

# **TOWN OF UNION**

## **MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING Minutes of Wednesday, October 9, 2024**

The Town of Union Monthly Board meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 9, 2024 at the Town of Union Town Hall, 15531 W. Green Bay Rd., Evansville, WI. Members in attendance included Chairman Kendall Schnieder, Supervisors Rich Templeton, Don Templeton, Aaron Tachon and Mason Barber. Building Inspector Bob Fahey, Treasurer Jessica Nellen, Road Patrolman Jeff Wethal, Clerk Regina Riedel, and Plan Commission members Ray Legris, Derek Blume, and Alvin Francis were also in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

### **Clerk's Minutes (September 11, 2024)**

Motion to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2024 Board meeting as written made by R. Templeton/D. Templeton. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

### **Treasurer's report**

Treasurer Jessica Nellen reported balances as of September 30, 2024 (attached).

Nellen noted that the mobile home park tax deposit was larger than usual due to Midway Village being behind on their payments and paying their past due taxes as well as paying ahead for the remainder of 2024. She also noted that 2025 dog licenses are available and can be purchased at any time.

Tachon asked what the funds in the Greenwoods Bank CD are earmarked to be used for. Schneider believes it was for the installation of a road between the Morningridge and Conifer Hills subdivisions, which will no longer be necessary. Riedel will investigate the history of the funds and what needs to be done with them at this time.

### **Building Inspector's report**

Bob Fahey reported permits issued in September (attached).

### **Clerk Update**

Riedel reported that the phone and internet at the Town Hall has been out all last week, and intermittently the week prior. Service is an ongoing issue, and she would like the Board to consider other more reliable options for phone and internet. Schneider will look into options.

Regarding the upcoming General Election, Riedel noted that absentee ballots have been going out in the mail and in person absentee voting begins October 22.

### **Recycling Center Update**

Ray Legris reported things have been going well. No issues.

### **Fire District Updates**

Don Templeton attended both BFD and EFD meetings last month. Budgets were approved at both meetings. October 13 will be both the pancake breakfast at Brooklyn Fire and the spaghetti dinner at Evansville Fire.

### **Emergency Management Update**

Barber had no updates to report.

### **Roadwork Update**

Jeff Wethal reported ditches have been mowed and potholes filled, and plans to cut back brush as the weather cools off. Required 3 year septic inspection for the Town Hall has been completed.

**Public Comment (5 min max per item, no action will be taken on any issues)**

Alvin Francis stated that the City of Evansville has indicated they would like to set up a boundary agreement with the Town. Derek Blume stated Collette Spranger (City of Evansville) has asked for a mediator in any major discussions. Spranger provided samples of agreements and process outlines. Riedel will schedule a joint Board/Plan Commission meeting this month to discuss.

Blume noted that the City is annexing property at Hwy 14/Cty M for a Kwik Trip.

**Update/Board Action: Ordinance Violations**

Fahey reported violations still exist at properties on Croft Rd. Tachon will contact attorney regarding special assessments for violations and include Riedel on that contact.

**Public Hearing: Request by Grove Partners, LLC, 5 Maple St., Evansville, WI for a land division and zoning change for parcel 6-20-218.B, located in the NW and NE ¼ of Section 25 on Territorial Rd. The applicants request the creation of three parcels, sized 12.5 acres, 13.1 acres and 11.5 acres and rezoned A2.**

Public hearing opened at 6:52 p.m.

Ryan Combs was in attendance representing the applicants.

Jennifer Kramer, attorney representing neighboring property owners, was in attendance. The initial developers had stated to homeowners that green space would be deeded to the homeowners association, and this was never done. The neighboring landowners will be taking the issue to court to enforce the dedication and are asking that the Town postpone any decision on the request until the issue is resolved, to avoid the Town being included in any future legal action.

Tim Lindau, attorney representing applicants, was in attendance. Was unaware of any paperwork filed with the County that supports the neighbors' argument.

Public hearing closed at 7:08 p.m.

Rich Templeton asked for a timeline to settle the issues in court. Lindau is optimistic that the issue would be settled out of court. Tachon empathizes with neighbors, who were made a promise which was not followed through on. Tachon has spoken with the Town's attorney regarding this issue, and the Board has been instructed to be neutral on issues which are out of the Town's control. Barber agrees, the issue is a civil matter, not one for the Board to mediate nor take action on.

Tachon has no problem tabling the request until next month.

Motion to table request by Grove Partners, LLC, 5 Maple St., Evansville, WI for a land division and zoning change for parcel 6-20-218.B, located in the NW and NE ¼ of Section 25 on Territorial Rd. until the November Board meeting made by Tachon/D. Templeton.

Roll call vote: D. Templeton – yes; Schneider – yes; R. Templeton – yes; Tachon – yes; Barber – yes. Motion carried 5-0.

**Board Action: Adoption of Resolution 2024-02, Resolution Authorizing an Adjustment to the Municipal Levy Limit for Increases in Charges Assessed by The Brooklyn Fire and EMS Protection District Inc.**

Motion to approve Resolution 2024-02, Resolution Authorizing an Adjustment to the Municipal Levy Limit for Increases in Charges Assessed by The Brooklyn Fire and EMS Protection District

Inc. made by D. Templeton/Tachon. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote, with Barber abstaining.

**Pay Bills**

Motion to pay bills and adjourn into closed session made by R. Templeton/Tachon. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Adjourned into closed session at 7:52 p.m.

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# Town of Union Treasurer's Report September 2024

Prepared by: Jessica Nellen

<b>Lake Ridge Bank - Checking</b>			
Beginning Balance		<b>\$832,035.97</b>	
	<b>INCOME</b>		<b>YTD</b>
Refuse	\$2,803.00		\$21,884.12
Special Assessment Requests	\$135.00		\$1,395.00
Building permits	\$1,170.00		\$6,960.00
MHP License	\$200.00		\$600.00
MHP Tax	\$8,766.71		\$12,454.65
Subtotal	\$13,074.71		
Interest earned	Interest rate 5.6%	\$3,833.05	\$44,668.27
Total Deposits		<b>\$16,907.76</b>	
Total General Business		<b>\$848,943.73</b>	
	<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Total Expenses		(31,421.04)	
Balance 9/30/2024		<b>\$817,522.69</b>	
<b>Lake Ridge Bank - Escrow Account</b>			
Balance 8/30/2024	\$9,373.18		
Interest APY 0.25%	\$1.93		\$43.11
Balance as of 9/30/2024		<b>\$9,375.11</b>	
<b>Wayne Disch Memorial Park fund</b>			
Balance 8/30/2024	\$958.80		
Interest APY 0.25%	\$0.20		\$2.61
Balance as of 9/30/2024		<b>\$959.00</b>	
<b>Greenwoods State Bank - Morning Ridge Rd CD</b>			
Balance as of 5/23/24	\$23,776.91		
Matures 5/23/25	Int at maturity	<b>\$23,776.91</b>	
<b>LGIP-Park &amp; Rec Fund</b>			
Balance 8/31/2024	\$11,176.10		
Interest-September 5.25%	\$47.93		\$442.06
Balance as of 9/30/2024		<b>\$11,224.03</b>	