

TOWN OF PORT EDWARDS  
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**September 13, 2016**

**Call to order:** Chairman Duane Arendt opened Town Board Meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall.

**Meeting Certification:** This meeting has been properly posted to notify the public of date, place, time and agenda.

**The following persons were present:** Chairman, Duane Arendt, Supervisor Tim Schmidt, Supervisor Jeff O'Donnell, Treasurer Michelle Sorenson, Clerk Sharon Stelmacher, Constable Louis Hamel, and Road Superintendent Allen Goodness. Town residents Pat Martinson, and Jerry Czappa, Nekoosa Ambulance Chief Dan Harnisch.

**Approval of minutes from August 8, 2016 Monthly Board Meeting and August 16, 2016 Special Board Meeting:** Clerk presented the minutes from the August 8, 2016 Town Board Meeting, and August 16, 2016 Special Board Meeting. Motion made by O'Donnell, seconded by Schmidt to approve minutes as presented. Motion carried.

**Agenda:**

- Proposed 2017 Ambulance Contract with, Nekoosa Ambulance Chief, Don Harnisch.
- Treasurer and Clerk Monthly Financial Reports.
- Act on Wis. Town Association Resolution #2016-9.
- Review finance options for Kimball Road Project.
- Payment of bills.
- Correspondence.
- Set October Board Meeting Date and Time.
- Public input regarding agenda items.

Motion made by O'Donnell, seconded by Schmidt to approve agenda. Motion carried.

**2017 Nekoosa Ambulance Contract Proposal:** Don Harnisch, Nekoosa Ambulance Chief presented to the Town Board proposed changes to the Ambulance Contract. Per Capita charge in 2016 is \$15.35 proposed 2017 per capita \$20.00. The increase would reflect approximate \$6,600.00 increase. There would be an approximate increase again in 2018. Reason for increase due to hiring full-time staff to be on call, as well as full-time chief position. Town board will review options before accepting Nekoosa's proposal.

- NOTE INFORMATION UPDATE Received 10-13-2016: Nekoosa Ambulance Contract Proposal retracted. New proposal will be submitted to the Town Board to consider at the November Monthly Board Meeting. Item will be placed on the agenda.

**Treasurer and Clerk Monthly Reports:** Treasurer and Clerk Reports reviewed by the Town Board. Total Town money as of August 30, 2016 is \$256,939.51. Motion made by Schmidt, seconded by O'Donnell to accept Financial Reports. Motion carried.

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**Resolution #2016-9:** Resolution states the levy limits and state funding for local roads in Wisconsin has failed to keep up cost over several decades and has adversely affected local transportation finances. Resolution urges the Governor and Legislature to Just Fix It and agree upon a solution that can sustainably fund Wisconsin's Transportation system. Copy of resolution will be sent to the Wisconsin Towns Association, to our State Legislators, and to Governor Walker.

**Financial Options for Kimball Road Project:** After review of available Town funds, the town will be able to pay for project, and will not need to borrow.

**Bills:** Motion made by O'Donnell, seconded by Schmidt to approve payment of bills listed by Clerk. Motion carried.

**Correspondence:**

1. Wisconsin Department of Administration Preliminary estimate of 2016 Population for the Town of Port Edwards is 1,417, with approximately 1,100 of the estimated population for the Town of Port Edwards are of voting age.
2. Letter from Domtar giving Notice of Pending Application for Proposed Dam transfer of ownership for the Five Mile Creek Dam.
3. Wisconsin Department of Revenue 2016 State Apportionment Report: Town of Port Edwards 2016 Equalized Value is 84,240,300.

**Public Input regarding Agenda Items:**

None

**Scheduled Board Meetings:**

October Monthly Board Meeting: Thursday, October 13, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.

2017 Budget Preparation: Will be scheduled at the regular monthly meeting in October.

**Adjournment:**

Chairman Arendt adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

**Minutes submitted by: Sharon Stelmacher, Clerk**