

# MINUTES

Town of Hull Board Meeting  
August 24, 2021 – 9:00am



01. Call the meeting to order: The Town of Hull Board Meeting was called to order at 9:00am on August 24, 2021 at the Town of Hull Municipal Building, 4550 Wojcik Memorial Dr. Stevens Point, WI by Chairperson Dave Wilz.

Present: Supervisors – Jan Way, John Koshnick, Mark Fritsche & Robin Lipski  
Barb Brilowski – Deputy Clerk

02. Pledge of Allegiance

03. Minutes: Motion to approve by M. Fritsche. Second: J. Koshnick. Motion carried by voice vote.

04. Public Comments. Agenda items are for discussion with possible action. Those in attendance who would like to talk to an agenda item, please indicate that item now. Non-agenda items may be raised under “Opinions of Interest (Item 5 below). NONE!

05. Report and feedback of public issues facing the Town of Hull – Hull citizens, Chairperson, Supervisors, Clerk, Deputy Clerk, Treasurer, Fire Chief, Asst. Fire Chief & Road Foreman:

Wilz:

- You will find the voucher list in your packet but voucher approval was not listed as an agenda item. We will go ahead and pay the invoices.

- Thank you to Supervisors Fritsche & Way for covering the office on Friday, August 20th due to scheduling conflict.

- We belong to the “Stevens Point Urban Sewer Advisory Committee” which is through Portage County Planning and Zoning. The following municipalities belong to it:

- Stevens Point, Village of Plover, Village of Park Ridge, Village of Whiting

- The Towns of Hull, Linwood, Plover & Stockton.

They do not meet often but membership includes the highest-ranking person from each of the above locations and an alternate. As Chairperson, I would be part of it. I would need a volunteer as an alternate.

Way: I will volunteer.

Wilz:

- We are in week two of road construction at Shady Oak Lane. It is going well with the exception of one setback. We were hoping that the “old” road materials could be put on Pete Klesmith’s land which is located right there. In fact, the DNR inspected it to make sure we could haul to this location. However, the property ended up being so wet, the first dump truck almost was stuck so it was determined hauling to the on-site location would not work. It is necessary to now take the material off-site, which elongates the project by a week or two. But no other surprises at this time.

- If interested please sign up for the WTA Fall Workshop in September. You can attend in person or virtually.

- In your packet there are three items of interest. 1. The governor’s statement regarding Afghanistan & Refugee Reception at Fort McCoy & 2. Report from the WI Dept. of Health Services additional Covid-19 doses & 3. A webinar is available regarding the “Role of the Zoning Board of Adjustment/Appeals” if interested.

#### 06. Website Update:

Way:

I have heard from Marty Weller, potential new webmaster.

I talked to Maria, the new Town Clerk at Stockton. They have “Town-Web” from Madison that handles their website. She is satisfied with them but is not an expert on websites. Town-Web charges \$450/yr. for maintenance compared to Marty Weller that charges \$150. Wilz and Way looked at the sites Town-Web created. All different but nothing spectacular.

Way: My recommendation is to go local. Marty Weller is impressive. He does photography and takes pictures with a drone.

#### 07. Review of Portage County Sheriff’s patrols on North Second Drive:

Wilz:

Please note the report from the sheriff’s department. Because of the activity on North Second Dr. they shifted emphasis to having on-duty extra patrols. Besides stops for speeding, there was a high-speed chase and two warrant arrests. They are now on Jordan Road patrolling.

Fritsche: From observation since the sheriff’s dept. has been patrolling, traffic has slowed down.

Wilz: We told the sheriff’s department that after the results from Jordan Road were provided, we would decide if we would continue patrols on Torun Road or elsewhere. Any opinion from the Board on this?

Lipski: Does the City regularly patrol Torun?

Wilz: I see them along with the State Patrol and P.C. Sheriff's Dept. on the south end of Torun. The Town of Hull road begins just before Recreates Mobil Home Park.

Way: What about Wilshire? My husband called the sheriff's department because the road was being used as a racetrack.

Koshnick: They have to be going at least 60mph at times.

Wilz: Think about it. I am with Robin (Lipski). We do not have to do it just because we think it is a good idea but we have it budgeted and it is there for a reason. It is not to ticket people but to create awareness and try to get people to slow down.

Way: Motion to accept the report from Josh Ostrowski, P.C. Sheriff's Dept. Second: Lipski. Motion carried with voice vote.

#### 08. 2022 Budget Schedule and Budget process – for review and possible action:

The budget schedule and the budget process was explained to the Board by Chairperson Wilz.

Fritsche: Motion to approve the 2022 budget schedule with necessary date corrections.

Way: Second.

Motion carried by voice vote.

#### 09. Wheel Loader capital purchase – for review and possible action:

Wilz:

Last October, the Board reviewed the 2021 budget. There were two pieces of equipment that were on the capital budget. 1. Fire Dept. tender. 2. Wheel loader replacement. The Board authorized purchase of both pieces of equipment at that time. The Fire Truck was ordered immediately. The wheel loader was not ordered, not knowing if Covid would affect the governor's budget.

The wheel loader is 23 years old and down about 30% in power. Over the last 3-4 months, the road crew has demoed a Cat loader, John Deere loader, Volvo loader and a Liebherr loader. You have the quote for the Liebherr loader in front of you. The road crew would like the Liebherr loader. The cost is \$257,690 with a standard bucket on it. To purchase a second bucket, the cost would be \$22,800 for a TOTAL Cost of \$280,490.00. The second bucket would open from the bottom instead of needing to tip the bucket to empty it.

We have not negotiated a price yet.

Koshnick: Will the old loader be traded in?

Wilz: Yes, we can list it and put on the auction block or we were offered \$30,000.

Koshnick: What is the time frame for delivery?

Wilz: The Liebherr is made in Germany and will be here by the end of November if I had ordered it. If we miss this one, one is coming off the assembly line later in the year. I will be talking with Jim Kruziki tomorrow to talk about how we are going to pay for both pieces of equipment.

Can someone here advise me on how to negotiate a piece of equipment?

Koshnick: When I was selling equipment, it was usually by "bids." The Town needs to come up with the specifications for the machine then offer it to the vendors to bid.

Fritsche: Is this one of those items that require the bidding process?

Wilz: No!

Fritsche: I have no problem going with the Liebherr even if it is more expensive.

Koshnick: They are all good machines. Make sure you put on the bid that the Town is not obligated to take the lowest bid. By putting it on bid, it will get you your lowest cost.

Lipski: You need to go through each bid and determine what specs are important to the Hull Road Crew and which vendor will meet those specs.

Wilz: So we should do a RFP (Request for Proposal). RFP's are really the alternate for bidding. Then the vendor knows there is competition.

Lipski: A constituent could question the expenditure. We need to be able to explain the procedure to them.

Fritsche: I make a motion to delay the decision but require RFP's on the wheel loader. Review each RFP to insure the necessary specs are met.

Koshnick: Second.

Motion carried by voice vote.

10. Adjournment: Way: Motion to adjourn. Fritsche: Second.  
Motion carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted:



Barbara Brilowski, Deputy Clerk