

**Town of Ixonia  
Town Board  
Minutes  
December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

**1. Call to Order and Roll Call**

Chairman Goetsch called the meeting of the Town of Ixonia Town Board 7:00 p.m.

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

Also, Present: Chief Dave Schilling, Deputy Clerk Jodi Jaeger, Town Engineer Brandon Foss and Clerk/Treasurer Nancy J. Zastrow.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. Proof of Posting and Notice**

The agenda was posted at the Town Hall, Post Office and Ixonia Bank and posted on the website.

**4. The Public Hearing for Ixonia Utility District #2, Town of Ixonia, Jefferson County, will be held at the Ixonia Town Hall, W1195 Marietta Avenue, Ixonia on Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 @ 7:00 PM. This rate increase will go into effect on January 1, 2020 and will be reflected on the bill due April 20, 2020 for January, February and March usage.**

Town Engineer Brandon Foss of raSmith explained how the recommended rate was determined. He stated the rates are reviewed every two years. Currently, there are 427 residence and 491 REU, very little growth in the Utility District #2. The recommended rate beginning January 1, 2020 is \$195/quarter or \$780/annually

Vic Karaliunas – W262 Hillendale Drive – Mr. Karaliunas asked why the District #2 flow keeps increasing. Mr. Foss explained the I & I is most likely some of the reason – this would be from manholes and possibly cracks in the sewer lines. Another cause could be the inflow from sump pump connections.

Janet McConaughy – N8144 LaSalle Circle – Ms. McConaughy asked if the contract with the City of Oconomowoc goes on forever or if there is some renegotiation to bring the rates down. Chairman Goetsch explained the contract is for three-years and the chances of them lowering the fees are slim to none.

Dave Ferris – W241 Oosty Avenue – He asked if there has been any luck with enforcement of the sump pumps. Chairman Goetsch said no, we cannot enter homes – it is an honesty factor. The town televises the sewer lines and they make sure the manholes are sealed property. Mr. Ferris asked if there is an increase in users and what they are putting into the sewer – is the general public increasing their flow? Foss responded we are not sure but assume the flow is about the same from the users.

Mark Bednarski – W175 Cottage Avenue – Why are we taking the brunt due to the weather – why are we taking the increase? Chairman Goetsch explained the licensing fee increases 4%

annually and is compounded and the town is in a three-year contract with the City of Oconomowoc and their rates. The treatment costs are based on their costs. Goetsch explained if the two utilities are joined with the construction of a new plant – the licensing fees will be gone. Mr. Bednarski stated we have no say with what Oconomowoc charges, there are a lot of variables – not an exact cost. He asked if there is a light at the end of the tunnel? Mr. Foss stated the design for the new plant is to be done in 2020, construction in 2021 and the new plant by the end of 2021. If it is more cost effective to have the two utilities join that is the action the board will take.

Roger Meyer – Mary Lane Sanitary District – He stated they are trying to negotiate a lower licensing fee.

Wes Meyer – W120 Cottage Avenue – He noted his WE Energy bill more than doubled, why would it be doubled - his sump pumps have been running constantly. He noted he has a black hose for the sump pump, but the ground is so saturated which in turn has the pumps running more often. He also inquired if the City of Oconomowoc residents' rates are going up the same as what they charge the town.

B. Foss explained that annually one/fifth of the sewer mains are televised. He noted the past two years have been unusually wet and if it goes back to normal there may be a decrease if the fees paid to Oconomowoc. He reiterated that it is illegal to route water into the septic – this is statewide, not just Ixonia.

Antonetta Redington – N7915 Greentree Lane – She stated it seems unfair that people who don't pump into the sewer system are paying for this. She has an idea if people refuse to allow the town to inspect to see if they are pumping into the sewer, they receive a fine. She stated honest people will open their doors and allow an inspection.

Supervisor Derge stated the town has no control and the contract was made many years ago with the City of Oconomowoc.

Public Hearing was closed at 7:37 p.m.

**5. Approval of Minutes – Approval of Minutes – November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Meeting of the Electors and November 11<sup>th</sup> Town Board Meeting**

**Supervisor Mark moved, seconded by Supervisor Jaeger to approve the November 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Electors and November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019 – Town Board Meeting as presented. Motion carried.**

**6. Treasurer's Report**

*a) November 2019 Financial Report*

**Supervisor Jaeger moved, seconded by Supervisor Taylor to approve the Financial Report as presented and to place on file subject to Audit. Motion carried.**

**7. Jefferson County Sheriff's Department Report and/or Jefferson County Supervisor Report**

County Supervisor Amy Rinard reported the Public Service grant will be filed on Friday.

Jefferson County is establishing a complete count committee for the census. If anyone is interested in helping, they can contact her.

**8. Discussion and Action regarding Resolution 2019-10 – Intent to Borrow funds from Ixonia Bank for the purchase of SCBA equipment for the Fire Department in the amount of \$143,000.00**

Supervisor Taylor stated he will abstain from any participation on this agenda item, there is conflict of interest because he is an employee of Ixonia Bank.

The resolution is required for the borrowing of funds for the SCBA equipment. The town will be borrowing \$143,000 for three years.

**Supervisor Derge moved, seconded by Supervisor Jaeger to approve Resolution 2019-10 Intent to Borrow funds. Supervisor Mark wanted to emphasize this is because there is the need to replace the equipment due to the age of the equipment. Motion carried – Supervisor Taylor abstained.**

**9. Discussion and Action regarding Resolution 2019-11 Budget Amendments**

Clerk/Treasurer Zastrow explained Resolution 2019=11 Budget Amendments. She noted there may be a few more after the first of the year, but these can be done at this time.

**Supervisor Taylor moved, seconded by Supervisor Mark to approve Resolution 2019-11 2019 Budget Amendments as presented. Motion carried.**

**10. Discussion and Action regarding approval of Election Inspectors for 2020-2021 Elections**

Clerk/Treasurer Zastrow presented the following list of names for appointment to serve as Election Inspectors for 2020-2021.

Joni Rupnow	June Herman	Cheryl Creydt
Shelby Jaeger	Jeraldine Reed	Devon Degner
Donna Fortmann	Bill Sankey	Patti Thomsen
Audrey Krueger	JoAnne DeBarge	Barb Elwood-Goetsch
Bette Brandenburg	Karen Mallow	Joan Jaeckel
Vickie Schlieve	Virginia Hicks	Bonnie Jaeger
Sandy Braun	Jean Zautner	Kaye Lillge
Lorna Gartzke	Sally Hein	Janet McConaughy
Marjorie Schilling	Ann Schultz	Meghann Schultz
Cindy Wegner	Jeff Wegner	Michael Mahoney

**Supervisor Mark moved, seconded by Supervisor Derge to approve the 2020-2021 Election Inspectors as presented. Motion carried.**

**11. Discussion and possible Action regarding advertising for bids to rent Town property and authorize posting and publishing**

Chairman Goetsch explained the town properties can be put of for however many years the board wants. This would be for a three-year rental of the town properties.

**Supervisor Mark moved, seconded by Supervisor Derge to authorize the advertising for bids to rent Town property and authorize posting and publication. Motion carried.**

**12. Discussion and Action regarding an Operator License application for Ashley Wolff for Von Lopyy's**

Supervisor Derge moved, seconded by Supervisor Jaeger to approve the Operator License application for Ashley Wolff, Von Lopyy's. Motion carried.

**13. Discussion and Action regarding a Special Event application for Silver Circle Sports Events, LLC for the Lake Country Triathlon on August 1, 2020**

Sean Osborne – Silver Circle Sports Events LLC was present. He explained this event is the same course as in previous years. The board asked if they will be sending out postcards to affected residents on Lac La Belle and Hillendale. He noted he will notify the properties involved.

Supervisor Jaeger moved, seconded by Supervisor Derge to approve the Special Event application for Silver Circle Sports for the Lake Country Triathlon on August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020. Motion carried.

**14. Update and Possible Action regarding Chivaree on Park – specifically Elevator Lift installation, problems with water pressure/bathrooms and update electrical service**

Supervisor Derge reported he received a quote from Klecker Heating for 2 air conditioning units. May need to put in new air handlers to go with the units. He also has two electricians giving a quote, so we are moving forward.

Supervisor Jaeger stated the handicap elevator had been installed and is working well. There was a problem with the water pressure in November and he worked with a plumber to resolve the issues.

**15. Utility District**

- a) Approval of Utility District #2 user fee increase to \$195 per quarter/\$780/annually

Supervisor Taylor moved, seconded by Supervisor Jaeger to increase the Utility District #2 sewer rates to \$195/quarter. Motion carried.

- b) Discussion and Approval of the 2020 Utility #2 Budget

Supervisor Mark moved, seconded by Supervisor Derge to approve the 2020 Utility District #2 budget as presented. Motion carried.

**16. Transfer/Recycling Committee**

- a) Discussion and Action regarding Resolution 2019-12 Authorizing Leland Schmeckpeper to serve as the authorized representative to sign and submit Recycling Grants

Vic Karaliunas explained that with his retirement from serving as Chairman of the Recycling Committee another designee must be appointed and authorized to represent the town for documents submitted to the DNR.

**Supervisor Derge moved, seconded by Supervisor Jaeger to approve Leland Schmeckpeper to serve as the authorized representative to sign and submit Recycling Grants. Motion carried.**

**17. Fire Department**

a) Monthly report for Fire & EMS

Chief Schilling gave the monthly report. He noted there were 23 calls for November with most calls within the Town of Ixonia.

b) Discussion and Action regarding a request received from Fire & EMS Officer's meeting to place an Advisory referendum on the April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020 ballot concerning public safety and possible daytime staffing beginning 2021

Chief Schilling explained the Officers are asking the board to consider placing an Advisory Referendum on the April ballot to gather input from the town residents regarding staffing for the department. He explained that between 41 & 43% of the calls are between the hours of 6:00 am and 6:00 pm. He stated this is a nationwide problem finding staffing – people do not want to do this job. Discussion followed.

Chairman Goetsch stated the board needs to have numbers of the costs of implementing this. He noted the board has not received any additional information since October during the budget workshops.

Supervisor Derge stated he agrees we need to do something, but there has been no other discussion since the budget workshops. He also feels the town needs to reach out to the Town of Concord and Town of Watertown and have them at meetings to keep informed of this.

There was some input from a couple residents.

The board directed Chief Schilling to bring some budget numbers and to set up a meeting including Concord and Watertown to have additional discussions.

No formal action was taken.

c) Ixonia Fire & EMS Annual Meeting with elections will be Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 pm

Chief stated the Fire & EMS Annual meeting will be held on Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup>.

**18. Park and Recreation Committee**

a) Discussion and Action regarding 2020 contract with Ixonia Youth Baseball, Ixonia Knights and Ixonia Snappers

Supervisor Mark explained the contracts with the baseball teams for 2020. He noted some corrections were made from the previous year.

**Supervisor Derge moved, seconded by Supervisor Taylor to approve the 2020 contract with Ixonia Youth Baseball, Ixonia Knights and Ixonia Snappers as presented. Motion carried.**

**19. Upcoming Meetings:**

Town Board Meeting – January 13, 2020 @ 7:00 pm

Plan Commission – December 18, 2019 @ 7:00 pm

Recycling Committee Meeting – January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019 @ 1:00 pm

Park & Recreation Committee – December 10, 2019 @ 7:00 pm  
Ixonla Fire Dept. Officer's Meeting – December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019 @ 6:30 pm

**20. Motion to Adjourn**

**Supervisor Mark moved, seconded by Supervisor Derge to adjourn the December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Town Board meeting at approximately 8:47 pm. Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy J. Zastrow  
Clerk/Treasurer