

# **TOWN OF EASTON, MARATHON COUNTY, WI**

## **REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE TOWN BOARD**

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**Monday, January 13, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.**

**1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Beck**

Chairman Beck called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

**2. Roll Call**

| <u>Board Members</u> | <u>Present</u> |
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| Dean Beck            | Yes            |
| Susan Kurth          | Yes            |
| Mark Pingel          | Yes            |
| Melanie Neuendank    | Yes            |
| Sherry Weinkauff     | Yes            |

Also present were Mark Schlund, Public Works Rob Weinkauff, and Fire Chief Dustin Merriam.

**3. Approval of December 9, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes**

***Motion by Supervisor Kurth, seconded by Supervisor Pingel to approve the December 9, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes. All in favor. Motion carried.***

**4. Public Comments**

No comments.

**5. New Business**

**a. Marathon County Assemblies Ordinance**

Beck reviewed the Assemblies Ordinance (Chapter 12.04 ) with the Board.  
He will attend a meeting on January 16<sup>th</sup> regarding this.

**b. Solar Farms**

Beck reviewed some material he received regarding solar farms and indicated the interested parties would like to meet with the board regarding this. He also talked about some of the concerns that could become an issue with having a solar farm like fencing, battery banks and noise.

**c. Presentation of bills for approval**

***Motion by Supervisor Kurth, seconded by Supervisor Pingel to approve and pay the bills as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.***

**6. Reports**

**a. Treasurer**

Neuendank said she was still working on the numbers.

**b. Fire Department**

Merriam talked about the audit that needs to be done for the ISO rating. He also talked about how the mutual aid agreements will need to be updated to include the upgrading of chimney fires.

**c. Clerk**

- **Election Update**

Weinkauff stated there will be a spring primary election on February 18<sup>th</sup>.

- **Discussion regarding Financial Software**

There was a discussion regarding the possible purchase of new financial software. Weinkauff stated she would like both the Treasurer and Clerk to have access. She presented information along with a quote from Workhorse Software to the Board. She said they do offer demos of the software. The quote seems a bit high for a small municipality. Weinkauff will reach back out and talk to them about scheduling a demo as well as talk to them about the quote.

**d. Public Works**

Rob Weinkauff gave an update on winter work. He also gave an update on the recently installed snowplow for the F550 truck.

Chairman Beck gave an update on some recent information he received regarding delinquent taxes. He talked about Harter's increasing rates. He gave an update on an email he received regarding a proposed land division in

the town. He also said there is a Towns Association meeting this coming Wednesday evening.

**7. Future Agenda Items**

None at this time.

**8. Adjourn**

***Motion by Supervisor Pingel, seconded by Supervisor Kurth to adjourn the meeting at 8:59 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.***