

TOWN OF EASTON, MARATHON COUNTY, WI
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE TOWN BOARD

Monday, April 14, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Beck

Chairman Beck called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

2. Roll Call

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

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

3. Approval of March 10, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes

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

4. Public Comments

Nathan Schulz, with the Q&Z Expo Center, was present and inquired about having a one-day outdoor wrestling event this summer. He said it would be approximately 4 hours. He would like to use a couple of speakers for some music. They would also like to have alcohol outside. He was hoping to have approximately 150 people attend the event. Beck will have to check on some things and get back to him. It was indicated this item would be put on the next agenda.

5. Old Business

a. Wage compensation

• Appointed Clerk and Treasurer

Beck explained the wages for the Clerk and Treasurer were approved at the last annual meeting. At that time the Clerk and Treasurer were elected positions. The positions will become appointed positions on 4/15/25. ***Motion by Supervisor Kurth, seconded by Supervisor Pingel to approve changing the Appointed Clerk wage to \$1,100/mo. and to change the appointed Treasurer wage to \$675/mo., to be effective on 4/15/25, and to review the wages in 90 days. All in favor. Motion carried.*** Weinkauff will work on a wage study to bring back to the Board to review.

6. New Business

a. 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.

7. 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

Merriam said the ISO rating is at 6. Beck said he received a check in the amount of \$4,750 from Elwyn Remington Foundation. They ask that the Fire Department spend the money with Pomast Fire Equipment.

c. Clerk

- **Election Update**

Weinkauf reported there were 582 residents that voted during the Spring Election, with 49 of those voting by absentee ballot. She also reported there were 7 new Election Day Registrations.

- **Financial Software Update**

Weinkauf indicated she is currently working with our current provider and has two meetings scheduled for 4/15. One meeting will include how we will move forward with the clean-up of the 2024 books and the other is to give the Treasurer access to the books.

d. Public Works

Rob Weinkauf reviewed his report with the Board. There was a short discussion on the recent flooding and the new grapple that he built.

8. Remarks from Supervisors

Pingel asked about back-up generators for the Town. Beck will discuss this under his report.

9. Remarks from Chairman

a. Solar Update

Beck gave an update on a recent telephone call he had with the Public Service Commission. He talked about joint development agreements that can be put in place with the solar companies. He gave an update on the interested parties that want to put up solar power in the Town of Easton.

Beck also talked about blacktop pricing and said it would cost approximately \$280,000 a mile.

There was a short discussion on the need for air packs and backup generators. Beck also said he is now on a committee for manure management. He also gave an update on the pacer rating.

10. Adjourn

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