

**Town of Ixonia  
Town Board Minutes  
December 13, 2021**

**Call to Order, Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance**

In the absence of Chairman Goetsch, Clerk/Treasurer Zastrow called the December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting to order at approximately 7:00 pm.

Roll Call: Supervisor Rick Ziegler, Supervisor Peter Mark, Supervisor Brian Derge and Supervisor Carl Jaeger

Also Present: Clerk/Treasurer Nancy J. Zastrow, Utility Plant Manager Jeff Wegner, Deputy Clerk Jodi Jaeger, Attorney Stan Riffle, Transfer/Recycling Chairman Lee Schmeckpeper and Fire/EMS Chief Dave Schilling

Nominations were taken for Chairman. Supervisor Jaeger nominated Brian Derge to serve as Chairman, Supervisor Mark seconded the motion. Supervisor Jaeger cast a unanimous ballot for Supervisor Derge to serve as Chairman.

Supervisor Derge took over serving as Chairman for the meeting.

**Proof of Posting and Notice**

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

**Approval of Minutes – November 8<sup>th</sup> and November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

Supervisor Mark made the motion to approve the November 8<sup>th</sup> and November 15<sup>th</sup> minutes as presented. Supervisor Ziegler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report**

a) Approve November 2021 Financial Report

Supervisor Jaeger made the motion to approve the November 2021 Financial Report, Supervisor Mark seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

No one was present.

**Plan Commission**

a) Discussion and Possible Action regarding a preliminary CSM received from Ross Peebles to combine parcels 012-0816-0233-001, 012-0816-0232-003 and 012-0816-0232-004

Ray Peebles, W1140 Marietta Avenue – representing his brother for the joining the parcels into one 6-acre parcel. This was unanimously approved and recommended by the Plan Commission for approval.

**Supervisor Jaeger moved to approve the preliminary CSM for Ross Peebles as presented. Supervisor Mark seconded the motion and carried.**

- b) Discussion and Possible Action regarding a preliminary CSM received from Jack Marks (owner) and Mike Herro (Agent) to split parcel 012-0816-2531-006 currently 34 acres, zoned C-Community and located on Ski Slide Road into three (3) parcels – Lot #1 – 17.5 acres, Lot #2 – 8.8 acres and Lot #3 – 8.8 acres.

Mike Herro – 156 E. Wisconsin Avenue, Oconomowoc. Mr. Herro explained Jack Marks wants to sell the lot. Mr. Herro said they have an offer to purchase. Asking for a three-lot split. He also asked to have two lots approved but did not present a CSM showing two lots.

Attorney Riffle explained the board would like to have the exact CSM in front of them. Attorney Riffle state if the board is okay with lot 1 being 17.5218 and Lot 2 to be 17.6416 then it could be approved. But. if the board wants to see the lot as two can have him bring back. Discussion followed.

**Supervisor Jaeger moved to approve the three-lot split as presented.** Supervisor Ziegler stated he would like to have the dust settle on this, why vote on something and get it tangled. **Supervisor Mark seconded the motion.** Mr. Herro explained we are marketing as three lots, if this person comes to the table wanting two lots, then he will come back with a two lot CSM. **Motion carried 3-1 Rick Ziegler opposed.**

- c) Discussion and Possible Action a preliminary CSM to increase the size of the existing Outlot 4, Autumn Ridge Subdivision to 0.4885 acres

Andy Buchanan – on behalf of HOA. They will be increasing the size of the pumphouse so it will be on one lot. This was recommended for approval from the Plan Commission.

**Supervisor Mark moved to approve the preliminary CSM as presented. Supervisor Jaeger seconded the motion and carried.**

### **Discussion and Action regarding the appointments of 2022-2023 Election Workers for the Town of Ixonia**

Clerk/Treasurer Zastrow explained this is for the 2022-2023 election cycle.

**Supervisor Mark moved, seconded by Supervisor Ziegler to approve the Election Worker appointments as presented. Motion carried.**

#### **1. Discussion and Possible Action regarding the denial of claims for sewer backup damage on November 6, 2021**

Utility Plant Manager Wegner explained Xylem came to do routine maintenance on the equipment the day before the event. Sewer backed up in several homes which was caused by the breaker being tripped. The normal notifications were not received by staff due to the power source being disabled by the lack of electricity.

Supervisor Derge explained our insurance company is denying the claim on behalf of

the town. We have backup systems in place but unfortunately this time they did not work, but not by any fault of the town.

Supervisor Ziegler asked what monitoring systems are in place that should have given notification of the failure? Wegner explained the breaker was tripped, it has no ability to call for communication failure. This was a freak accident. We are in discussion with the company that put the alarm systems to prevent this from happening again. Our insurance company's investigation found the town was not at fault. The residents can go after the repairman it was a mechanical failure. Once the breaker was reset, the station came on-line like it should have. Discussion continued.

**Supervisor Mark moved, Supervisor Jaeger seconded the motion to disallow the claims for the sewer back-up. Stan explained you are obliged to follow the recommendation of disallow the claim. Motion carried.**

**Discussion and Possible Action regarding Resolution 2021-07-R a Resolution Approving Municipal Court Budget**

Clerk/Treasurer Zastrow explained the next items on the agenda came from Lake Country Municipal Court. They have asked for the Town Board to approve the budget resolution.

**Supervisor Mark moved, Supervisor Jaeger seconded as presented. Attorney Riffle explained we do not utilize the court very often. Motion carried.**

**Discussion and Possible Action regarding Ordinance #2021-06 – Amendment to the Ordinance to Create and Establish a Municipal Court – as recommended by Lake Country Municipal Court**

Attorney Riffle explained there were changes in the state statutes and this updates the agreement and also changes the address of the court.

**Supervisor Mark Peter moved, Supervisor Jaeger seconded the motion to approve. Motion carried.**

**2. Discussion and Possible Action to approve the Successor Agreement for the Operation of the Lake Country Municipal Court and authorize the Town Chairman to sign the agreement**

Attorney Riffle noted the only change to this agreement is the address of the court.

**Supervisor Mark moved to approve, Supervisor Jaeger seconded the motion and carried.**

**3. Fire Department**

**a) Monthly report for Fire & EMS**

Chief gave the monthly run report.

**b) Update on ordering of equipment to outfit Unit 8352**

Chief Schilling stated he has ordered the necessary equipment, but there is a waiting period. Most items they do not keep in stock and are then built once the order is received.

c) Update on Fund Raising for outfitting the new ambulance

Supervisor Derge gave update. Currently collected \$24,920. Supervisor Jaeger and Supervisor Derge have been well received when they visited the businesses in the community.

d) Update on Full-time Staffing Interview panel

Supervisor Mark gave an update. Nothing to bring before the Town Board at this time.

#### 4. Highway Department

a) Update on 2021 Road Projects

No update.

b) Discussion and Possible Action regarding purchasing of a hydraulic chain saw for the bucket of the skid loader for tree trimming

Supervisor Derge explained this was discussed last month. The one he has looked at is \$7,100 – great safety tool. He can fit this in the 2021 budget.

**Supervisor Mark moved to approve the hydraulic chainsaw purchase from the 2021 budget. Supervisor Jaeger seconded the motion. Supervisor Mark stated this is definitely a necessary piece of safety equipment for the staff. Motion carried.**

c) Discussion and Possible Action authorizing staff to proceed with land acquisitions for 2022 road projects on Fox Road & Triangle Road

Supervisor Derge explained that Highway Superintendent Lillge feels he can meet one and one with the property owners to discuss the acquisition of land for the road right-of-way. Attorney Riffle stated he can do this if the property is valued under \$500 per/parcel if more than that it would be eminent domain. Discussion followed.

Attorney Riffle suggested to the board to either table further discussion or to direct the attorney to work on this. Discussion continued.

**Supervisor Mark moved to authorize staff to proceed with land acquisition and to work with the attorney for his opinion on the land acquisition. Supervisor Jaeger seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

#### 5. Transfer/Recycling Committee

a) Discussion and Action regarding the recommendation from Chairman Goetsch to appoint Supervisor Carl Jaeger as Chairman of the Transfer/Recycling committee

Postponed until next meeting.

b) Discussion and Possible Action regarding the purchase of a new Bobcat from MidState Equipment using the New Equipment fund monies

Schmeckpeper gave explanation on the Bobcat options. New Bobcat will have more horsepower which will be helpful during snow removal. Price of \$24,383 with trade-in. Monies is in the new equipment fund. Supervisor Jaeger stated this was discussed

during the budget workshop. Schmeckpeper stated it will take 3 – 6 months to get delivery.

**Supervisor Jaeger moved to approve, Supervisor Mark seconded the motion to purchase with the trade-in. Motion carried.**

**Utility District #1 & #2**

- a) Discussion and Possible Action regarding Utility District #2 rate study with a 3% increase which will be an additional \$1.00/month to \$66/month or \$198/quarter

Deputy Clerk Jaeger explained the rate study and proposed increase. The rate study was included in the agenda packet. Raising the rate by \$1/month or \$198/quarter. Under 3% no public hearing required.

**Supervisor Jaeger moved to approve \$1/month, Supervisor Mark seconded the motion and carried.**

**Upcoming Meetings:**

- Town Board Meeting – January 10, 2022 @ 7:00 pm
- Plan Commission – December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 @ 7:00 pm (if necessary)
- Recycling Committee Meeting – January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022 @ 1:00 pm
- Park & Recreation Committee – January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022 @ 7:00 pm
- Ixonía Fire Dept. Officer’s Meeting – December 16<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 pm
- Ixonía Fire & EMS Annual Meeting – December 20, 2021 @ 6:00 pm

Supervisor Derge acknowledged the retirement of Chief Dave Schilling, thanking him for his years of service to the community as Chief, Firefighter and Advanced EMT. He served Ixonía well during his tenure and the community is grateful to him.

**Motion to Adjourn**

**Supervisor Mark moved, Supervisor Jaeger seconded the motion to adjourn the December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting at approximately 8:16 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy J. Zastrow  
Clerk/Treasurer