

Medary Town Board – Regular monthly meeting minutes

Tuesday, December 12, 2023

The regular monthly meeting of the Medary Town Board was held on Tuesday, December 12, 2023. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson – Steve Elsen. Board members present: Chairperson – Steve Elsen, Supervisor 1 – Leonardo Silva, Supervisor 2 – Dean Taylor, Clerk – Diane Elsen, Treasurer – Helen Roop.

Residents present were: Mary LaMothe, Joe LaMothe, Sandra and Rosie Elsen, Elizabeth Mayer, Thomas Mayer, Anna, Vera and Beth Puggish, Warren Witzman, Sam Brown and Jeff Schott – LAFD.

Approve Minutes from November 14, 2023 Regular Board Meeting

Motion: Dean Taylor to approve the minutes for the November 14, 2023 Regular Board meeting .

Second: Leonardo Silva. All Aye

Grant for Surface Transportation Program (STP)

The application has been sent in. Received confirmation that the applications have been received and work will be determined in the spring.

Smith Valley 4-H Club – Request for use of the hall for monthly meetings

Presentation by 4-H members. Requested use of the basement for meetings during 2024 year.

Motion: Leonardo Silva to approve use of the hall by the Smith Valley 4-H Club during the 2024 year.

Second: Dean Taylor. All Aye

Request to exceed 2 dog limit.

Presentation by Elizabeth Mayer to request exceeding the 2 dog limit.

Motion: Steve Elsen to approve exceeding the 2 dog limit – up to 8 dogs with an average of 5 dogs at a time.

Second: Dean Taylor. All Aye

Town Advocacy Council dues – 12 months - \$402.00, 18 months – 603.00

Motion: Steve Elsen to approve dues to the Town Advocacy Council for 18 months at \$603.00.

Second: Leonardo Silva. All Aye.

Approve members for Town of Medary Planning Commission.

Motion: Steve Elsen to approve Mary Lamothe and Joe Lamothe for the planning commission for a 3 year term each beginning January 1, 2024. Leo Silva as the town board representative on the planning commission through April 2024.

Second: Dean Taylor. 2 Aye, 1 abstain.

Approve election Inspectors for 2024-2025 election cycle.

Motion: Dean Taylor to approve the nominated candidates as presented for the 2024-2025 election cycle.

Second: Leonardo Silva. All aye

Approve Ordinance for half day shifts for election inspectors and permission to reduce election inspectors to 3 per shift.

Motion: Leonardo Silva to approve ordinance as presented. Second: Dean Taylor. All aye

Electrical inspection of commercial property.

The board will continue to look into obtaining an “ELECTRICAL INSPECTION AGENCY” credential. Table to January.

ARPA Grant – Well and Septic update

All work has been done

Comprehensive plan – Table to January

Update from Town attorney. – building inspection contract with the City of La Crosse, Franchise Fee Ordinance, update of the Town of Medary Ordinances and review of ATV/UTV Ordinance

No reply for requested information from the town attorney. Clerk will send a more direct e-mail to elicit a response.

Road Matters

- Wolf Ridge – Upset citizen called to report that the road had not been plowed even more than 24 hours after the snowfall had ended. Sam reported that they had sanded the road early during the snowfall but had not gone back to plow it as the temperature had warmed and he felt that the snow would melt.
- Smith Valley Road – Ditch was dug out along hillside to prevent water pooling on the road.

Citizen Concerns

- Jeff Shott introduced himself as the La Crosse Fire Chief. Wanted residents to know that he is available if there are questions.
- Leonardo Silva introduced a county program that we could get involved with. Will add discussion and possible adoption of ordinance for the Broadband Forward Program to the agenda in January.

Monthly Bills

Motion: Dean Taylor to approve monthly bills as presented through Tuesday, December 12, 2023.

Second: Steve Elsen. All Aye.

Meeting Adjourn

Motion: Steve Elsen to adjourn the monthly meeting.

Second: Dean Taylor. All Aye.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Elsen

Town of Medary Clerk