

Town of Platteville Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

Monday February 12th,2024

(APPROVED)

Town Board Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Tom Weigel at 6:00 P.M.

Members present: Dan Smith, Tom Weigel, Dave Klar, Nathan Niehaus, and Valerie Martin.

The clerk verified that the open meeting law was met. Notice was posted in 3 locations, and the website. WWW.TOWNOFPLATTEVILLE.COM

The agenda was reviewed. Motion by Smith to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Weigel. Motion carried.

The minutes from the January meeting were reviewed. Motion by Smith to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Weigel. Motion carried.

Klar presented the treasurer's report. Total account balances as of January 1st were \$1,297,152.86. Motion by Martin to approve the treasurer's report, seconded by Smith. Motion carried.

The bills for the month were reviewed, totaling \$823,464.48. Motion by Smith to approve the bills as presented, seconded by Martin. Motion carried.

The City of Platteville Bike and Pedestrian Plan was discussed. Discussion included the problem of there not being enough pavement to allow for a bike or pedestrian path on Golfview Drive. Residents and members present were also concerned about a crossing on Highway 80, there isn't enough site distance for people to cross safely. The additional traffic was also a concern for those present.

The Town has secured a loan from Clare Bank for the Fire Station project. The current projected cost for the project is \$14.5 million with a projected opening date of June 2026. The fundraising committee currently has \$250,000. The City is currently working on a salvage operation plan for the O.E. Gray site as well as working to purchase the adjacent property needed. A financial plan is being worked on as well so planning can be done for funding from the Towns.

Kurt stated that people are still throwing garbage and tires out along the road. Klar stated that the Southwest Road and County D sign is unable to read. Martin asked Kurt about where vehicles were being parked in Brown Deer, she stated she hadn't seen any. Other residents

present stated that as well, after further discussion it was stated that it may be possible a resident is parking in the turnaround sometimes.

Weigel started the sealcoat and wedging bid notice with an explanation of the different variables needed to obtain a successful sealcoat product and performance. Including the need for sun, warm temperatures, enough traffic to successfully pack the chips into the oil, as well as the need to put enough chips down when the work is being done so the work is properly completed to last for an expected amount of time. He also invited everyone present to come back to the March meeting when the bids are being opened to hear from the contractors about the process and what they do to complete the work. The town doesn't have equipment that would be able to go into yards to remove the chips. Some residents present stated that this was the greatest amount of excess chips left on the road after sealcoating since the subdivision was started. Martin stated that she had found information about a skid loader attachment that was able to sweep the rocks off the road into a bucket to dispose of them. A comment was made that there is a company in Stitzer that may perform this type of work. There was also concern about the grass being killed because of the large amount of chips that there is, and the chips being thrown from mowers if they are not removed. Residents present stated that they would be willing to help with the operation if everyone could figure out a way to complete the work. Discussion also included what can possibly be done in the future when sealcoating needs to be done to prevent this from happening again. Some residents present stated that they did some removal prior to the snow being plowed for the first time. Weigel is going to contact Fahrner and see what they may have for ideas or equipment to help with the removal of the chips and will follow up with the residents in a timely manner. Residents present thanked Kurt for the work that he does with plowing, some stated that the roads in the town are better than the city. Residents thanked the board for listening to the concerns they have regarding the chips.

Vince and Kelly Graney were present concerning the Uplands Wind infrastructure project that is proposed, that will partially be in the northeast corner of the township. They provided some information about the proposed route of the lines and the type of lines being proposed. The town may be able to pass a moratorium to get more information about the project and to give time to decide if an ordinance should be looked at to protect the town from unwanted infrastructure. Niehaus will work on gathering some information for the board for the March meeting for discussion.

The board placed the checks in envelopes for the bills to be paid.

Motion by Martin to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Smith. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 P.M.

Nathan Niehaus-Clerk