

TOWN OF EASTON, MARATHON COUNTY, WI
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE TOWN BOARD
Monday, March 10, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Beck

Chairman Beck called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

2. Roll Call

<u>Board Members</u>	<u>Present</u>
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 February 10, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion by Supervisor Kurth, seconded by Supervisor Pingel to approve the February 10, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes. All in favor. Motion carried.

4. Public Comments

None

5. New Business

a. Appointment of Clerk and Treasurer to be effective April 15, 2025

Motion by Supervisor Kurth, seconded by Supervisor Pingel to accept an ordinance amending Chapter 2: Officers, Bodies, & Employees, creating 2-8 entitled Appointment of the Town Clerk and Treasurer. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Supervisor Kurth, seconded by Supervisor Pingel to approve the appointments of Melanie Neuendank as Treasurer and Sherry Weinkauff as Clerk for the Town of Easton, with two-year terms to be effective April 15, 2025. All in favor. Motion carried.

b. Wage compensation

• Board Members

It was indicated that wage increases for Board members were approved at the last annual meeting and will be effective after the approval of those minutes on 4/15/25.

• Appointed Clerk and Treasurer

Motion by Supervisor Kurth, seconded by Supervisor Pingel to approve a wage study to be done for both the Clerk and Treasurer positions, with review to be done within 60 days. All in favor. Motion carried.

• Public Works Wages

Motion by Supervisor Kurth, seconded by Supervisor Pingel to increase the full-time lead operator wage by \$1 an hour, and to also increase the part-time general labor wage by \$1 an hour, to be effective on March 16, 2025. All in favor. Motion carried.

c. Town Hall/Shop telephone

There was a short discussion regarding the Town Hall/Shop telephone. It was indicated there have been issues with the landline. It was also indicated the monthly charge was approximately \$200 a

month. Beck will work with Arlen's appliance to see what the options are. It was noted they are a Cellcom dealer as well.

d. 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 gave an update on the checking and savings balances. There was also a brief discussion regarding SLRF funds.

b. Fire Department

There was a short discussion on the need for air packs and bottles.

c. Clerk

- **Election Update**

Weinkauf reported there were 84 residents that voted at the polls and 17 residents that voted by absentee ballot for the February 18, 2025, primary spring election. There was also a short discussion regarding voting signs to be placed by the driveways.

- **Financial Software Update**

Weinkauf gave an update on the financial software. She is working with the current vendor to see if they can give the Clerk and Treasurer both access to the software, review the books for accuracy, and provide some additional training.

- **Annual Meeting Update (4/15/25)**

Weinkauf gave an update on the status of the annual report mailings and said the printer should get those mailed out soon. Neuendank and Weinkauf continue to work on the financial report.

- **Procedure for Updates to Ordinances**

Weinkauf asked about the procedure to update the ordinance books. Beck stated that the attorney will provide us with the updates for the books.

d. Public Works

Rob Weinkauf reviewed his report with the board.

7. Remarks from Supervisors

Kurth said she appreciates all the work that is done by Town employees. Pingel talked about the F550 truck and said it should be replaced. There was a short discussion regarding that. Beck said there should be a total assessment done of all vehicles and equipment.

8. Remarks from Chairman

Beck gave an update on the ERC meeting he attended at the Marathon County Courthouse. He also said there will be a meeting held on March 19th regarding the spread of bio-solids which will be held by the Rib Mountain Metro Sewerage District. He provided the Board members with a town survey regarding a Comprehensive zoning revision and said Marathon County is looking for input from municipalities.

9. Adjourn

Motion by Supervisor Pingel, seconded by Supervisor Kurth to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.