

**TOWN OF ALGOMA  
WINNEBAGO COUNTY, WISCONSIN**

**September 20, 2023**

The monthly Town Board meeting was called to order by Chairman Rasmussen at 6:00 p.m.

The following Supervisors were present: Petey Clark, Teresa Van Aacken, Dan Martin, and Mike Brooks.

The following were also present: Administrator Rich Heath and Clerk/Treasurer Katherine Reinbold.

It was noted that the agenda was posted on September 15, 2023 at the approved locations.

On a motion by Supervisors Van Aacken/Clark, passed on a voice vote, the Board approved the minutes of the Town Board Meeting dated August 16, 2023 with corrections.

On a motion by Supervisors Van Aacken/Martin, passed on a voice vote, the Board approved the September 2023 disbursements.

Michael Athanasiou, 1810 Leonard Point Road, had a question regarding the Leonard Point Road project and would like an update on what is happening with the road reconstruction.

Dan Feyen, Wisconsin State Senator, informed us that the state budget is wrapped up; shared revenue increased for the municipalities; continuing to seek additional road funding; and the legislature is working on workforce development initiatives.

Tricia Rathermel, President and CEO of Greater Oshkosh Economic Development Corporation, reported unemployment is up but remains under 3%. October is manufacturing month. Inspire WI and CESA 6 are working together on apprenticeships. The Oshkosh area has received child care funding from the Dream Up Grant. There needs to be more information on the benefits of choosing child care as a profession.

Zack Zacharias and Amy Zacharias from Action Appraisers spoke on the pending revaluation for the Town. A decision must be made as soon as possible to complete either a market update or an exterior update. 2026 is the last year to have a revaluation completed. If a revaluation is not completed by then, the state will initiate the revaluation, hire the assessor, and the Town will be responsible for paying for the cost. Most towns are in the same situation. Algoma's ratio is declining and could fall to 75% by February of next year.

Fire Chief Sawicki noted that all of the Flex Grant funding has been spent and the final report will be submitted to the state later this month. The items ordered that are being paid for by the Firehouse Subs Grant are beginning to arrive. Oshkosh Productions will be working with the fire department to create a short informational video to be shared with the public. There is no cost for the creation of the video.

The Planning Commission did meet.

The Parks Committee did not meet.

Chairman Rasmussen spoke on the Town's burning ordinance, and in particular, the concerns with leaf burning. The enforcement of the ordinance is a challenge since the Town does not have a police department and relies on the Sheriff's Office. To help create awareness of the ordinance and burning regulations, the Town will be sending an informational post card to all residents. The brochure prepared by the fire department does not currently match with the Town's ordinance. Both of the brochure and ordinance will be updated in the coming months to promote health and safety when burning.

Clerk Reinbold reported the Recycling Grant application has been submitted for payment in 2024. An election worker appreciation party was held September 7<sup>th</sup> to thank them for working the past elections and to provide an update on the 2024 election cycle. A number of election workers attended the event and enjoyed pizza, dessert, and beverages. A Worker's Compensation audit is being completed for Rural Mutual Insurance. Clerk Reinbold is working on her application for WMCA certification and plans to have it submitted by October 1<sup>st</sup>.

The monthly financial statements were presented. Dan Martin suggested the Town also add Fox Communities Credit Union to our approved public depository for options.

Administrator Heath provided an update on the Lakevista Estates Development. Surveyors from McMahon Associates were hired to resurvey several of the lots in the development. Many of the homeowners whose yards were not set to the drainage plan have now completed their yards have received their deposit checks. Six yards still need to be completed and resurveyed before they are eligible to get their yard grades deposit checks returned to them. Zillges Landscaping completed the sand volleyball court at Jones Park. Staff from McMahon Associates have created improvement plans for the dry and wet ponds at Jones Park and the wet pond on Nelson Road. They will begin removing brush, trees, and spraying of weeds in mid-October. A tree removal company will be hired to remove and chip the brush and trees during this initial phase of pond improvements.

The Town of Algoma has an eligible project for submission to Winnebago County for receipt of the \$145,000 in Spirit Funding that was on hold for completion in the future due to the Town's limited road maintenance budget. Since the Town was anticipating receiving this funding by late spring, bids were accepted to mill, pave, and reshoulder four roads that were over 30 years old. Kartechner brothers completed this work in June for Amy Jo Drive, Forte Road, Marquies Road, and Emily Anne Drive. The City of Oshkosh is continuing to meet with the 10 municipalities in which the city provides ambulance service. The increase in cost from 2022 to 2023 is significant and will continue to increase over at least the next two years.

On a motion by Supervisors Clark/Martin, passed on a voice vote, the Town Board approved the Operator License for the period July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024 for Garret Yakes.

No action taken on the final EMS Flex Grant report and closeout.

On a motion by Supervisors Brooks/Clark, passed on a voice vote, the Town Board approved the Joint Powers Agreement for the Winnebago County 911 Emergency System.

On a motion by Supervisors Clark/Van Aacken, passed on a voice vote, the Town Board approved the Winnebago County Highway and Town of Algoma Maintenance Agreement.

On a motion by Supervisors Martin/Clark, passed on a voice vote, the Town Board approved Resolution 2023-7 Amending the Designation of Public Depository with the addition of Fox Communities Credit Union.

On a motion by Supervisors Clark/Van Aacken, passed on a voice vote, the Town Board approved the submission of the road improvement project that included milling, paving, and reshouldering of Amy Jo Drive, Forte Road, Marquis Road, and Emily Anne Drive in order to receive funding through the Winnebago County Spirit Fund (Federal ARPA).

On a motion by Supervisors Martin/Brooks, passed on a voice vote, the Board adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Katherine Reinbold