

8. Treasurer's Report

Jill shares the treasurers report settlement has been received motion to approve the treasurers report(Sharon Douglas/Loren Bobolz) motion carries by voice vote with no negative vote

9. Bills for Approval

Marlina shares the bills emotion to approve the bills for September(Dan Huisheere/Ben Wellnitz) motion cries by voice vote with no

10. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting (Dan Huisheere/Loren Bobolz) motion carries by voice vote with no negative vote meeting adjourned at 8:47 PM.

Bills for Approval September 2024

Rock Energy Cooperative	Town Hall Expense-Light	\$41.53	2086
Alliant Energy	Hwy. exp-street lights	\$49.65	2087
Rock Valley Publishing LLC	P&Z Notice: 34.29 Election Notices: 35.89	\$70.18	2088
Lentells Disposal	Recycling	\$500.00	2089
Clinton Community School District	Monthly Parking Permit Fees	\$216.06	2090
Rock County Dept of Public Works	½ Snowplow	\$24389.00	2191
Rock County Dept of Public Works	Feb & March & March Labor: 2918.09+2537.31+2296.98= 7752.38 Equipment: 807.43+419.80+838.03=2065.26 Material: 450+87.16+450=987.16 Small Tool: 55.44+48.21+43.64=147.29 Admin Support: 181.93+132.98+156.03 = 467.94	\$11420.03	2191 2104
Ayres Excavating	Shouldering	13961.64	2105
Town Chair	Dave Moyer-3rd quarter	\$2307.85	2092
Supervisor 1	Sharon Douglas-3rd quarter	\$808.06	2093
Supervisor 2	Loren Bobolz-3rd quarter	\$808.06	2094
Supervisor 3	Dan Huisheere-3rd quarter	\$808.06	2095
Supervisor 4	Ben Wellnitz-3rd quarter	\$808.06	2096
Treasurer	Jill Bier-3rd quarter	\$2077.88	2097
Clerk	Marlina Jackson-3rd quarter	\$4732.15	2098
Sharon Hargarten	P&Z	\$27.71	2099
Sharon Douglas	P&Z	\$27.71	2100
Robert Risseeuw	P&Z	\$27.71	2101
Jimmy Churchill	P&Z	\$27.71	2102
Carie McGinnis	P&Z	\$27.71	2103

Wisconsin Department of Revenue	State Withholding \$144 Paid Electronically	\$144.00	
EFTPS	Federal Withholding: 204 FICA: 2302.65	\$2506.65	
Elan	Credit Card		
	Total:	\$65,787.41	