

**TOWN OF STAR PRAIRIE, WIS.
TOWN BOARD MEETING - MINUTES
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2023 – 6:00 P.M.
STAR PRAIRIE TOWN HALL
2118 COOK DRIVE, SOMERSET, WISCONSIN**

The Town Board Meeting was called to order by Tom Heintz at 6:03 p.m. in the Star Prairie Town Hall: 2118 Cook Drive, Somerset, WI 54025. Present were Tom Heintz, Michele Hermansen, Darryl Wendt, Brian Duggan, Bob Crotty, Nick Vivian, Town Counsel and Andrea Neumann, Clerk/Treasurer.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Agenda: Motion M/S by Darryl Wendt/Bob Crotty to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Motion M/S by Michele Hermansen/Darryl Wendt to approve minutes from the November 7 Town Board meeting and November 16 Work Session, as submitted. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report - November 2023: Reviewed. No action taken.

Appointment of Election Workers for the 2024-2025 Term: Motion M/S by Brian Duggan/Bob Crotty to approve the appointment of Rebecca Anderson, Peter Heilmann, Richard Hudson, Erica Johnson, Sarah Jean Jurisch, Annette Noak, Patty Schachtner, Elizabeth Ziegler as election workers for the 2024-2025 term. Motion carried.

Adoption of 2024 Township Budget: Motion M/S by Brian Duggan/Michele Hermansen to adopt the 2024 township budget as presented at the Budget Hearing. In a roll call vote: Heintz, Hermansen, Wendt, Duggan and Crotty voted yes. None were opposed. Motion carried.

November 2023 Building Permits: The building permits were read as submitted by the Building Inspector. Motion M/S by Brian Duggan/Bob Crotty to accept the report, as submitted. Motion carried.

Public Comments: Janet D'Ambrosio of 2022 100th Street addressed the Town Board regarding the township's comprehensive plan as it relates to the rezoning application. Susan Stepka 994 198th Avenue addressed the Town Board regarding the rezoning process.

St. Croix County - Community Development - Land Use Permit: Board reviewed the land use permits that were conditionally approved by St. Croix County Community Development at the following addresses (no action required):

ATC Sequoia LLC: 1818 110th Street New Richmond, WI 54017

Dee Powers: 2397 Cardinal Drive New Richmond, WI 54017

Plan Commission Recommendation: Board reviewed the recommendation made by the Plan Commission regarding the rezoning application submitted by Grandbon Holdings, LLC and Al Wittstock. Board discussed the application and reviewed minutes from the meeting. Brian Duggan expressed concern about the current water usage of the existing center pivot. Michele Hermansen addressed her environmental concerns as it relates to farming. Tom Heintz shared examples of the Town Board declining past development projects, based on what was appropriate for the township. Bob Crotty expressed interest in preserving resources. Darryl Wendt shared examples of growth observed in the township over the past 50 years.

Motion M/S by Brian Duggan/Darryl Wendt to recommend rezoning application to the St. Croix County Community Development Committee for approval. In a roll call vote: Heintz, Hermansen, Wendt, Duggan and Crotty voted yes. None were opposed. Motion carried.

Town Road Maintenance:

Road Maintenance: Tom Heintz shared a list of areas for TK Land Management to clear trees/brush from road right-of-way.

Snowplowing Contract: Board confirmed Mike Nutzmänn's finalized contract for snowplowing in the township. Clerk directed to update maps with the updated routes from the County Highway Department.

Annual WISLR Updates: Annual local road certification packets are due December 15. Tom Heintz and Darryl Wendt will meet next week to complete the report. No action taken.

Approve Payment of Town Bills and Adjourn: Motion M/S by Darryl Wendt/Bob Crotty to approve town bills and adjourn. Motion carried at 7:36 p.m.

Andrea Neumann, Clerk/Treasurer
Town of Star Prairie