

Town of Dewhurst Regular Monthly Board of Supervisors Meeting
Tuesday, July 9, 2024 - 7:00 p.m.

Call to Order Bill Kolve called the Regular Monthly Board of Supervisors Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Board members present were: Bill Kolve, Troy Wyss & Bruce Delaney. Also present were: Steve Kunes, Clerk & Todd Schultz, Treasurer.

Citizens present were: Ted Janicki, Richard Johnson, Nathon & Jean Vandeberg, Kelly, Steve & Mackenzie Errthum, Alysabeth Lantz, Tim Marek, Cindy Radcliffe, Marilyn Grace, Paul & Robin Stearns, Barney Adams, Ed & Flo Chaulklin, Chuck & Marie Kaufman, Ralph Johnson, Mary Olson, Laura Quilty, Luci Moore, Paul & Heather Sullivan, Duane Gjerseth, Robin & Dan Kohls, Rollin Opelt, Charles Harwick, Don Subke, Rodney Hahn, Jeff & Debbie Elliott, Wayne & Renee Lubke, Chad Leis, Dennis Markey & Barb Kunes (if you did not sign in, your name does not appear on the roster of citizens present).

Approve Agenda Troy Wyss moved to approve the agenda as distributed, Bruce Delaney seconded. Motion approved, 3/0.

Approval of June 11, 2024 Regular Monthly Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes Troy Wyss moved to approve the minutes as written, Bruce Delaney seconded. Motion carried, 3/0.

Treasurer's Report Todd Schultz reviewed the June financial details. Bill Kolve moved to approve the Treasurers Report, Troy Wyss seconded. Motion carried, 3/0. Executive Summary is as follows:

<u>Begin Balance</u>	<u>Deposits</u>	<u>Interest Inc</u>	<u>Transfers</u>	<u>Disburse</u>	<u>EndBalance</u>
4253,093.62	\$11,660	\$245.09	\$00	\$(10,738.36)	\$254,260.35

- Written Investment Policy. Todd Schultz reviewed the Investment Policy as discussed at the June Board meeting. Troy Wyss moved to approve as presented, Bruce Delaney seconded. Motion carried, 3/0.
- Black River Country Bank transfer. Troy Wyss moved to table this agenda item to the August meeting, Bruce Delaney seconded. Motion carried, 3/0

River Lane 1 and River Lane 2 Discontinuance - 2024-1B Order to discontinue public way, River Lane 1 & 2 was moved by Troy Wyss, seconded by Bruce Delaney. Roll call vote. Delaney, aye, Kolve, aye, Wyss, aye. Motion carried, 3/0.

Citizen Concerns Bill Kolve opened the floor to citizens' concerns and comments.

- Duane Gjerseth said he felt the Board agenda appears to be aimed at certain individual(s). Doesn't seem like a very democratic way of running a township. He also asked about the ATV/UTV trail moving from Maple Lane to Trail's End. Bill Kolve responded that he had no news on it.

- Dan Kohls spoke to the opening up of a trail from Sterling Road to Bush Road. He said he thought this had been handled and the people affected overwhelmingly said no. Bill Kolve said he is only looking at a trail and cleanup as the county told him the township needed to clean up turnaround areas. He said we should clean up all Dewhurst owned land. Dan responded “to what point?” We all know where you are going with this cleanup and trail. Dan ended with saying, let’s have another survey.
- Ted Janicki said that there was an agreement between Dewhurst and Herb Ludemann that that piece of property that he gave to the Town of Dewhurst was to be used as a road after he died and the Ludemann family no longer owned the property.
- Dennis Markey asked Ted Janicki for the document and said there was none. The Ludemann family wrote to the Town of Dewhurst when this first came up three years ago and said that it was not the family’s intention to have the .99 acres used as a road, or walking/ATV/UTV trail. He also said what’s the point? There’s nowhere to go. The UTV/ATV riders would travel north to the end of Sterling and then turn around and come back. It would become a race track. This is not a fiscally responsible way to spend taxpayer dollars, on a road to nowhere.
- Virginia Craig had questions about recycling at the town dump.
- Charlie Harwick asked why the town board would spend money on a road/walking or ATV/UTV trail for only a few that want it.
- Diana Laufenberg asked why the Board had not acted on grants for road improvement. She will send details. She also commented on the camera issue and voting as well as the Ordinance Commission doing the work on ordinances, not the attorney. She was puzzled as to what the approval process was to be followed.
- Laura Quilty problems on Laguna and Agate with water standing and cleanup needed. She also asked Bill to explain how the DNR could identify protected vegetation in October.
- Barney Adams commended the formation of the Wednesday morning social gathering. He felt this is a great idea where neighbors meet neighbors.
- Steve Kunes commented on surveillance cameras in the town hall. He was concerned about the voters' rights and perceived feelings of invasion of privacy. If one chooses to not vote, it’s my feeling that it is vote suppression.
- Paul Stearns commented on the water on and around the Maple Lane neighborhood.
- Fair amount of discussion from the audience regarding the agenda and no idea of what the agenda items mean and action items on all.

Monthly Road Report No report from Don Subke. Discussion began on projects needed to make Dewhurst safe and secure from the continued rain and storms. Bill Kolve commented on a washout on Sterling Avenue that will require bids. Don Subke stated that Gorman Road needs 10-12 loads of gravel. Road items not approved. Discussion also began on patching

Ressewood and Riviera. Mathy's quote of Riviera Avenue overlay, culvert patch, Bush Road overlay patch, Reesewood corner overlay patch and Arbutus Drive culvert patch equated to \$91,748.37. BigFoot Quote for possibly (questionable) area equaled \$112,500.00

Road items approved 1) Check with Clark County regarding any needed permitting. 2) Approach Hawk Island to fix culvert/dirt/water at the end of Laguna (no charge) 3). Get a quote for "digging out" and repairing dirt on Riviera (discussed as "patch"). 4). Ditch on Bush Road, area from first gravel driveway on north side of road going toward river that's blocked preventing water flow to the west needs to be cleared and cleaned. 5). Area cleaned by Laguna/Arnold Creek to be dug out by Don, where gravel may have been pushed with snow plow. Work to be completed by Peak Excavating: Replace culvert by Riviera boat landing, Ditching along Riviera along power lines (trucking by one hired quad axel and other trucking by township, ditching on Laguna to double culverts using township truck to haul, replacement of 4 foot culvert by Riviera boat landing and replace 5 foot culvert on Arbutus Drive. Items quoted by Peak Excavating equaled about \$17,000 with culvert and material cost would bring total between \$25, 000 to \$30,000.

Monthly Dump Report No report. Bill Kolve said he had two quotes from Dewhurst taxpayers for grinding the brush. He awarded the job to Tim Marek as the bids were close and Tim has been doing the dump grinding in the past.

No Wake Zone - Arnold Creek Bruce Delaney led the discussion with information he received from the DNR related to an ordinance needed for buoys on Arnold Creek. Need ordinance for a new "no wake zone," that has been needed since 1977. BRuce said he will work on the ordinance for possible discussion and action during the August Board meeting. Diana Laufenberg asked about the ordinance process. Bruce will work with the DNR to develop a timeline/process.

August Board of Supervisors Monthly Meeting Date Change Steve Kunes reported on the August Wisconsin Primary being held on August 13, 2024 (the normal 2nd Tuesday Board meeting date) the Board would need to schedule the meeting on a different date. Bill Kolve moved to change the date to Monday, August 12, 2024 at 7:00 p.m., Bruce Delaney seconded. Motion carried, 3/0.

Cameras in Town Hall Bill Kolve said he received a quote for \$2500 to place four cameras on the four entrance doors on the outside of the building. Troy Wyss moved to approve the purchase with installation only after guidelines and procedures were in place, Bruce Delaney seconded. Motion carried 3/0.

Appointed Clerk or Treasurer or Combining the Two Bill Kolve said Todd Schultz had questioned how the Board would be handling the Treasurer position going forward. He wanted to plan for 2025 and asked if the Board would make a decision. Bill Kolve said the Board could consider and as long as they were considering the Treasurer, also include the Clerk or combine

the positions. Due to the complexity of this issue, Troy Wyss moved to table this agenda item, Bruce Delaney seconded. Motion carried 3/0.

Clerk Duties In followup to the previous agenda item Bill Kolve asked Steve Kunes about the Clerk's duties and overlap or duties that could be handled by the Treasurer. Steve said most of the duties, other than day-to-day routine, was governmental reporting. He did say that the year end financial reconciliation with the State is something that the Treasurer and Clerk would need to work on in tandem. Bill Kolve asked Todd Schultz if he could have the financials completed a little sooner.

Sterling Avenue Project Bill Kolve discussed the need to clean up and clear property owned by the township. One property is a .99 acre strip from the end of Sterling Avenue, south to Bush Road. Per earlier discussion Bill Kolve asked adjacent landowners their opinion. Dan Kohls again repeated his opposition to this proposal. He said he knows where this is going. Dennis Markey also repeated his displeasure with the project and said it was a waste of taxpayer dollars. Bill Kolve commented that Pat Kranz (Peak Excavating) already quoted him \$1000 for cleanup. Bill Kolve then asked Steve Kunes his opinion and he repeated the argument that it was a waste of taxpayer dollars and there are many other more important projects to consider. He also asked that the Board walk the .99 acres and see for themselves the lay of the land and the environmental issues on the small parcel of Dewhurst property. Bill Kolve moved to table a decision and agree to walk the property on Monday, July 29 at 6:00pm, Bruce Delaney seconded. Motion carried, 3/0.

Junk Vehicle Ordinance As there's a notice of clean up on the north Riviera issue, Bill Kolve feels the township should have a "junk ordinance." Troy moved to approve the Plan Ordinance Commission to work on this ordinance as soon as possible, seconded by Bill Kolve. Motion carried 3/0.

Supervisors Report

- Troy Wyss reported that he has been checking into emergency sirens. No funding available from the county. Township cost would be \$32,000 to \$36,000.
- Bruce Delaney reiterated the need for the "no wake" ordinance. Also commented on the Facebook Group page. Heather Sullivan, administrator for the group page, responded that this is not a Town of Dewhurst owned or controlled page. It is private and rules for

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postings are very clear; no foul language, bullying etc. are allowed. She personally has helped people having issues, post to the page.

Chairman's Report Bill Kolve summarized the rain and flooding issues. Also commented on the new ordinance and form addition to the website.

Approve & Sign Checks Troy Wyss moved to approve & sign checks, seconded by Bruce Delaney. Motion carried, 3/0.

Adjourn Motion made by Bruce Delaney to adjourn the July 9, 2024 Board of Supervisors Meeting, seconded by Troy Wyss. Motion carried 3/0. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Kunes, Clerk