

**Town of Ixonia
Town Board
Minutes
March 29th, 2017**

1. Call to Order, Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Goetsch called the meeting of the Town of Ixonia Town Board 6:30 p.m.

Roll call was taken with the following in attendance: Chairman Perry Goetsch, Supervisor Brian Derge, Supervisor Carl Jaeger, Supervisor Jeff Taylor and Supervisor Peter Mark.

Also Present: Ehler's Representative Greg Johnson, Utility Manager Jeff Wegner, Utility Engineer Brandon Foss and Clerk/Treasurer Nancy J. Zastrow.

2. Proof of Posting and Notice

The agenda was posted at the Town Hall, Post Office and Ixonia Bank and published in the Watertown Daily Times and also posted on the website.

3. Presentation by Greg Johnson – Ehler's – regarding long term borrowing for Capital Projects

Greg Johnson gave a presentation on the options for borrowing for Capital Projects. He explained his background and noted he was a former Town of Rib Mountain Administrator and understands town needs very well. He also explained if the town wanted to borrow over a 20 year period that a refunding bond resolution would be required to be approved by the residents not just the town board. Questions were answered and discussion was held.

4. Discussion and Possible Action regarding borrowing for Capital Projects

Chairman Goetsch asked the board how they would like to proceed. Discussion followed with the board stating borrowing \$1.3 million over ten years might be a hard sell to residents. Supervisor Derge asked if a short-term borrowing would be better. He would like to see a 3-5 year borrowing for road projects. Mr. Johnson stated he will calculate the effect of shorter borrowing terms.

Discussion followed regarding borrowing short term for the brush truck, parking lot and town hall roof from the local bank and not include in the capital borrowing.

The board determined they would like this to be brought to the residents at the annual Town meeting on April 18th to inform them of the intentions for borrowing.

No formal action was taken.

5. Discussion and Possible Action authorizing staff to advertise for mowing Pipersville Cemetery

The Highway Department does not have the man power to mow the Pipersville cemetery and Highway Superintendent Lillge would like the board to approve putting an ad in the paper for mowing.

Supervisor Derge moved, seconded by Supervisor Jaeger to authorize staff to place an ad in the paper for mowing the Pipersville Cemetery. Motion carried.

6. Discussion and Possible Action regarding Treatment Plant upgrades

Engineer Foss and Utility Manager Wegner explained to the board the upcoming needs of the utility plant. They explained they recently met with Chris Groh from Wisconsin Rural Water who works with communities on their needs and gives suggestions of where they can gather additional information.

Currently, the grinder impellers are not grinding up the rags like they are supposed to and because of that it is difficult to find a vendor to take the waste. They received a quote from Energetics for a piece of equipment that would resolve the problem. The approximate cost of the equipment is \$98,000 and they would need a fiberglass structure over the equipment for another \$20,000 along with other items for a total expense of approximately \$200,000.

Supervisor Derge moved, seconded by Supervisor Mark to authorize staff to continue pursuing and getting a bid for the new equipment including a building and all other items necessary. Motion carried.

7. Discussion and Possible Action regarding authorizing staff to proceed with bids for Treatment Plant upgrades

Utility Manager Wegner presented the final quote for the installation of the SCADA system with Xyleum Flight. The project will not be finished until May of 2018. No formal action was taken.

Wegner also presented a price for a trailer mounted sludge pump. The current pump is beyond repair. The board directed Wegner to pursue vendors at the Rural Water Conference to see about other options.

Plant Improvements – staff met with Chris Groh and he suggested obtaining actuator valves which would feed each bed at the same time. Engineer Foss will study this further. It was asked if the plant needs new sand. Staff thinks it will make it for this year.

Wegner also informed the board the plant received a new permit. With the new permit come new limits, new requirements and new reports. This has been worked on over the past couple of years.

8. Discussion and Possible Action to approve contract for sludge removal with Bytec

Wegner explained United hauled the sludge from the plant in 2015 but staff ran into problems with United in 2016. United raised the fees tremendously and a signed contract cannot be found. Staff contacted Bytec and the City of Jefferson is willing to take our sludge,

Supervisor Derge moved, seconded by Supervisor Mark to approve the contract with By-Tec for septic removal as presented. Motion carried.

9. Update on the rental of Fireman's Hall

Chairman Goetsch gave an update. He stated there has been an ad in the Watertown Daily Times and he has given a tour to three interested parties. Dale Saeger from the Fire Department has been accompanying the tours and has provided outstanding insight about the property.

Supervisor Taylor asked about the possible arrangements. The Town would retain ownership of the building and property and the potential parties would lease from the Town.

10. Discussion and Possible Action on purchasing personal property of Fireman's Hall

11. There was discussion about the personal property currently owned by the Fire Department. Chairman Goetsch asked the board to give him authority to negotiate purchasing the property. Discussion followed.

Supervisor Derge moved, seconded by Supervisor Jaeger to authorize Chairman Goetsch to negotiate purchasing the personal property from the Ixonia Fire Department. Motion carried.

12. **Motion to Adjourn**

Supervisor Mark moved, seconded by Supervisor Derge to adjourn the March 29th meeting at approximately 8:35 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy J. Zastrow
Clerk/Treasurer