

**Town of Verona**  
**Town Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, November 7, 2023 – 6:30 pm**

Town Board Members Present: Chair Mark Geller, Tom Mathies, Dave Lonsdorf, and Mike Duerst

Absent: Deb Paul

Staff Present: Administrator/Planner Sarah Gaskell, Clerk/Treasurer Teresa Withee, Public Works Director Chris Barnes and Road Patrolman, Mark Judd

Others Present:

1. Call to Order/Approval of the Agenda – Chair Geller called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Motion by Duerst 7A after 8d to approve the agenda, second by Mathies. Motion carried by voice vote.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Public Comment – none
4. Approval of minutes from October 3, 2023. Motion by Mathies to approve the minutes from October 3, 2023 with corrections, second by Lonsdorf. Motion carried by voice vote.
5. Committee Reports
  - A. Plan Commission
    - a. Discussion: Comprehensive Plan Amendment Process Update. Gaskell presented the updates to the board. Three applications were received from residents to change their land use category. The Plan Commission approved those changes and made recommendations for other parcels. She will contact residents to see if they would like to pursue the change. Discussion by board.
  - B. Public Works
    1. Discussion and Possible Action: Disallowance of Claims of Zachary Thomas and Bailey Griffin Against the Town of Verona. Barnes updated the board on the claim and presented the Resolution. Motion by Geller to approve Disallowance of Claims of Zachary Thomas and Bailey Griffin Against the Town of Verona, second by Mathies. Motion carried by voice vote.
  - C. Finance Committee – no meeting
  - D. Natural and Recreational Areas – no update
  - E. EMS Commission – no update
  - F. Senior Services Committee – no update

- G. Town Chair's Business – Geller stated he was asked by Belleville Senior Center to attend plea hearing for Amanda Meade. This has been set over until December 18, 2023. He and Sarah attended a joint EPIC, City of Verona and Town meeting to discuss roads. There will be another meeting in December. Geller attended the Twin Rock HOA and presented information on the town.
- H. Supervisor Announcements – Duerst stated he drove in on Country View Road, asked if they would put center line stripes on the road. Mathies stated that Dane County is working on cleaning up zoning codes.

## 6. Staff Reports

- A. Administrator/Planner Report was included in the packet. Gaskell stated that the Joint Fire meeting will be held on December 11<sup>th</sup>.
- B. Public Works Director Report was included in the packet. Mathies asked about the sign installation for Madison School. Barnes stated that this is for the Madison School Forest. Shagbark Court will be done in 2025 with LRIP monies of \$18,000. Dane County is on board with vacating Hidden River South. The two property owners have been notified by certified mail. Badger Mill Stakeholders were supposed to schedule a public meeting, Barnes stated that they felt it was too close to the holidays and will set a date after the first of the year.
- C. Clerk/Treasurer Report was included in the packet. Withee updated the board on the proposed storage facility in Dane County for election related materials. Mathies asked if there are enough election workers for next year, Withee stated there are have enough.

## 7. New Business

- A. Discussion and Possible Action: 2024 Draft Budget. Discussion by board. Gaskell updated the board. Request to add to the Town Hall Capital Budget for audio system and chairs. Barnes presented information on adding road improvements. Barnes updated the board on the town road network analysis and evaluation project request. Discussion by board. Motion by Geller to approve 2024 Draft Budget as presented to publish and present at the Annual Budget Hearing, second by Duerst. Motion carried by voice vote.
- B. Discussion and Possible Action: Determine the Date for the Special Town Elector Meeting to Approve the 2023 Total Tax Levy to be Collected in 2024. Motion by Geller to approve November 28, 2023 at 6:30 pm for the Special Town Elector Meeting to approve the 2023 Total Tax Levy to be Collected in 2024, second by Mathies. Motion carried by voice vote.
- C. Discussion and Possible Action: Resolution 2023-06 A Resolution Approving Exceeding the Levy Limit for Joint EMS Districts. Motion by Duerst to approve Resolution 2023-06 A Resolution Approving Exceeding the Levy Limit for Joint EMS Districts, second by Lonsdorf. Discussion by board. Motion carried by voice vote.
- D. Discussion: Check Register Review. Discussion by board.

## 8. Old Business

- A. Motion by Geller to go into Closed Session per Wis. Stats. §19.85 (1) (g): Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved (Potential litigation regarding City of Verona Ordinance No. 23-1020), second by Duerst. Roll call vote – Mathies; yes, Lonsdorf; yes, Duerst; yes, Geller; yes. Motion carried.
  - B. Motion by Geller to return to open session, second by Mathies. Motion carried by voice vote.
  - C. Discussion and Possible Action: Issues discussed in closed session. Motion by Geller, second by Lonsdorf to accept the City's proposal contingent on approval of the settlement agreement. Motion carried by voice vote.
9. Motion by Geller to adjourn, second by Duerst, meeting adjourned without objection at 8:31 pm.

Prepared by Teresa Withee, Town Clerk

Approved: December 5, 2023