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**Town of Tainter
At Tainter Town Hall
October 10, 2024 @ 7 PM**

Tainter Town Board Meeting Minutes

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER:** Randy Valaske, Chair, called to order at 7:00 p.m.
- 2) **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 3) **ROLL CALL:** Board Members present: Randy Valaske, Justin Albricht, Jerry Mrdutt, Jeremy Kozumplik and Marty Guarneri. Absent: none. Quorum established. Others present: Doris Meyer, Clerk/Treasurer; Darwin Anderson, PC Chairman; and 4 others.
- 4) **CERTIFICATION OF POSTING:** Agenda posted October 8, 2024 on the Town Hall Office window and Town website.
- 5) **APPROVE AGENDA:** Consensus to approve agenda as posted.
- 6) **APPROVE MINUTES:** September 12, 2024 Town Board meeting minutes and October 3, 2024 Special Town Board meeting minutes. Motion made by Justin to accept the September 12, 2024 Town Board meeting minutes and October 3, 2024 Special Town Board meeting minutes. Jerry seconded the motion. Voice vote: All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
- 7) **FINANCE:** September 2024 Finance Report and Payment of Bills.
 - a) **September Financials:** Reviewed September financial statements. Includes September checks 24746 - 24770, payrolls for employees direct deposited and 7 ACH payments: 2 (two) to Farm Bureau for life and disability insurance, 1 (one) to Wisconsin Retirement System, 1 (one) to WI DOR for payroll SWT, 1 (one) to IRS for payroll FWT, Social Security and Medicare and 2 (two) to WORCS for background checks. Checking account balance \$21,449.39; Money Market balance \$264,410.04; ARPA Money Market balance \$0.00; CD's \$246,396.37. Motion made by Jerry and seconded by Jeremy to approve financial statements as printed. Voice vote: All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Payment of Bills: Check/voucher numbers 24771 - 24787 and payroll for employees direct deposited. Motion made by Jerry and seconded by Jeremy to approve payment of bills numbered 24771 - 24787 and payroll for employees direct deposited. Voice vote: All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

8) REPORTS

a) **Plan Commission (PC) Report:**

Darwin Anderson stated that the Plan Commission met in October. He will speak on Plan Commission business later on this agenda. Darwin passed along information from Tom Carlson, Dunn County surveyor, that a property owner can not sell less than 20 acres unless a CSM exists for the property being sold, which, in the Weber situation that was discussed at the last town board meeting, would allow for any issues for land-locked parcels to be addressed at that time.

b) **Patrolman Report:** Randy Valaske gave an update for patrolman, Wade Aspen, as Wade was not present. Wade is working on mowing. Everything else is quiet.

9) BUSINESS

a) **Cartwright Realty 1 LLC – Relocate plotted green space in order to construct a second septic drain field on Timber Park Lot 5, plat 0161-Timber Park, located in the SE ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 29, Township 29 North, Range 12 West, Town of Tainter, Dunn County, Wisconsin.** Darwin gave an update on this request to relocate a new septic drain field, due to a stressed septic system, which might encroach on currently noted green space. Motion by Jerry to approve construction of a new septic drain field as long as an affidavit is filed stating where equal, new green space will be located compensating for any lost green space. Marty seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Justin – yes; Marty – yes; Jeremy – yes; Jerry – yes; Randy – yes. Motion carried.

b) **Howard & Alice Clausung: Final CSM to combine Lot 13, Lot 14, Lot 23, Lot 24 and Lot 25 located in Haven Harbor Addition, Government Lots 1 and 2 of Section 16, Township 29 North, Range 12 West, Town of Tainter, Dunn County, Wisconsin.** Steve Kochaver, surveyor for the Clausung's, was present to explain the final CSM to combine five lots into one. Discussion followed. Justin moved to approve the proposed final CSM. Jeremy seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Justin – yes; Marty – yes; Jeremy – yes; Jerry – yes; Randy – yes. Motion carried.

c) **Mark Schmitz – 548th Street Maintenance.** Mark Schmitz was present and inquired about the town taking over plowing and maintenance of 548th Street. Discussion followed. The Board had previously gone on-site to review condition of road and agreed that the road met town specs. Motion by Jerry for Town of Tainter to take over street maintenance of 548th Street. Seconded by Justin. Roll call vote: Justin – yes; Marty – yes; Jeremy – yes; Jerry – yes; Randy – yes. Motion carried. Doris to research proper procedure to complete taking over street maintenance of 548th Street.

- d) **Menomonie Rural Joint Fire District: Updated Agreement:** Minor updates to the Menomonie Rural Joint Fire District Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) were reviewed. Motion by Jerry to approve revised MOU for the Menomonie Rural Joint Fire District. Seconded by Jeremy. Roll call vote: Justin – yes; Marty – yes; Jeremy – yes; Jerry – yes; Randy – yes. Motion carried.
- e) **Resolution 2024-02 to Amend 2024 Budget:** Motion by Jerry and seconded by Justin to approve Resolution 2024-02 to amend 2024 budget to use remaining ARPA funds for payment for chip sealing roads in 2024. Roll call vote: Justin – yes; Marty – yes; Jeremy – yes; Jerry – yes; Randy – yes. Motion carried.
- f) **Preliminary Budget for Year 2025:** The preliminary budget for 2025 was reviewed. Minor adjustment may be needed for solid waste when actual budget numbers are received from Village of Colfax.
- g) **Without objection, public comment was moved up on the agenda before the closed session began.** Tom Bilsse gave an update of Tainter Lake District business.
- h) **Closed Session - *The Town Board may go into closed session under Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(c) to consider employee wages and benefits and possible changes/increases, and, if necessary, the Town Board will reconvene into open session to discuss and take action relating to the subject matter of the closed session discussion, and/or to conduct other noticed agenda items.*** Motion by Justin to go into closed session pursuant to Section 19.85 (1)(c) for the purpose of considering employee wages and benefits and possible changes/increases, seconded by Jerry. Roll call vote: Justin – yes; Marty – yes; Jeremy – yes; Jerry – yes; Randy – yes. Motion carried.
- i) **Reconvene into open session – take action on employee contracts.** Motion made by Justin to reconvene into Open Session, seconded by Marty. Roll call vote: Justin – yes; Marty – yes; Jeremy – yes; Jerry – yes; Randy – yes. Motion carried.
- j) **Patrolmen Contracts for Year 2025:** Motion by Jerry to offer full-time road patrolman contract to Dan Anderson for \$20, with second option of offering position to Steven Longdo for \$18, Seconded by Justin. Roll call vote: Justin – yes; Marty – abstain; Jeremy – yes; Jerry – yes; Randy – yes. Motion carried. Justin made a motion to accept the updated head patrolman contract as presented for Wade for year 2025. Marty seconded. Roll call vote: Justin – yes; Marty – yes; Jeremy – yes; Jerry – yes; Randy – yes. Motion carried.
- k) **Clerk/Treasurer Contract Year 2025:** Justin made a motion to accept the updated clerk/treasurer contract for year 2025. Jerry seconded. Roll call vote: Justin – yes; Marty – yes; Jeremy – yes; Jerry – yes; Randy – yes. Motion carried.

10) CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) **Public Comment:** Three (3) minute limit, discussion and no action. Acted on earlier.

- 11) **NEXT MEETING: November 14, 2024, in this order beginning at 7 pm.** – Public Hearing for Year 2025 Budget; Special Meeting of the Town Electors; Town Board Meeting.

- 12) ADJOURN:** Marty moved to adjourn at 8:20 pm. Justin seconded the motion. Voice vote:
All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Doris Meyer, Town Clerk

*NOTE: Discussion and action may occur on any of the above agenda items.