

**May16, 2023 @ 6:30 pm**

**Abrams Town Meeting**

**Abrams Town Hall, 5877 Main Street**

**Abrams WI 54101 – Oconto County**

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**Member present: - Chairman: Don Demeny, Supervisor: Debbie Winans, Supervisor: Dennis Ferdon Clerk: Jean Hansen & Treasurer: Tara Klug, Absent**

**The Town Board Meeting called to order by Don Demeny– Debbie Winans said the Pledge of Allegiance.**

**Agenda: - Motion made by Debbie Winans to accept Agenda as is.  
Motion Second by Don Demeny, 3 yes Motion carried.**

**Meeting Minutes - Motion made by Dennis Ferdon to accept minutes and dispense of the reading of the Town minutes May 16, 2023. Motion Second Debbie Winans 3 yes Motion carried.**

**Vouchers: - Motion made by Debbie Winans to pay Vouchers # 28204 through Vouchers #28236 for a total of \$43,363.09 for May 16, 2023, which includes ACH withdrawal Federal W/H – SS- Medicare for \$1,385.74. Motion Second by Don Demeny, 3 yes Motion carried.**

**Treasurer Report: Reported by Absent Tara Klug**

**County Supervisors: David Behrend or Jolene Barkhaus**

a.) Utility Aid to increase in the Budget. The County is receiving a \$150,000 check so they took a larger amount to start with and smaller amount until 2027. So they are going to have a committee to apply the rules to see how to disperse the money and there will be 10 people on this committee, with all kinds of people from the committee, Health and Human, planning, School, Hospital, & Police, these are some of the areas the committee will be made from.

Dave: The Point Beach Nuclear Plant reactor is good for 750 yrs before the reactor need to be replace and they can reuse the nuclear product again. Make sure you investagate, what would happen if someone want to place windmills in your town because what they say and what they do sometime is different. Just check out the facts to make sure this is good for the community

b.) Jeff Folts is explaining about Industrial Solar coming in to Morgan and have an ordinance to slow or stop them to come in to your committee.

Karen Nelson is with land use for Morgan. She said that if industrial Solar is place on private land and they output is under a 100 mg they have to get a Conditional use permit which that goes through the town and the town can place certain condition of what they can do or not do, But if the output is over a 100 MG there is no control. Karen has brought Information on the Industrial Solar and an example of their Resolution for Industrial Solar. As a town we should stay together, to hear your voice, to help the County on board about this. The Info is listed at the back of the minuets with an example for the Resolution.

**Fire Department:** Report by Rick Race:

- Completing first rounds of yearly fire inspections for local business.
- Parking On Oak Orchard and within the roads to the Ballpark during games is of concern cannot pass with cars on both sides hard for a fire truck to get into the park, only one car can pass on the road.
- Engine 2 - we had to rebuild the hydraulic rams that raise and lower the cab, all done by AFD members.
- Adding NFPA striping to the rear of both tenders is completed as of today.
- AFD Auxiliary is donating approximately \$3K towards the purchasing of a Protek dual 2.5" inlet-monitor with stacked tips and a stream shaper, to be kept on Engine 1, but will work with and engine. This will help with any large, sustained fire operations and will help with the next ISO review.
- Conversation with Oconto County Sheriff's Department & Jon Spiced the Emergency Management Supervisor for Oconto County, regarding traffic incidents in Abrams, Little Suamico, and Pensaukee -regarding to timing and specifics of tow-truck companies that the Sheriff's Department is contacting - resulting in too much time on the highway - Blocking or distracting traffic - Update - Oconto County Sheriff seems to be using local resource more than the prior 6 months
- ISO review happened - 03.20.2023 - should see results in the next 6 months. Need to still purchase several items for the department to get into ISO compliance with amount of hose on each engine and several other items.

**Incidents/events participated in:**

- 4.29.2023 MABAS call to Little Suamico - Shed Fire - AFD responded with Tender
- 4.30.2023 Car vs Pickup - HWY 41 Southbound - AFD Traffic control
- 5.14.2023 Car Accident - HWY 41 & Sampson Rd - AFD Assisted w/patients, Traffic control and establishing an LZ for Eagle III.

**Sanitary District Report:** Curt Hoffman

- a.) Gave another Permit to the T-Berg Circle, Still working on the Parson's Pasture.
- b.) The Residents for Parson's Pasture are at the meeting to see what can be done about getting the road done. Ryan Moran Stated was the Town take over the road. The town has an ordinance that state the road has to be done before the Town can take it over. There was a lot of discussion on what can be done. So the property owner agreed, First the residents have to get a cost for the road to be done and send the cost to Alan Klessig and the money will have to be place in an escrow account before and thing can be done or the resident can get together and each resident pay their share of the cost. The only problem with this is that all property owners have to agree and that means that Alan Klessig has 9 lot in his name. Just have to make sure the money is put in a escrow account before there is any road work because, there should not be that the owner that doesn't pay, that means the other owner with have to make up the different.

In the process of the meeting Ray Moran stated that he is going to get his lawyer to handle this at that moment, the Chairman (Don Demeny) stated any more question from him will have to be done from his lawyer to the towns lawyer. So he can not ask any more question. Ryan left the hall. He call the Oconto County Sheriff, the sheriff came into the meeting to ask the town question on what had happen. Don explained that Ryan stated that he would get his lawyer to handle this situation between the town, with the road not being done. And don stated that once a lawyer is brought into this, he could not ask question without the town lawyer present. He got upset left the hall and called you. Once the owners get the cost and get an answer from Alan Klessig and the money is in a escrow account then thing can move on to get the road done.

**Constable Report:** Ray Rybka

Ray had 4 rescue call, April 9, April 10, April 12, and April 25.

**Animal Control:** Dan Bergh –

Only had one call with a place on Maple ST. was very quiet this month.

**Park Report: No Meeting:** No Meeting

The sign from the Memorial Park (Bob Wittmann) sign will be place at the Park. The Park is doing a new sign to place at the park.

**Planning Commission:** –Don Demeny

Stacey Ainsworth representative for Andy Kleczka of Andy's Auto is requesting a CUP for the operation of a Motor Vehicle Repair shop at Parcel# 002342800822A1.

Stacey and Andy appeared before the commission with the request for a CUO to operate an auto repair, service and maintenance business in a garage located on this property. Lot is 6.2 acres: hours of operation is 7:30 am -5pm Monday through Friday. Currently has 1 employee, have vendors delivery, UPS, Nappa, ect. Will drop off and pickup for customers' existing shop garage is 40x50 and the office is 20x 40. Have motor oil disposal services, There are security cameras on and in the building and security lights, Planning on putting a stationary sign by the driveway for location notification for customers. There was only one question from the floor and that was will you be working after hours on racing cars making loud noise on weekends and after hours in the week. Andy replayed has no intention of doing that.

**Motion Made by Debra Winans** to recommend to the County to approve the Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for operation of an Auto repair, service and Maintenance business, with the conditions of following the lighting, signage and noise requirements of the county and township Located on Parcel# 002342800822A1 **Second by Dennis Ferdon 3 yes Motion carried.**

**Recycling Center:**

Thing are going good at the recycling center. The County is having us fill a sheet for all the Electronics that the center receives. Nick from Harter's Disposal was at the meeting to answer questions. The Board will make a decision on what company they want for disposal for the Recycling Center. The County will be getting the new locks for the recycling center.

**Motion Made by Debra Winans** to approve Harter's for the new Contractor for the recycling center, with only a 2 year contract and this agreement shall be month to month after initial term. The terms starts July 1, 2023 ending in June 30, 2025.

**Second by Dennis Ferdon 3 yes Motion carried.**

**Roads Reports - Discussion and Action**

The Town has place 14 ton of blacktop to fill Pot holes this year also place gravel were the roads are to bad to place blacktop because the road is really bad. Gauluska Rd is really bad can't fill in the holes because the road is so bad there is nothing left with the blacktop. Peter's came in and redid the road, place more gravel and place ground blacktop on the top of the gravel the road is a lot better than before. Geano Beach has a culvert 17" is gone. There big pot holes on Timberline Rd, Konitzer Rd is travel a lot and needs to have the road fix so the gravel doesn't keep washing away, There is a road that meets Brehmer Rd and there is no stop sign on the road that is coming out of the forest. There was a truck come out of the road and never stopped, there should be a stop sign there before someone on Brehmer Rd is coming and the other person doesn't stop.

a.) Next month the town will make a motion to open roads in Abrams. So that the County may open up these county roads so, people can travel from Abrams East or West. The roads that the Town wants to get open are for ATV & UTV are: open CTY E from EE to Valentine Rd----  
And to open CTY D from East Frontage Rd to Valentine Rd

**Town – Discussion and Action:**

- a.) Town Square –Nick Holtz –get Ron together to replace the pole with a new pole an maybe blacktop the parking space by the flag and there should place stopper so they can't drive on the lawn it is tore up
- b.) LED lighting – nothing as now – Dock side will get the LED lighting from them – Troy is trying to getting us some poles for the lights.
- c.) Rent for the hall about changing the cost of renting the hall from \$75 - \$100.00 because of the cost of everything going up ( Heat & electricity)
- d.) Emergency Operations – Where would the Election go if the electricity would go out. The 2 place for the voting could go would either be the Fire Hall Because they have a generator or Chrysler World on CTY EE.

**Correspondence:**

Received a letter asking for the town to pickup trash that they pick up on the road side and the Machickanee Forest.

Received a card thanking the town for pickup the trash.

**Adjournment:**

**Motion Made** by Don Demeny to adjourn the meeting.

**Motion Second:** by Dennis Ferdon 3 yes Motion carried.

