

Town of Kendall
15548 County Road O
Darlington, WI 53530
Monthly Board Meeting
January 11, 2021

Meeting was called to order by Chairman, Mark Rehmstedt at 7:00 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Roll call was taken. Board members present Mark Rehmstedt and Reggie Kamps. Bernice Flogel was absent.

Meeting agenda was posted at the Town Dumpsite, the Town Hall, and the Corner of County Road G and County Road O.

A motion to approval agenda was made by Reggie Kamps. Second by Mark Rehmstedt. All Ayes. Motion carries.

Motion by Reggie Kamps to accept the December 14, 2020 Monthly Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Mark Rehmstedt. All Ayes. Motion carries.

The bills for the month were presented for payment. A motion was made by Reggie Kamps to approve the bills to be paid. Mark Rehmstedt seconded it. A roll call vote was taken. Reggie Kamps – aye, Mark Rehmstedt – aye. Bernice Flogel was absent. Motion carries.

Correspondence – Tax collections for December were \$242,193.21.

Next Meeting is February 15th, 2021 at 7:00 pm to ensure all bills are received.

Patrolman's Update: The wing and chains are on the grader. The men picked up more tailings. They replaced more than 30 signs and/or posts. They have been doing some repairs to the trucks and extra lights were added to the red truck.

Old Business:

Fire/Ambulance Reports- Belmont Fire District is changing phone carriers from U.S. Cellular to FirstNet, which is government operated. FirstNet has better coverage and GPS. This carrier is only available to emergency services. It will cost an extra \$840 a year, but they believe the improved service is worth it. The payment for the tanker truck chassis is due. Mark will take the check with him to the meeting next Tuesday.

Discussion on possible MLS funding from the State for the Truman Road project that submitted in 2019 for State funding- Last week the Town of Kendall received the final agreement from the WI DOT for this project. The State feels single seal coating is only maintenance, so double seal coating will be required. The State will pay up to \$99,400 for the project. When the project was submitted in 2019, the total cost estimate was \$142,000. The price has probably gone up a little bit since then. Because the job is more than \$50,000, it will have to be bid out.

Discussion and possible action on Conditional Use Permit (CUP) request from Pattern Energy Wind for a meteorological tower on Laverne Russell's property- There was a drawing in the Platteville Journal which showed what the proposed wind turbine would look like in Iowa and Lafayette Counties. Mark emailed a copy of it to the contact at Pattern Energy, and the response was that the drawing wasn't exactly what they had planned. They had not put this in the paper. Carmen McDonald, who is chair of the Planning and Zoning committee called and asked Mark to come to the Planning and Zoning meeting on Tuesday, January 12, 2021. Mark explained to Carmen that Kendall did not do anything regarding this matter at the December meeting because of lack of information. Kendall still has some questions about the project. After some more discussion, Mark made a motion to support the conditional use permit request from Pattern Energy Wind for a meteorological tower on Laverne Russell's property, with additional questions to be addressed on the entire project. Reggie seconded it. A roll call vote was taken. Mark – aye, Reggie – aye, Bernice was absent. Motion carries.

Public Comment: An elector asked how many miles of road would be involved in the Truman Road project, and the answer is 4 miles. There was also a question about whether the County was going to do the work and Mark explained the bid process which might have other bidders interested.

New Business:

Discussion and possible action on borrowing funds for the payment of the Belmont tanker truck: The Kendall portion of the chassis is \$28,124.75. The balance Kendall will owe, which will be due sometime in September is around \$33,000. First National Bank has offered an interest rate of 1.75% for the loan. The Town can borrow at that rate for 5 or 6 years. They will also offer to have the payments be principal and interest payments that will be the same every year, which will make it easier to budget for in the future. After some discussion, Mark made a motion to borrow \$62,000 from First National Bank at 1.75% interest for six years, with payments being equal annual amounts of principal and interest. Reggie seconded it. A roll call vote was taken. Reggie – aye, Mark – aye. Bernice was absent. Motion carries.

Convene into closed session pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(c), Wisconsin Statutes, for deliberation on part time patrolmen performance review and pay – Mark made a motion to convene into closed session. Reggie seconded it. All Ayes. Motion carries. The closed session meeting began at 7:53.

Reconvene into open session to possibly take action on Patrolmen Contract- At 8:54 the meeting came back into open session. The patrolmen have been doing a really good job at road work and keeping the roads plowed in the winter. Mark made a motion to increase the patrolmen pay to \$18.10/hour, plus an extra line in the contract allowing for \$25/hour pay when working on major

mechanical projects approved by the Chairman. Reggie seconded it. A roll call vote was taken. Reggie – aye, Mark – aye. Bernice was absent. Motion carries.

Mark made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Reggie. All Ayes. Meeting adjourned at 8:56 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Lisa Caya

Approved:

Mark Rehmstedt MR

Bernice Fogel BF

Reggie Kamps RK