

Meeting Minutes of the Town of Dewhurst Regular Supervisors Meeting
Tuesday, January 14, 2025 – 7:00 PM (CST)
Town of Dewhurst – Town Hall

Board members present: Bill Kolve, Chairman; Bruce Delaney, Supervisor 1; Troy Wyss, Supervisor 2; Kelly Errthum, Clerk

Town of Dewhurst Employees present: Rollin Opelt

Citizens present: Wayne & Renee Lubke, Chuck & Marie Kaufman , Joe & Denise Kish, Heather & Paul Sullivan , Gene O’Brien, Chris Kenyon, Eric Wylie, Paul & Robyn Stearns, Jeff & Deb Elliott, Steve Errthum, Scott Zenz, Kelly Hurst, Rod Johnson, Troy Manthy-Samon, Arthur Cram, Chad Leis, Dalton Lamem, Austin Lamon, Mike & Erika Backes, Nate & Jean Vandeberg, Nancy & Kirk Rodman, Charles Harwick, Lorri & Ed Johnson, Randy Nichols, Ted Janicki, Rebecca Goldsmith, Sharon & Scott Gress, Janelle Heller, Leyah & John Staszak, Tammy & Bill Martin, Duane Gjersteth, Rollin Opelt, Cindy Radcliffe, Tim Marek, Rodney Hahn, Sally Wipfli, Dave Baumeister, Laura & Tim Quilty, Pat Kranz, Billy & Kim Staszak (Note: if you did not sign in (or your name was illegible), your attendance will not be documented.)

Call to Order: Bill Kolve called the Regular Monthly Supervisors meeting to order at 7:00 PM (CST).

Approval of Agenda:

*Motion to approve the agenda by Bruce Delaney; second to the motion: Troy Wyss

*Motion carried: 3/0

Approval of Minutes:

Meeting minutes from 12/10/2024 – No Wake Meeting

Meeting minutes from 12/10/2024 – Budget Meeting

Meeting minutes from 12/10/2024 – Monthly Supervisor’s Meeting

*Motion to approve the minutes from the 12/10/24 No Wake Meeting, the 12/10/24 – Budget Meeting and the 12/10/24 – Monthly Supervisor’s Meeting by Troy Wyss; second to the motion Bruce Delaney

*Motion carried: 3/0

Treasurer’s Report: Kelly read in the current numbers for the accounts as follows:

Beginning Balance:	\$219,619.97
Deposits:	\$636,175.19
Interest Deposit:	\$ 206.97
Disbursements:	\$ 16,046.91
Ending Balance:	\$839,955.23

*Motion to approve the Treasurer’s report by Troy Wyss; second to the motion: Bruce Delaney

*Motion Carried: 3/0

Revisit investing \$25k to CD (tabled from 12/10/24 meeting): The board discussed that fact that there are monies available now at better rates than they are currently earning. Troy Wyss thought it would be wise to earn as much money as possible on our funds.

*Motion to invest an additional \$25k into a higher interest rate CD by Troy Wyss; second to the motion Bruce Delaney

*Motion carried 3/0

Kelly Errthum explained that after the budget was created in October of 2024, the statement of taxes was processed making a few adjustments to three (3) of the budget lines. Copies of the new 2025 budget were available for folks to take/review as part of the handouts. The lines affected were as follows:

Tax Levy: Was \$118,000.00 Now: \$118,835.00

DNR MFL: Was \$10,000.00 Now: \$19,875.00

Misc. Was: \$1,500.00 Now: \$4,700.00 (Kranz refund to Township/culverts)

*Motion to approve the revised 2025 budget by Bruce Delaney; second to the motion: Troy Wyss

*Motion carried: 3/0

Special Supervisors Meeting held Thursday, January 9, 2025: Bill Kolve explained that a special supervisors meeting was held to issue a one-day temporary Class B-Malt Beverage liquor license to the Neillsville Lions Club for the ice races held on 1/12/2025.

*Motion to approve the minutes from the Special Supervisors meeting by Troy Wyss; second to the motion Bruce Delaney

*Motion carried: 3/0

Road Work Grant: Bill Kolve explained that this was tabled as it was not an agenda item at the previous meeting. Bruce Delaney asked Diana if she was still interested in doing this for the Township. Diana Laufenberg responded that she was and further explained that she would be looking to gather information regarding the grant monies from a variety of sources including but not exclusive to Dept. of Transportation documents/sites, other municipalities that have had success, other state programs. She explained that the application would be due this fall so the monies would be focused on the 2026/2027 years. This is cost sharing and others have seen up to 70% of their local road projects are funded and only ended up having to pay 30% of the cost. This was an example and not a guarantee of that amounts. Many of these areas have put in very significant road projects at little cost.

*Motion to accept Diana Laufenberg's very generous offer to research road project grant monies by Bruce Delaney; second to the motion: Troy Wyss

*Motion carried: 3/0

Review membership for the Ordinance Committee: Bill Kolve indicated that there were a couple of seats on the Ordinance Committee that would be vacant and could be filled. Positions would need to be reviewed again in April. Bill indicated that he did have two (2) people that are interested in the Committee. Those individuals are Randy Nichols and Ralph Johnson. Troy Wyss asked if Ralph Johnson could do that remotely? Bill indicated that Ralph would be on video or whatever it took to be on the committee to fill in until April and then it could be discussed and modified at that time. Bill would like to recommend them for the Ordinance Committee.

*Motion to add the two new members to the committee to fill in the vacant spots by Bill Kolve; second to the motion by Bruce Delaney

*Motion carried: 3/0

After the motion, Bill asked the members that wish to step down to return the books/binders to the committee for redistribution. Bruce Delaney reiterated that there was money put into the budget to pay the people attending the meetings \$50/meeting. They haven't been paid in the past. The understanding is that they work for the board and they work on item for the board and with the board for direction. Troy Wyss pointed out that Bill Kolve is at the meetings as well. Bruce stated that if anyone is uncomfortable with Bill at the meetings, they should not be on the committee anymore. Diana Laufenberg asked for clarification as there is a meeting on Monday and are they anticipating that they would like the new members to attend? Bill Kolve indicated yes; they should be invited. Diana asked for the contact information to the new members to ensure that they were invited. Bill did open the floor for Heather Sullivan as she is in charge of the committee. Heather asked that Randy please provide the information to her by the end of the meeting it would be appreciated. Randy indicated that he would provide the information to her before he leaves the meeting.

*Motion carried: 3/0

ATV/UTV Trail Re-Route from Maple Ln to Trails End Rd.: Bill Kolve noted that the application is due in March and that funding will be needed. Bill had talked to Nate wants it put on the agenda and what the township would offer to help with this project. Bill indicated that we would like to offer 10 loads of gravel that would be placed on the end of Trails End near the turn around spot. He would also offer a gate that would be installed at the end of Maple Ln. as well. That would shut that down and they would have to turn around and go up around the tower and go down Trails End to get to HWY J. Once they get to Hwy J, it would be a safer exit as it would be left, right or straight across rather than making the corner. The reason it was brought up to Nate is for the safety side of things. Troy Wyss indicated that there would also most likely be some signage that would need to be added or moved with the change. Troy asked when the trail movement would occur. Bill indicated that it would happen this fall. They want to get the paperwork in process so that they can work on this with Brian from the highway department as a culvert will need to be added near the campground. Bill then proceeded to inform the attendees that Hwy J from 95 to K is going to be redone. They are going to take the weight restriction off of the road. So, there would need to be the installation of culverts as well. Bruce Delaney indicated that he had heard they had discussed putting a sidewalk in one side from corner to Riviera on one side. Bill recapped what would be expected to make this happen -move some signage, install the gate, put down gravel and then it would be asked of them to also put some things along the trail. As a side note, Bill also talked to Nate about HWY 95 and west of Bachelors where the trail comes out and deposits a lot of loose gravel. He asked if they could put a 20'-25' blacktop approach there as they keep pushing rocks out onto the road. Bill indicated that they were in agreement as they've had to continually push the rocks back off of HWY 95. Troy Wyss summarized what Dewhurst will provide is as follows: 10 loads of gravel, a gate to be installed at the end of Maple Lane, and signage movement/purchase as appropriate.

*Motion to approve moving the ATV/UTV trail from Maple Lane to Trails End Road by Troy Wyss; second to the motion, Bruce Delaney

*Motion carried: 3/0

After the motion, Bill indicated that Maple Ln. will remain open and the residents will have to come down to HWY J, turn to go to Trails End Rd. There will be signage to indicate that Maple Lane is a dead end.

Info on Google Meet: Kelly Errthum indicated that there had been a conversation and the topic had come up about broadcasting the meetings over live stream so that the folks that are residents here would have the opportunity to tune in see the meetings, they would not have the opportunity to interject anything but, they would at least be able to see the meeting. The final discussion is still pending on if the meetings would be taped and put on the website after they were completed. Kelly had reached out to Computer Guts to a quote that was provided. If more information was needed, a phone conversation could be arranged. Kelly stated that she was not an overly “techie” person but, attaching cameras to the monitors that would allow us to stream over Google Meet. Google Meet is a fairly easy platform for people to use with any internet connection. Kelly stated that we could then post the weblink information on the website for accessing the meeting. Troy Wyss read through the tech specs provided by Computer Guts as follows they would be adding two wireless access points (cabling and hardware), mini pc that would most likely mount behind the current tv/monitor, keyboard, mouse, and installation. He stated that it did make sense to him to make the system work. Bill said he also had a conversation and he indicated that we would have to turn the tables somehow or get the webcam out further. Kelly Errthum asked if there was any thought to asking if we could investigate a “voice activated” camera. Troy Wyss indicated that it would most likely be a much more expensive camera. Bruce Delaney stated that Merrillan currently does this and after the meeting is finished, they put them up on a platform like YouTube or something like that for residents to access. Troy Wyss indicated that this something that multiple people have brought up and asked for as they can’t always make the meeting and would like some link to the videos moving forward or backwards. Troy believes that this something that he believes we should move forward with.

*Motion to move forward with the Google Meet by Troy Wyss; second by Bill Kolve

*Motion carried: 3/0

After the motion carried, Diana Laufenberg asked how much money was involved. Bruce Delaney responded that the quote was for \$1,531.00. Troy Wyss clarified that that does include installation as well.

March meeting date change: Bill indicated that due to an upcoming absence, the request has been made to move the March meeting to March 4th.

*Motion to move the March meeting to Tuesday, March 4th by Bill Kolve; second to the motion: Troy Wyss

*Motion carried: 3/0

Road Report: Rollin indicated that he had nothing to report this month. Bill indicated that he received a form to be filled out for the Forestry department by April 1st to receive grant monies. Bill then handed the form to Kelly to complete/update. Bill indicated that Don Subke has also been plowing among other things. There was nothing else to report.

Dump Report: Chris Holt was not present. Bill Kolve indicated that as far as he knew things were going well. There was one lock that froze up but, that was resolved. There was also a situation with a piece of carpet in the dumpster. The owner of the carpet was called, admitted the error and he returned to remove the carpet from the dumpster.

Citizens Concerns:

Bill reminded the attendees to please state your name loud enough to be heard for the record. Each citizen will have two (2) minutes of time allotted for their concern.

Rebecca Goldsmith – Had two questions – the first was directed at Diana Laufenberg regarding the project that she will be working on – Does that play in to the road project like we have had in the past where we have received money from the Ho-Chunk nation as well. Diana Laufenberg responded that this is a specific project and does not entangle with other monies. She stated that she is still learning so, as far as she knows, these are separate funds. Rebecca’s second question was regarding the re-routing of the ATV trail. She was asking if the end of Trails End Road where the blacktop ends, she believed it to be county property north of the center line and Austin’s property south of the county line. Is that still the case? Bill Kolve confirmed that the very end of Trails End is county property. Bill indicated that the DNR is looking into the ask if the property south of the center line is Austin’s. Rebecca stated that is all she was asking.

Dave Baumeister – He indicated that he wanted to talk about a safety hazard that is located in the Town of Dewhurst. He provided a little bit of background on himself. He owns an excavating company in SE Wisconsin. He knows codes, knows how to build roads, bridges and everything else. He stated we have a real dangerous situation on Riviera with those ditches. He stated he has spent a lot of time over the last week measuring, examining, shooting elevations and he states the ditch won’t drain. He said it is dammed up all over the place it wont drain. He stated that there will be water sitting all over the place. Those ditches are so steep and dangerous that all that project was, was a waste of time and money as he stated it will not work. He stated he could look at that project with his naked eye and state that you “can’t run water uphill, this ain’t going to work”. He stated it was a waste of time and money. In his opinion, we should close down Riviera, it’s that dangerous. He stated we need to do something. At this point, Bill Kolve indicated to Dave that his two (2) minutes were up. Dave stated no that he had important things to say. Bill re-stated that your two (2) minutes were up. Bill that we are not going to do this as this could go on for hours. Dave said it would not and he was going to talk for a couple more minutes until he was done. Dave indicated he was not. Bill called for the next citizen concern. Dave raised his voice and screamed “he was not done”. Bill stated he didn’t care what he said, and called for the “next person” that wished to be heard. Dave indicated that he would like this recorded. Bill then stated that citizen concerns were done and to move to Supervisory Reports. Dave continued stating that someone is going to get killed on Riviera Ave. Bill repeatedly asked Dave to sit down and meanwhile, Dave continued to state that someone is going to get killed on Riviera whether in a car, truck, ATV or kid on a bicycle. Dave continued and the board attempted to move on with the scheduled agenda items. Troy Wyss asked Bruce Delaney what items he had. Dave then stated that people should not listen to this idiot here and pointed at Chairperson Bill Kolve. Bill at this point stated he had had enough and told Dave to leave the meeting. Dave stated “we have to get together right now”. Bill at this point again told Dave to leave the building or he would call 911. Dave stated “go ahead”. Bill again told Dave to leave. Dave insisted he had the right to speak and he had the floor. He was reminded that he was given two (2) minutes. He stated that he was not told that. Bill said that yes he did right in front of everyone. At this time Dave continued talking about how someone was going to get hurt/killed with the ditches and Bill Kolve had dialed 911 and was talking to the Clark County dispatcher. Troy Wyss acknowledged Dave and stated that “we have heard your concerns Dave and we appreciate your information”. Dave continued about how the county and DOT won’t do anything it’s up to the Town of Dewhurst to fix it. During this, Bill Kolve was still on the phone with dispatch stating that he would not leave the meeting. Dave stated that he is “working, working, working” to resolve the issue but, he needs help. Troy Wyss again thanked Dave for his information. Bill Kolve continued with Clark County dispatch. Dave continued on regarding bids

and Bill again attempted to ask him to leave the building. It was at this point, Tammy Kolve interjected and told Dave to leave the building. She stated that Bill works hard for the community and Dave told her that he is trying to save lives. Tammy was told to sit down and did so. Bruce Delaney asked Dave to leave the meeting. Troy Wyss again stated that we had heard his concerns and it was something to look into. Dave walked by the table referring to Bill Kolve as “Joe Biden” and stated if anyone would like more information, he has it. He momentarily left the building while stating how illegal the ditch was. At this point, Bill reminded the other citizens that at the current time, he is in charge of the meeting and runs the show. Bill put the phone down so he could continue the meeting while he waited for further instruction from Clark County dispatch. He reopened citizen concerns at this point.

Jeff Elliott – he had asked before about security cameras on the exterior of the building. He believes that we need them in the inside of the building for all of the things that have happened recently at meetings and to record it. We have some that record the meetings all the time. It is a good example of why we need cameras for the safety of the people in the meeting little alone on the road.

Randy Nichols – lives across HWY95 on Fischer Ave. he doesn't mind the depth of the ditches down there. The ditches are really deep down there as well. He has seen people in the ditches and no one has flipped over, no one has been hurt. They are in the ditch so that they almost can't get out of the car but, speed limit isn't 50mph so when they slide off the road they slide into the ditch and the tow truck gets them out. He didn't know how deep the ditches are on Riviera but, they are all 3feet deep near his home all the way down til they put in the bypass culvert they put in the road.

Trey Manthey-Samon – He lives on Trails End. He is not for the re-route to Trails End and also doesn't think it belongs on Maple Lane. He thinks it should be routed a different way. He wanted to know if there would be speed limits posted. Bill Kolve said that there would be speed limits posted. He then wanted to know if there would be trees cut on the county side of the campground. He stated that when they come off of Maple Lane, they do not go straight across like they are supposed to. They go in front of people's houses along HWY J. and they blow that stop sign 95% of the time. Wanted to know what made them think that they would not continue to do so. Bill Kolve stated that won't. He is stating that if the trail comes up to HWY J, and it's a safety issue. Trey wanted to know what if one of them blows the stop sign and a car comes down HWY J they might get smacked.

Steve Kunes – he stated that he had a statement to read and it was four (4) minutes and he didn't want to be cut off at two (2). After review of the meeting minutes of the November 12th Regular Board Meeting and the November 25th Special Board of Supervisors meeting, they are in need of correction, addition and clarification. The number 25th Special Board meeting agenda number four (4) Discuss town Treasurer position/pay, the text was absent of what had happened at the previous Regular Board Meeting of November 12 in regards to this subject. What either needs to be added to the November 12 meeting minutes or the November 25th special meeting minutes is what happened after the public left the November 12 meeting. After the agenda item, approve and sign checks, and after all the public left, Chairman Kolve called Troy and myself back to the table to discuss another board agenda item. He wanted to discuss the renumeration of the current resigned treasurer. This was in clear violation of state statute 19.24 regarding the 24 hour requirement. At this point, Bill Kolve stopped Steve Kunes (stating he still had his time) and

stated that this was not true. Steve stated that yes, it was and Bill stated that no it isn't as he had called the Wisconsin Towns Association and they stated it was just fine. Bill stated that this was Steve's opinion. He then allowed Steve to continue. Steve stated he would like to see the documentation from the Towns Association on this particular. Steve continued that this was a clear violation of state statute and a clear violation of the trust of the residents and tax payers of the Town of Dewhurst. Discussion then continued regarding the Treasurer's hourly wage which was made by Chairman Kolve. Who negotiated an hourly rate of \$120-\$150 with the resigned Treasurer which was seconded and passed with no answer and said he would try the next day for a phone call to the ex-Treasurer. This discussion and approval makes the part of the November 25th Special Board meeting redundant and needs to be removed. This was not an oversight as stated by the 25th board minutes. Chairman Kolve had discussed the reimbursement via phone with Todd Schultz on November 13th he had discussed the results of the discussion and approved results of the previous evenings meeting, November 12th. The minutes of the November 25th meeting stated that he had reached out to the Wisconsin Towns Association concerning the protocols related in this increase to the salary for the Treasurer. The text also implies that the Towns Association also agreed with the violation of state statute. Steve stated that he didn't believe that. Steve stated that both the minutes of the November 12th and November 25th need to be amended. Taxpayers have reached out to me asking the reason for my resignation as clerk. This November 12th, 2024 statute violation was the last straw in a number of attempts to keep the Chairman compliant. Which I considered part of my commitment to the taxpayers of this township. The continued disregard for state law and ethical value would not allow me to continue. Bill at this point cut off Steve and stated that he was done and said thank you.

Joe Kish – He stated that he didn't know what was going on with the road Riviera, he personally didn't see any issues personally. But, if it is unsafe then they shouldn't allow anyone to walk on it, all ATV's should be re-routed and not allowed to use that road and to make it vehicles traffic only.

Marie Kaufman – There should be no reason not to have cameras in here as every building you go to now that doesn't have cameras in it. Every restaurant, every grocery store, everything. I think this causing all the problems the other day and people swearing and going out the door. That should all be on the camera.

Supervisor Reports

Bruce Delaney – Wanted to touch base on a couple of things. After the last heavy snowfall, not the recent one, the previous one, there were spots that people pushed snow out into the road after Donny had plowed. We were lucky that thawed and didn't freeze over and would be there all year. That is against state statute it's against the law, you can't even push snow across the road. Donny is pretty good about taking care of that as long as you push it off the road. That big equipment out there it's big but, if you hit a pile of that frozen stuff, it can break that equipment. Because you push it across and didn't get it off. It's a state statute do not throw snow out onto the road after it's plowed, please. Donny works hard to keep them clean. Talking about the outbursts here, terrible outbursts. At the November 25th meeting we had some pretty much threatening ways with the finger 6 inches from my face, from Bill's face and F-bombs. That stuff is really enough already. That really needs to end. There is no board anywhere that everyone is going to agree with 100% of the time, it just doesn't happen. Some things are not going to be your way others may be your way. But, we take all the information we have and try to make the

best possible solution for what is best and that is what we do. On these things, that all needs to get calmed down. On these citizen concerns, Bill doesn't have to allow those. That is allowed and I think that has caused a lot of troubles honestly. It is something he still wants to do and he allows these people to have two (2) minutes to speak. You can look at all sorts of other towns, they don't allow it whatsoever. So, if you have concern and you need to be placed on the agenda and something needs to be done that way. There are no citizen concerns allowed in a lot of places. There was a coffee meeting and Bruce asked Steve Kunes if he was at the meeting and forgot to sign in. Steve indicated that he did not forget to sign in. He knows it is there and there is no law that requires him to sign in. Bruce indicated that that was the agreement that Bill had with that group. Steve stated that was Bill's. Bruce indicated that it is a whole liability thing with the insurance as we want to know who is in the building. So, that was the agreement with the coffee thing to sign up so we know who is in the building if something happens, we need to know who was in the building. Is there something you can do to sign up as that was part of the agreement. Bruce stated that he thought maybe Steve forgot to sign up but, Steve purposely did not sign up. Steve stated that he felt that it was against his right. We need that signed up. We need people to sign in that come into the building. Steve stated that they will make every attempt to people sign that sheet. But, some people will not. A comment from the gallery was made that cameras will eliminate all of that and to get cameras in and that will take care of all of that as you will know who is in here. Anyone sitting up here now, in April, please complete your commitment. You are elected as clerk that was for 2 years, you resigned with 4-5 months to go. I might have issue with Bill others might have issues with Bill but, you still need to fulfill the obligation to the people who elected you. Bill is not the person who elected you. You resigned and you should have done your two (2) year term. Steve asked if Bruce was chastising him and Bruce replied that he is stating that everyone up here should fulfill their elected term that they signed up to do and were elected by the town. That was his opinion and he is going to fulfill his two (2) year term. Virgil Bohac asked if he could say something. Chairman Kolve stated it was up to Bruce and he allowed Virgil to continue. Virgil stated that he used to be the Town Chairman here and he has to hand it to Bill as he has more tolerance that he had and he wouldn't have put up with the crap this guy was tripping about I chair pounder in the same situation and had a bunch of people that wanted to tar and feather me, I guess. He would have taken his chair pounder and quieted the BS what was going on. He thanked Bill and told Bruce that he hit the nail on the head. Bruce thanks to Kelly for volunteering to take this one for the rest of the clerk where there is no guidance, no roadmap, no nothing. There is no how to so thank goodness we had someone in our town willing to do that for the town. That was all Bruce had.

Troy Wyss – Stated he just had a few things to follow up on. Some of the things he has been working on following up on are the emergency operations plan. He sent a marked up copy to the other two (2) board members for them to look over. He had to make sure that we used and existing plan form the Town of Mentor and modified and completed it. The idea behind the emergency plan is that everyone knows who to call, what their numbers are, their contact information, escalation points that kind of thing. It's a multi-page document that is pretty easy to modify. He is hoping to get that done over the next couple of months and out and published. He has informed the county and the tower company that based on our conversations we are not looking to add another tower in 2025. That may change moving forward but, based on the phone app and various other things and the read that he had from the conversations that wasn't something we wanted to spend money on at this time. He is still working on additions to the emergency operations – fire plan as the are both kind of hand in hand documents. He stated he

has not done as much with the fire plan as with the emergency operations plan. However, this is something that he would also like to get cleaned up within the next couple of months. Other than that, he has had some miscellaneous calls, roads and ditches, so on and so forth.

Chairmans Report – Cameras on the outside of the building will be installed soon. He would like to have the ordinance committee move off of the camper ordinance situation right now. He would like to move full steam ahead with the camera that will be located in the middle of the building because he is had it, scared, unsure who is bringing a gun in or not, when you enter the zone up here and threatening us, he is going to start calling 911. You can bring your camera or whatever in here but, he is going to call 911 when people start getting out of control. There is no reason to act like kids that are two (2) years old. You are an adult. I'm going to get a hold of the lawyer tomorrow and we have a mock up ordinance for the cameras outside, we have to hold 30 day retention on that. He will reach out to Mark and get it to the point where he is talking to Heather or Diana about it. Diana Laufenberg asked what the importance of the ordinance would be. Bill clarified that it would be for the retention of the video. He understands that the voting booths located on the wall are an issue, he indicated that they could take them down and get portable ones in their place. He will get a cost on the camera so that it can be reviewed at the next meeting. Diana Laufenberg wanted to know what the difference would be between what you already approved the \$1,531 and an additional expense. Bill is going to check on that. Diana stated what she was curious about first the open meetings it sounds like we just purchased cameras that can already collect that information and would entertain the idea that the board may have already approved the cameras. Bill stated that the cameras for the outside of the building have been purchased. She stated no, she is wondering if we can be repurposed for the second purpose. Bill stated he cannot guarantee that but, will look into that and maybe we can get two (2) birds with one (1) stone. Bill will be at the ordinance meeting, asked again when it was. Diana stated it is 6:30 PM (CST) on Monday, January 20 and the main topic to discuss the "Junk or Nuisance" ordinance however it will be named. The junk ordinance as it has been reflected back to them from the lawyer and hoping to finalize the changes and put it in front of the board. Bill stated that he is going to fast track the camera thing with or without an ordinance with lawyer approval and it will be installed in here by March "something". Diana asked a clarifying question is the issue is that you cannot retain video of a meeting without an ordinance? Bill stated that you have to retain it for 30 days if you are having a security camera. Diana then asked if you are running a camera for a board meeting, is separate? Bill explained that is what he is going to have the lawyer and the ordinance committee. Diana stated that is a non-issue from an ordinance standpoint. Bill stated his main concern is that brought up by Steve Kunes and the voting booths. The reason Bill mentioned Steve is he was the clerk at that time and brought that to the board's attention. Bill stated that it was no disrespect to anything. Steve had indicated that you cannot have a camera with the voting booths. Bill asked Steve if that was correct. Steve replied that was correct. Bill is going to find out what has to be done so that when we vote here, what has to be put into place to protect the people here. Troy Wyss stated that with some cameras you can program them to have a "blackout zone". Diana is trying to get clarification on a) what you need from the organization an b) is there a way to double-dip with the current money that was already allocated to the record the meetings. And that whenever the space is used that the cameras are on, whatever decision is made but, that may not be ordinance driven. Bill stated that he and Kelly will get in touch with the camera folks and find out. Diana then proceeded to state that the board does not make sure that everyone signs into these meetings. She hasn't signed in to a meeting three (3) years. Bill stated that he does ask everyone to do that at the beginning of the

meeting. Diana stated sure and they ask people to sign in at the coffee meeting and if people do not wish to sign in that is personal choice. There is no legal requirement to sign in. Comment from the gallery was that is what the cameras will be for then. Bill stated he had asked the insurance company and they stated that would be the best thing so you know who is on the property if something should get hurt or something, they would know who was here. Diana stated that this is a “preferrable situation” because if it is illegal then she has been breaking the law. Bruce interjected that no one has said it is illegal. And, that the agreement was that we asked the coffee club to have everyone sign in. Diana stated that you “asked” everyone to sign in. Bruce asked if you are purposely not signing in is that breaking the agreement. Diana stated then the fact that she hasn’t signed in in three (3) years, is that your fault. Bruce and Bill both stated no. Bruce stated “if I was the host and the agreement was that we could have the meeting if everyone signed in, I would stand at the door and say ‘could you please sign in, could you please sign in’ “. Diana stated that she done that exact thing at meetings as well. Bill cut off the conversation as this was the Chairmans report.

Approve and sign checks

*Motion to approve and sign checks was made by Bill Kolve; second by Bruce Delaney

*Motion carried: 3/0

Adjourn

The meeting was officially adjourned at 7:52 PM (CST)

Minutes submitted by: Kelly Errthum, interim Town of Dewhurst Clerk