

**Town of Bradford
Town Board Meeting**

**Tuesday, November 19, 2019 immediately following the 2020 Budget Hearing and Special Meeting of the Electors, which will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Bradford Town Hall
Minutes**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Town Board Chair Sharon Douglas called the November Town Board meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. Also present were Supervisors Sarah Pope, Dan Huisheere and Ben Wellnitz, Treasurer Jill Bier and Clarke Sandra Clarke. Loren Bobolz was delayed.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Adoption of the Agenda

Motion to adopt the agenda. (Dan Huisheere/Ben Wellnitz) The motion carried by voice vote with no negative vote.

4. Approval of the Minutes to the October 15, 2019 Meeting and October 22, 29 and 31st Special Meetings

Motion to approve the minutes to the October 15th, 22nd, 29th and 31st meetings. (Ben Wellnitz/Sarah Pope) The motion carried by voice vote with no negative vote.

5. New Business

A. Report by Delavan Darien School District Representative

The report on the Delavan Darien School District included the Focus on Literacy, Math, Attendance and Behavior, an update on the referendum including the report that the levy is lower than last year and the activities including the Reality Fair. The representative will attend quarterly beginning in February.

Loren Bobolz was present.

B. Report on Clinton Community School District

No report.

C. Discussion and action on adoption of the 2020 Budget

Motion to adopt the 2020 Budget. (Dan Huisheere/Sarah Pope) The motion carried by voice vote with no negative vote.

D. Discussion and action on report by Fire District Representative

Fire District Representative Loren Bobolz reported the financial report showed they had only used 74% of the budget. The brakes were replaced. They will be recruiting at Blackhawk Technical College and at the high school. There will be CPR training at the Fire Station on January 20th with details to come. Each vehicle will have a gas card. They have changed the charges to the insurance companies and will post the Fire Chief position on December 1st.

E. Discussion and action on the 2020 Fire District Budget

Motion to accept the 2020 Fire District Budget to include the Capitol Request for a total of \$118,464.27. (Dan Huisheere/Ben Wellnitz)

Roll Call Vote:

Sarah Pope, “Yes.”

Loren Bobolz, “Yes.”

Dan Huisheere, “Yes.”

Ben Wellnitz, “Yes.”

Sharon Douglas, “Yes.” The motion carried unanimously.

F. Discussion of issue at Shady Hill Mobile Home Court

Rock County Sheriff Deputy Marie Amador reported that they are checking the area near the mobile home park because of the report that people are pulling out of the driveway without yielding. Chair Sharon Douglas reported that she had asked Attorney Oellerich if the Town would have any liability concerns relating to the Rock County Health Department report on the mobile home park. Attorney Oellerich stated that the liability falls back on the owner and manager not the Town.

G. Discussion and action on Zoning Officer Report

AT & T is replacing six existing antennas on a cell tower and the Building inspector is issuing the zoning permit according to their fee schedule. An electrical permit was issued to Steven Bloyer.

H. Discussion and action on Supervisors’ evaluation of their sections of roads and 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, Creek Road and Emerald Grove Bridge Projects

Sharon Douglas reported that Paul Luety has not been able to ditch on Minkey Road yet. Loren Bobolz reported on the Class B signs needed. The board will check with Duane Jorgenson to see if the County weight limit ordinance will apply for the Town or if the Town needs an ordinance.

Katie Ward is in charge of dispatching the school buses and will give Bryce Nass a list of the bus routes and times to coordinate the snow plowing.

Chair Sharon Douglas reported that she had met with Ryan Rudzinski at Battermans and had signed the applications for the MLS and TRID Projects.

Ben Wellnitz, Wayne and Sharon Douglas picked up the furniture and tires dumped in the ditch on Odling Road by the Railroad tracks and then loaded up all the tires at the Town Hall. T. J Tuls stopped by and helped load the tires. Ben and Wayne then took the tires to the City of Janesville Landfill and the cost was \$198.00.

Regarding the Creek Road Railroad Bridge, Chair Sharon Douglas reported that she had spoken with Duane Jorgenson who informed her that Ellery Schafer had reported the real estate acquisition would probably cost less than in the estimate. He also stated that the engineers estimate is now up to \$1.847 million instead of \$1.48 million. Duane Jorgenson stated that he was told it was due to the shortage of dependable and reliable contractors, the rise in the cost of materials, the tariffs and the large charge for mobilization. Sharon Douglas asked Duane Jorgenson if they could apply for a change in management. Duane Jorgenson stated that he has been talking with Zach Pearson from WISDOT regarding this. Duane said that he found out on November 4th and had asked Ellery Schafer if there was anything they could do to cut costs. Duane went on to say that he is working on different options. Because of this increase there could be an additional cost to the Town of \$60-75,000. It will depend on the bids. Ellery Schafer sent an email that the final design has been submitted to WISDOT and the project is then let through WISDOT on March 20th, 2020. The soonest construction will begin is the end of March or beginning of April and will take about four months to construct.

Regarding the Emerald Grove Railroad Bridge Jamie from MSA has requested to set-up a Public Involvement meeting either the week of December 9th or the 16th.

Dustin McGinnis called Sharon Douglas and told her that during harvest they had torn up the ditch on Emerald Grove Road and would fix it in the spring.

Chair Sharon Douglas reported that she had spoken with Art Fish who suggested that the ditch on Emerald Grove Road north of Highway 14

be widened before putting in new culverts. Sharon Douglas called Brian Ayre for an estimate for ditching, culverts and asphalt to replace the culverts on the end of Jones Road at the intersection of Emerald Grove Road.

Matt Yoss has repaired the potholes on Emerald Grove Road north of Highway 14 but has not repaired the area by Loren Bobolz's on Maple Lane yet.

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

Nothing.

- J. Discussion and action on town computer

The clerk will have something for the December meeting.

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

No applications were received.

- L. Discussion and action on approval of Utility Permit Applications- Everstream Utility and Boring Application on B-C Townline Road

The Clerk had checked and the bore under the B-C Townline Road at Milner Road would be a 2" conduit and therefore would be a narrow bore. Motion to approve the Utility Permit for Everstream. (Loren Bobolz/Sarah Pope) The motion carried by voice vote with no negative vote.

- M. Discussion and action on approval of a resolution in support of a grant for a new internet service

The board reviewed a request by Bug Tussel for a resolution to partner with the company for Broadband service and a grant. There were several concerns raised by the resolution and the agreement mentioned in the resolution but not provided. The WTA Rock County Unit will have this on their agenda for Thursday night's meeting. The board agreed that the board is not in a position to do this now.

6. Citizen Participation

None.

7. Announcements and Reports

a. The December meeting will be held Tuesday, December 17, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the Bradford Town Hall.

b. The Board reviewed the Rock County Sheriff's Report.

c. The Blackhawk Technical College 2019 Tax Levy is \$113,021.29.

- d. The Clinton Community School District 2019 Tax Levy is \$870,896.00.**
- e. The Delavan Darien School District 2019 Tax Levy is \$52,298.62.**
- f. The Rock County 2019 Tax Levy is \$638,309.92.**
- g. The WTA Rock County Unit meeting will be held on Thursday, November 21, 2019 at the Town of Janesville Town Hall, 1628 N. Little Ct., Janesville, WI 53548.**

8. Treasurer's Report

Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. (Loren Bobolz/Dan Huisheere) The motion carried by voice vote with no negative vote.

9. Bills for Approval

Motion to approve the bills for payment. (Sarah Pope/Dan Huisheere) The motion carried by voice vote with no negative vote.

10. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn. (Ben Wellnitz/Dan Huisheere) The motion carried by voice vote with no negative vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Clarke, Clerk